

Same cable TV urged for 21 towns

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Cable television consultants Wednesday night predicted that the Northwest suburbs probably won't get all the services promised by cable TV companies.

Martin Malarkey, a consultant from Washington, D.C., told a packed meeting of about 100 local mayors and trustees that the cable firms seeking business in the area will be legally bound by proposals they have submitted only if given a franchise for all 21 suburbs that solicited the proposals.

ALTHOUGH HE strongly urged all 21 suburbs to choose the same firm, Malarkey admitted that such cooperation would be "a miracle."

Fourteen cable firms have applied for franchises in the North and Northwest suburbs. Under a contract with the Northwest Municipal Conference, Malarkey's company last month issued a 200-page report evaluating their proposals.

Local officials from the 21 suburbs agreed that each town will decide by November if it wants to grant an independent franchise, a decision that previously had been set for Sept. 1.

Most village and city officials at the meeting seemed to favor granting franchises in smaller regional groupings of four or five suburbs.

BECAUSE THE proposals submitted to the municipal conference were for 21-town systems, the consultants said any company building a smaller system would be free to change the programming, customer rates and other services offered.

"You're going to have to renegotiate with the companies, and I don't believe they're going to be able to offer you the goodies they offer for all 21," Malarkey said.

In addition, he and Gary Hurvitz said separate cable systems, planned to connect public agencies such as schools, would be worthless in small areas.

Several local officials criticized the municipal conference staff and the consultants for limiting their evaluation to 21-town systems, although

Although Malarkey said the report did 85 percent of the work in choosing a cable company, many officials said it would be of little assistance.

Gwendolyn Trindl, Winnetka village president, said she feels "a rather substantial disappointment in the concept of what kind of help we are getting."

Other officials suggested granting a cable system in only one town.

The consultants' report most highly recommended two companies, Cablenet and Warner Amex, the second largely because of its two-way system known as CUBE. But Warner spokesmen have said they can't offer CUBE in a system with less than 80,000 households, and Hurvitz said other firms now are developing similar services. He said he couldn't say how Warner's rating would be changed if CUBE were eliminated.

The consultants said it is not financially possible for a firm to build a cable system in only one town.

Minor sign law changes urged

by Jim Davis
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Wheeling building officials have completed their recommendations on revising a year-old sign ordinance and are proposing only minor changes, leaving decisions on the more controversial aspects of the sign law to the village board.

The village staff is recommending no change in a provision of the ordinance that requires removal by May 1984 of all signs that do not comply with strict standards on size, design and location. The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and some trustees say that portion of the sign law was a mistake and it will cost businessmen millions of dollars to bring their signs into compliance. Most existing signs in the village are illegal because they are too large, officials have said.

The new sign law was passed in May 1979, after years of discussion by vil-

lage officials tired of the clutter of signs, located predominantly along Dundee Road.

Thomas Fennell, village building and zoning administrator, said his staff was concerned only with ironing out the technical flaws and the portions of the ordinance that are unenforceable. His recommendations include reducing the total square footage of signage allowed on a free-standing building, while increasing the allowable size of a sign in a storefront in a shopping center.

AS FAR AS enforcing the requirement that all illegal signs be corrected by 1984, Fennell said, "We feel that's certainly within the spirit of the ordinance the village board passed." Any changes to that provision, he said, "is more of a policy decision" that should be decided by the village board.

However, that decision may not be made soon. Although public hearings on the matter are scheduled next

month, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, who proposed amending the law to allow existing illegal signs, said a final decision cannot be made "until we determine what kind of impact this is going to have on the business community."

That requires an inventory of all the signs in town, something Sommerfeld said "I'd like to get done tomorrow." However, Fennell said village building inspectors have devoted their time to looking for signs strictly prohibited by the sign law which must come down immediately, like signs placed in the public right of way or signs tacked on utility poles.

"People don't realize how large Wheeling is," he said, adding it could take a year for the inspectors to pinpoint all the non-conforming signs and send registered letters to the owners, notifying them of the new sign law.

CHAMBER OFFICIALS SAY they plan to continue their protest against forcing businessmen to take down the signs. "I think the thing that sticks in the throats of businessmen is that when they moved here they put up a sign that was okay with all the village ordinances," said chamber secretary Faye Moroz. "What's to keep a new administration from forcing them to tear down their signs again 10 years from now?"

Sommerfeld said he is likely to stick with his proposal that existing illegal signs must comply with the sign code only if a business changes hands. "If the impact is as dramatic as I think it is, it could be an unfair burden upon the business people," he said. And the cost of replacing or renovating the signs, he added, "would only be reflected onto the citizens. The cost ultimately comes back to the consumer."

Police voice opposition

WHEELING POLICE OFFICERS are concerned about a proposal that would put supervisory personnel under the control of Village Manager Tom Markus, not only because of the potential threat to job security, but to the way it could affect their performance.

"You know what could happen," one officer said, "We could stop someone and they could say 'I know Tom Markus'. And then what do I do? If I give him a ticket he could go and complain to Markus and he could fire me. I've got to be able to feed my family."

There also appears to be concern about a patronage system. Some members of the police department contend Markus has been socializing with various members of the department and while they might not be concerned about Markus' private life, they are if it becomes a factor in the running of the department.

"If he has lunch or coffee with the chief, because after all, he is a department head, but when you start going down the ranks, it could be a problem."

Their contention is that officers socializing with Markus might be doing that, intentionally or not, to get on his 'good side.' They fear favoritism would override job performance.

Several officers agreed with Police Chief Ted Bracke's comments at the village board's workshop meeting Monday, Aug. 11, that the police department is not like other village departments.

"It might be the same for the street and water departments," Bracke said, "But when it comes to police service, we're 150 yards different."

"What we have to do doesn't en-

dear us to the community. We don't always do the right thing in the eyes of the people."

WHEELING DEVELOPED its police and fire commission in 1953 and, police say, it's something "all towns have."

"What he (Markus) wants to do," says one officer, "is control the sergeant on the street."

Under the proposal, police department supervisory personnel would include the ranks of sergeant on up to

chief and in the fire department, lieutenant up to chief.

There was also some speculation that a recent 'reprimand' by Markus to some members of the department might have had a direct impact on development of the change in the police and fire commission's role.

"You can bet," one officer said, "that there are 15 towns watching Wheeling to see what is going to be done."

Still, one says, "the bottom line is this. It's working. Why change it?"

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Attack plan to shift police, fire control

By STAN ZOLLER
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A PLAN TO remove supervisory personnel in Wheeling's Police and Fire departments from control of the police and fire commission came under heavy attack at a workshop meeting of the Wheeling Village Board Monday, Aug. 11.

The plan, being considered for inclusion into the village's Title 2 of the village's municipal code, would give Village Manager Tom Markus the ability to promote and fire supervisory personnel without going through the Police and Fire Commission.

The Commission currently does the testing, promoting and dismissal of supervisory personnel in both the Police and Fire departments.

In his proposal, Markus indicates that supervisory and command positions "are part of the management team and I believe we would have

much more responsive departments if these individuals were appointed and removed by the village manager, similar to police and fire chiefs, or any other supervisory personnel within the village under Title 2."

The village is able to make alterations in the commission by virtue of its home rule authority established in 1977.

Markus indicated that there has been some discussion about totally eliminating the Police and Fire Commission.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY David Epstein said that as far as he understands, such a move would be legal because of the home rule status of Wheeling. "There has been a small move in the state legislature to preempt that," he says, "but it hasn't gone anywhere." Epstein added there have been "a couple" of cases where alterations in the Police and Fire commissions have been taken to the courts, but in all cases he has heard of, the courts have upheld alteration of the commission.

Epstein added that home rule has been established by many towns as a way to remove the "strait jackets" from some of the state statutes.

POLICE CHIEF Ted Bracke told the board that "In my opinion, the Police and Fire Commission works. And until I know, or see to the contrary, I'm in disagreement with this section."

One of the key areas of concern, is job security. "A man can go from lieutenant to patrolman and lose his pension for that (lieutenant)," Bracke said. "The village manager is a busy position and I believe the chief is closer to an officer than a village manager is. And who better knows of command personnel than a chief. There's nothing in this ordinance on or for the chief - just for the village manager."

TRUSTEE ROGER POWERS said the change, if put into the ordinance, would likely "open some doors for someone who becomes irritated about something to come into Tom (Markus) and say 'fire him.' I just don't think that is right."

Trustee Sheila Schultz, however, favors the measure. "In my opinion, the village manager form of government has not been functioning as well as it should be. We're trying to get some consistency." Mrs. Schultz also said that the question is also whether the Police and Fire departments are treated like all other departments in the village, or as separate entities.

MEMBERS OF THE Police Department were not happy with the proposal. "What we can't say," police Lt. Bill Ralston told the board, "is what we'll face in the future. We need a checks and balances system five and 10 years down the road. The system might not be the best."

Lt. Ron Nelson wondered why the board decided to change the system at this particular point in time. "The police and fire commission statute has been in the state since 1908. Why do you want to change it now? Because of home rule?"

Nelson added that there has been no problem with other area towns policed by the police department prior to the meeting. "When home rule was voted in (in 1977) some trustees said they wouldn't change the Police and Fire Commission. Again, I wonder why it's being changed now."

TRUSTEE JOHN COLE said the police chief is a department head on the village manager's staff and that is the "way it's done everywhere." the responsibility for all departments and "we can't say he has no authority over some departments and not others."

Faye Moroz, a resident and Executive Secretary of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and Industry said she opposes the measure. "You cannot take the police and fire departments and put them in the same position as every other employee," she said. "I don't thin the hiring and firing of a civil servant should be done by one man."

Police lieutenant Mike Hermes told the board that the department's differ because they have "rules and regulations that go far beyond the village guidelines. We even have regulations for off-duty conduct."

Health, transit top Wheeling seniors list

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Rising health care costs, limited transportation options, and concern over discriminatory laws governing pensions funds were heard most often Tuesday, when the area's senior citizens gathered to discuss the problems facing America's aged.

Approximately 70 area residents, consisting almost entirely of senior citizens, attended the forum, held at Chevy Chase Country Club, to have their opinions recorded and eventually sent to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging.

Participants were asked to separate into "cluster" groups and discuss any issue they felt was of vital interest.

They were also asked to fill out questionnaires rating, by order of importance, issues from employment opportunities to legal assistance.

Lastly, group recorders listed the issues each cluster group found to be important and the participants were given the chance to stand up and speak their minds, knowing that all the information collected at this forum would effect the outcome of enacted legislation for the next 10 years.

D.J. Kotar of Rolling Meadows wanted to know why the cost of maintenance drugs, like insulin for a diabetic, are not included in her Medicaid coverage.

Ida O'Reilly of Wheeling couldn't understand why Medicaid always contributed less money than she thought it was supposed to. She didn't know that

Medicaid does not pay what your doctor charges for treatment, instead it only pays the average national cost for such treatment.

Seniors present decided that if this was the case then Medicaid should publish what the considered national average is, so if their doctor is charging more than they will be able to afford they will be aware of it.

Another common frustration was the lack of easily accessible information concerning matters of critical importance to seniors, like where and how one can receive the benefits of a "meals on wheels" program.

"The information is probably there, but it is scattered all around and is therefore hard to manage," a Buffalo Grove man said.

Transportation is another sometimes insurmountable problem for this nation's seniors. A variety of people said the current transportation available to senior citizens by the townships is appreciated, but is not quite good enough.

"What if you live in Wheeling, but your doctor is located in Rolling Meadows," a Wheeling woman asked. "The buses do not run out of its township and they don't run on Sundays or holidays," she added.

Wheeling Trustee Sheila Schultz, suggested that local townships should get together and figure out a way to interconnect their bus routes.

Markus clarifies issue

IF THE NEW system for handling supervisory personnel at the Police and Fire departments is adopted by the village of Wheeling, it shouldn't change any of the current procedures.

Village Manager Tom Markus says most of the changes will be procedural and should not affect the day-to-day operations of the village.

"The ultimate authority will be changed to the Village Manager as opposed to the Police and Fire Commission," Markus said Tuesday Aug. 12.

MARKUS SAYS the change, if it gets the OK by the Village Board, would increase responsiveness at the managerial level in both the Police and Fire departments. "I see them as part of the management team just like the Finance Director, Director of Community Services or any other department," Markus says.

"I think they (the supervisory personnel in the police and Fire departments) should be directly responsible to the Village Manager."

The concern by members of the police department about the village administering the promotion tests might be somewhat premature. The village already tests members of some other departments before staff members are elevated to a higher position.

MARKUS ALSO SAID that police officers concerned about their job security "shouldn't be, if they are doing their job."

He also says that if police officers envision any kind of "patronage" system, with officers who join him for coffee, lunch or other social activities getting preferential treatment, "it's their concern. I don't envision it happening."

Higher property valuation may mean lower tax bills

by Jim Davis

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Wheeling residents may see a 13 percent decrease in their village tax bills this year because of a \$5 million increase in the assessed value of property in the village.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters predicts the increase in the assessed value of property will cause the tax rate to drop from the 1978 rate of 95 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to about 84 cents. Last year, property in Wheeling was assessed at \$160 million. The 1979 rate, expected to be computed this week by the Cook County Clerk's office, will be reflected in property tax bills to be mailed to homeowners later this month.

If the rate is as village officials

predict, taxes on a house assessed at \$12,000 will be about \$100, compared to \$114 paid last year on a similar house.

THE VILLAGE PROPERTY tax is approximately 10 percent of the total bill which includes taxes for schools, parks and libraries.

However, taxes in Wheeling are expected to return to their 1978 level next year because Peters is asking the village board to approve a \$1.7 million tax levy, a 17 percent increase over last year. That should result in a 1980 tax rate, payable in 1981, of 96 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

The \$1.7 million to be raised in property taxes supports about one-fourth of village spending. The balance of the

\$7.8 million 1980-81 budget approved by the village board in April is covered by water and sewer fees, vehicle sticker fees, sales taxes, building and inspection fees and business licensing fees.

The budget marked a 25 percent increase over last year, mainly because of salary increases for village workers and the hiring of 15 new employees. The new employees include nine firefighters to staff the new branch fire station at Hintz and Wheeling roads, four public works employees and a new sergeant and radio operator for the police department.

Commission limits to be proposed

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A proposal by Wheeling Village Mgr. Thomas Markus to restrict the authority of the village fire and police commission, giving himself the authority to hire and fire all supervisory personnel, will be considered for preliminary approval tonight by village trustees.

Markus contends the departments will be "more responsive" if police and fire officers are treated the same as other village employees. Under his proposal, Markus would hire and fire all officers above the rank of sergeant in the police department as well as all officers above the rank of lieutenant in the fire department. The authority to hire and fire policemen and fire-

fighters would remain with the fire and police commission.

He says no major shake-ups are planned in the police or fire departments if he is given greater control over them. And any complaints he might have with either group "are between me and the chiefs," he says.

Village board members are divided on the issue, with Trustees John Cole and Sheila Schultz appearing to be the strongest supporters of Markus' proposal. Police and fire officers have vigorously opposed restricting the authority of the fire and police commission.

THEY ARGUE that giving one man that much power opens the depart-

ments to the possibility of officers being fired or demoted on a whim or for political reasons. The new plan would prevent an officer from having a public hearing where the grievances against a police officer are aired.

While saying they have no complaint with Markus, the men argue that given the past political instability in the village, the next village manager could be one with political connections, causing promotions and demotions to be based on political favors.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

A REQUEST from a local firm seeking to build a 190,000-square-foot addition to its factory for variations from village parking and building requirements will be considered tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

The firm, Mercury Stainless Corp., 495 Allendale Dr., contends the building addition will house mainly equipment, and the village requirement to provide 253 parking spaces is unrealistic.

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Utility may join pipeline group

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A small utility company serving 36,000 customers primarily in unincorporated Maine Township may join three Northwest suburbs planning to build a water pipeline to Evanston.

Victor Yazktman, chief executive of Domestic Utility Services, is asking DAMP water commissioners to "consider allowing" the firm to become a member of that commission.

"I'm not strapped to get water, but I'm looking for the most economical route," said Yazktman, who has run the utility company with his wife and children for 24 years. "I'm 75 years old, and I don't know how long I can keep operating it. It's been my baby, and I'd like to see it in good hands."

THE UTILITY, 2640 Golf Rd., Glenview, serves a portion of Maine Township and a small portion of Northfield Township.

Yazktman said he applied to the DAMP commission — which includes Arlington Heights, Palatine and Wheeling — at the recommendation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and his attorney, who also advises the Ferndale Heights Utility Co., Palatine Township.

Ferndale Heights, which the Village of Palatine is considering purchasing, last month also asked to join DAMP to buy Lake Michigan water from Evanston, giving the three towns the fourth partner they needed to begin final

plans for the \$81 million pipeline. The towns then canceled their joint membership in the Northwest Suburban Water Venture, a coalition of eight towns proposing to build a \$98 million pipeline to Chicago water supplies at O'Hare Airport.

The commitment of Domestic Utility would bring the DAMP project's total customers to about 178,000.

Although Yazktman said he has made no commitment to DAMP, he said the pipeline's proposed routing along Golf Road would be "ideal" to hook up to his utility's water mains, which are located just off Golf Road.

THE UTILITY has three wells located 1,400 feet below ground level. Yazktman said he has an "unlimited" amount of water because the wells sit on underground streams that have enough water "to run a yacht on them."

However, he said he can see future maintenance problems and increased operating costs because the electric pumps will have to be replaced with gas pumps. In the past, the cost of operating a gas pump was 20 percent that of running an electric pump, he said. However, he said, the costs now are about the same.

"It's a burden," Yazktman said. "So I'm willing to look into this (the DAMP pipeline) and study it."

—Debbie Absher

Studies on water cost \$400,000

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Ferndale Heights Utility Co. will finance that pipeline.

Many of the towns were members of both groups and, therefore, paid fees for both studies before they decided earlier this month to which one they wanted to make a final commitment.

Figures obtained from municipal finance offices show that each Venture member has paid \$39,500 since 1976 for consultants' fees. That amounts to a total of \$286,000. The three original DAMP members — Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect and Palatine — also have paid a total of \$110,000 since 1976 to consultants for studies detailing an Evanston pipeline.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS said they had to rely on the consultants' studies to recommend which route was best for their individual towns, because they themselves lacked the technical expertise and resources to conduct such extensive studies.

However, it appears that more than the statistics and technical information contained in the bound reports may have helped sway towns to the route they eventually chose.

A comparison of towns and the vari-

ous consulting firms each has used in other projects during the last several years shows half the suburbs that aligned with Venture also have used Metcalf & Eddy on other projects and two of the three committed to DAMP have used Consoer-Townsend.

At least one water official said the alignments may have something to do with the towns' past relationships with the firms.

"A lot has to do with trust and past performance of the engineer," said DAMP chairman James Soyka. "If there aren't a lot of problems and complications, you tend to stay with the same engineer."

Towns in the Venture coalition which have used Metcalf & Eddy are Schaumburg, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect and Hanover Park. Mount Prospect, which has paid the firm nearly \$200,000 for consulting work on road improvements, also has used Consoer-Townsend.

Phil Giantris, director of marketing for Metcalf & Eddy, said local officials tend to rely heavily on reports of work done in the area and tend to look for a well-known name. Therefore, many large firms are used widely by Northwest suburbs, he said.

Dealers, drivers differ on gas price posting ^{remember} 8-21-80

By SHARON MARZANO

It all depends on which end of the gas pump you stand.

While Wheeling Village Attorney David Epstein drafts a gas price posting ordinance for the village, spokesmen for dealers and motorists disagree on the effect the law will have.

The decision to prepare the legal documents for such an ordinance, which would require service stations to post the total price including the tax of unleaded and regular gasoline, passed by a 4-to-2 straw vote.

Sheila Schultz and Hubert Sommerfeld were the two Wheeling trustees to vote against it at Monday night's village board meeting.

Why aren't all Jewel stores forced to

post the price of their products?" asked Robert Jacobs, executive director of the Illinois Gasoline Dealers Association?

"It's discriminatory to force dealers to post their prices if they don't want to," Jacobs said.

A spokesman for an association of motorists disagreed.

"You're talking about apples and oranges," said Bob Heck, public relations director for the Chicago Motor Club. "It would be impossible to post the price of every item in a grocery store, there's no comparison."

"Furthermore, I believe it's more discriminatory for dealers to refuse to sell me gas when supplies are low because I'm not a regular customer of theirs," Heck

said.

A federal legal margin of 16.4 cents per gallon now exists, which means that a dealer can legally charge up to 16.4 cents more a gallon than it costs him to buy it from the oil companies.

Jacobs said this price spread gives the dealers the opportunity to decide what the price of their gas should be. It allows the individual dealer to determine how much he has to charge above cost to be able to pay his bills and make a profit.

Some dealers choose to post their prices and operate at cost price, which is \$1.19 for regular and \$1.23 for unleaded today, Jacobs said.

But Jacobs said this practice explains

why there has been a 12 per cent increase in the dealer turnover rate recently, which he predicted will cause 34 out of every 100 dealers to go out of business this year.

Heck also uses the 16.4 price margin as part of his argument.

Because there are such wide price differentials, without price posting, consumers don't have the necessary information to make economically wise decisions, Heck said.

Heck added that consumers will continue to be charged over 15 cents more per gallon for essentially the same product without price posting.

According to Chicago Motor Club's Aug. 7 Fuel Gauge Report, consumers in Cook County are being charged a price difference up to 22 cents.

Cost of annexation causes him concern ^{8-21-80 Life}

THE VILLAGE OF WHEELING is considering annexing property on Hintz Road that is currently surrounded by property already annexed into the village.

Which isn't so dramatic. Property owner Wayne Lundstrom is, however, concerned not about being annexed into the village, but about the potential cost.

Lundstrom says his property currently has a well and septic system. He was told at the village board meeting on Monday, Aug. 18, that if he is annexed into the village, he would eventually have to connect into the village's sewer and water lines.

Lundstrom, who runs a landscaping business from his property at 2337 West Hintz Road, expressed concern about financial difficulties which may arise from connecting to the village and adding additional sewer and water lines on his property.

HE WAS ALSO concerned about what might happen if he expands his business. Village Manager Tom Mar-

kus explained that the property is currently zoned R-1 and that classification, for large lot single-family, will continue as long as the current use is in effect. If, Markus stated, the current use is discontinued for more than a year, the property would have to be rezoned.

"What I'd like to know," Lundstrom said, "is what advantages I would have by being annexed into the village and how much will it cost me?"

Several trustees said he would benefit from village services, especially police and fire protection, and that he would ultimately reduce land pollution on his property by tapping into the village's sewer and water systems.

There were several estimates of what it might cost Lundstrom to be part of the village. It was established that tap-on fees into the village's systems would run a total of \$650.

A MAJOR CONCERN to Lundstrom was what it might cost him to install lines to connect to the village systems. There are no concrete answers,

he was told, because of a number of variables.

Trustee Charles Kerr became irritated by the amount of uncertainty and lack of concrete information available for Lundstrom and demanded to know "why in the hell doesn't someone give this guy some answers? I can't believe some of the answers we're giving him."

Kerr said he can understand that there might be some variables involved but that members of the village staff should have met with Lundstrom prior to the meeting.

Trustee John Cole recommended that an ordinance be drawn up to annex the property and also suggested that village staff members meet with Lundstrom to give him a better idea of what to expect if and after he is annexed into the village.

"What I want to be sure of," Lundstrom said, "is that 10 or 20 years down the road I don't have to say to my kids, that's it, daddy doesn't have a business anymore."

Considering gas sign law

WHEELING MOTORISTS may be able to do their "window shopping" for gasoline by simply driving around town.

The Wheeling Village Board is likely to consider an ordinance that would require service stations to post pump prices on signs at their stations.

Discussion at the board's regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 18, focused on not only the need for such price postings, but the possible effect it could have on businesses in Wheeling.

SEVERAL TRUSTEES expressed

concern that the posting of prices might result in motorists going into Lake County where gas prices tend to be cheaper because of a lower sales tax and no additional gas tax levied in Cook County.

Trustee John Cole said, however, that his son works in a gas station and he has an idea what "they're making and believe me, they're making a lot more than most other businesses."

The validity for such postings was questioned by Trustee Sheila Schultz. She said there hasn't been a demonstrated need for such price displays.

Trustee Roger Powers said there should be consistency among the village's gas stations as some have prices posted and others do not.

Cole pointed out that unlike other commodities, a person can't just "go down the aisle" until he or she comes to a better price.

Both a poll and subsequent motion to instruct village Attorney David Epstein to draw up an ordinance resulted in 4-2 votes with Trustee Robert Ross and Schultz voting against the measure.

New water plan

Villages come closer to getting Lake Michigan water

By STAN ZOLLER
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WHEELING AND BUFFALO GROVE, along with many other outlying suburban communities came a step closer to getting Lake Michigan water last week when the Special Master appointed by the United States Supreme Court said he will recommend the Supreme Court approve an agreement worked out among several states along the Great Lakes.

Those states, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York, Minnesota and Ohio, have agreed to a system of measuring amounts of water taken out of the Great Lakes for use in their respective states.

The agreement calls for 3,200 cubic feet per second to be allocated. The difference, however, according to George Wolf, chief of environmental litigation for the Illinois Attorney General's office, is how it will be measured.

ACCORDING TO WOLF, the measuring will now be on a five to 40 year rolling average. In the past a state couldn't take out more water than the

amount it was allocated in five days.

The new plan, according to Wolf, gives states a chance to take out water based on the current need as long as it averages out to its allocation over a period of years.

"This is a more generous plan than what there has been in the past," says Wolf. "It should help many communities get more water."

Both Wheeling and Buffalo Grove have applied for allocations of Lake Michigan water, a process described by Richard Christopher, hearing officer for allocation hearings being run by the Illinois Department of Transportation's Water Resource Division, as "enormous."

"Both communities have applied," he said, "But we don't know if they'll get it or not."

HE ADDED THAT there are 190 communities in the suburban area going after Lake Michigan water, with between 50 and 60 actually receiving it.

Final decisions on what communities will be allocated lake water could come as early as November. The key word is could. "It all depends when the

Supreme Court makes its decision," Christopher says. "We're hoping it will be made this fall."

If it is made some time within the next couple of months, the November target is not out of line. If the Supreme Court takes longer, both men say the final allocation decisions will be delayed.

"We have a monumental amount of documents," says Christopher, "And it's not going to be an easy decision. But somebody has to make it."

IF APPROVED BY the Supreme Court, allocations for Lake Michigan water would be set, according to Christopher, for the next 40 years (until 2020).

Christopher said that the decision is based on some community's needs for water not only presently, but in the future as well.

Communities seeking, but not receiving Lake Michigan water have an appeal process to follow according to Christopher, but it is a long procedure.

"Some have gone to the Supreme Court," he says. "We (IDOT) have generally won although there have

been some alterations made with some communities."

Lincolnshire is one community that was able to get a modification by appealing IDOT's decision.

"It's a lot of litigation," Christopher says, "I hope we don't have to through with it."

For those communities that do get an allocation (allocation decisions could affect as many as 1 million Chicago area residents) there are several combinations that might be followed.

Some communities might remain on deep well aquifers in conjunction with lake water while others may continue to use shallow wells with lake water. Still others might rely solely on Lake Michigan water.

ALTHOUGH HE HAD not seen a copy of the report, Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling said it "sounds promising and consistent to what we've been supporting."

Thomas Markus, Wheeling Village Manager, said he is pleased with the recommendation "if it means the suburban areas will get the necessary water allocation."

Police, fire proposal needs reconsideration

A PROPOSAL IN Wheeling to have supervisory personnel in the Police and Fire departments under the control of the Village Manager needs strong reconsideration by not only the Village Manager, but the Wheeling Village Board as well.

The proposal, unveiled at a recent workshop meeting by Village Manager Tom Markus, would give him the power to hire, fire or promote supervisory personnel in either department.

Markus stated that the Police and Fire departments are "just like any other village department." We disagree.

No other village department has to face a potential life-or-death situation with every call as a police officer or firefighter does.

No other village department has to have 24-hour scheduling as the Police and Fire departments do.

There is no question of possible political overtones to the matter. While Markus would like to have the Police and Fire departments report to him, since in the same way other departments, such as Streets or Public

Works departments do, he must remember that he is an employee of the village as well, reporting to the Village Board.

IT IS POSSIBLE, and we hope unlikely, that the Village Board could ultimately dictate police and fire matters to Markus. This is not only a potentially-unhealthy managerial situation, but it could affect the operations of both departments, a move which could pose a serious threat to the citizens of Wheeling.

There is also the question of the Police and Fire Commission. It was created in 1958 to handle both departments and since that time there have been few, if any problems with its operation. That Commission is not unique to Wheeling; Illinois state statutes call for any incorporated municipality with more than 2,000 people that does not have a civil service board to have a Police and Fire Commission.

Our belief is that if the Commission has served the village well for the past 27 years, the Wheeling officials should leave well enough alone.

More than control is at stake

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

THERE'S BOUND TO be a lot more discussion about the proposal in Wheeling that the Village Manager have 'control' over supervisory personnel on the Village's Police and Fire departments.

Ah, the understatement of the day. The plan is quite simply to remove the 'control' of that level personnel from the Police and Fire Commission and have it under the Village Manager.

VILLAGE MANAGER TOM Markus says it is so he can have the supervisory personnel on his management team. Which, I suppose, on paper, is fine. It is also fine for large corporations that have various (let's say numerous) departments for doing every little thing. There's a lot of paper to be moved.

Running a village is no easy task. I have never done it, but it should be safe to say it is not an easy thing to do!

It is not, however, a corporation. Hence, some of the riffs along the proverbial managerial ladder might have to be altered.

WHEELING POLICE CHIEF Ted Bracke said the difference between the Water and Streets departments and the Police and Fire departments is "about 150 yards."

Markus, on the other hand says they (Police and Fire departments) are just "like any other department." Corporately speaking Markus might be right.

In a practical sense, I don't think it is possible to equate the two, however.

Police officers and firefighters are a different breed. They are in a lifestyle, not a job. They are in their respective positions not only because they have to be (as a means of earning a living), but because they want to be.

I HAVE YET to meet a village employee who shares that feeling. Which is why it is important to try and understand the complaints of the Wheeling Police and Fire departments. Yes, money is a main part of the issue. No one wants to lose a position or take a salary decrease because he or she didn't smile just right at someone.

It is important to realize that unlike any other village or city department, police officers and firefighters don't have the luxury of a regularly scheduled day. There is no such thing as a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job. There is no such thing as "leaving your work at the office." There is no such thing as putting something off until tomorrow.

It all happens too quickly. And it takes a special type of person to handle a position like that.

NOT ALL POLICE officers or firefighters are perfect. Not all village managers, reporters, editors, executives or politicians are perfect either.

It is just that some professions call for more than others. If not in academic qualifications, in professional dedication.

Which is why it is important to take a long hard look at why the members of Wheeling's Police and Fire departments are concerned.

Someone from "the outside" is trying to break in and tell them how he thinks the department should be run. Markus should understand this as any Village Manager with his credentials and background should.

Still, understanding or even trying to understand the world of police officers and firefighters can be superseded by only one thing.

Experiencing it.

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Police, fire control still unresolved

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Writer

FOR ACTION on a proposal to change the village's Title 2 regarding the Police and Fire Departments was tabled by the village board at its meeting on Monday, Aug. 18.

The revisions would give the Village Manager considerable authority over supervisory personnel in both the Police and Fire departments.

Later in the meeting, and after more than 25 police and fire officers had left, a revised part of Title 2 that would include the proposal was distributed.

THE MOVE TO alter the power of the village's Police and Fire Commission first came to light at a workshop session of the board held on Monday, Aug. 11. It was at that time that members of the Police and Fire departments blasted the proposal.

In their eyes, it would hamper promotions in the departments and would give too much authority to one

individual (the Village Manager).

VILLAGE MANAGER Tom Markus, however, contends that his recommendation to ease some of the control of the Police and Fire Commission was done to make the departments more "responsive" and to make them more in line with other departments in the village.

Capt. Ralph Perricone of the Wheeling Fire Department said he does not favor the move. "We're (Fire Department) in a unique situation because we deal with people on a day-to-day basis. We can't afford to go to a one-man rule."

Perricone said the department has some "very tough" rules and regulations, and that the system has been working well in the past.

"What I can't understand is why they want to go with something that doesn't work as opposed to something that does," Perricone says.

He echoed the sentiments of several police officers indicating that the Police and Fire Commission, created in 1953, has been doing a good job for 27 years.

He was also upset by the fact that officials in either the Police or Fire departments did not know about the proposal until the last minute on Aug. 11.

"If we are supposed to be manage-

ment," Perricone says, "Why didn't we know about it."

THE REVISIONS DISTRIBUTED at the Aug. 18 board meeting are a defined description of the original proposal.

It stipulates that the Village Manager will have the power to appoint or remove a police or fire chief, something that is already in the code.

It does provide that the chief of either the Police or fire departments not be appointed from within the department.

The appointment and removal of sworn officer, aside from the police or fire chief, "shall be appointed to and dismissed from the department and shall be commissioned as sworn police (fire) officers, only at the direction of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in accordance with state law."

It also says that the commission shall "appoint and commission" sworn officers to fill vacancies or new positions at the request of the Village Manager.

The most sweeping changes in the code come under promotion and demotion of police and fire officers.

IT CALLS FOR all permanent and temporary positions "in the supervisory ranks shall be filled from within the

Police (Fire) Department by appointment of a sworn office by the Village Manager. All officers holding a supervisory rank shall hold such rank at the pleasure of the Village Manager."

There are four procedures outlined in the proposal. They are:

- No promotion or demotion made until the Village Manager has discussed it with the chief of either the Police or Fire departments.

- Promotions will be made on the Village Manager's "determination of which officer is best qualified for the particular rank and, where appropriate, the particular job assignment." It also calls for the Village Manager to consider, and the respective chief make recommendations based on an individual officer's performance on the department examining various abilities, experience and training in addition to any reprimands or other disciplinary actions.

- Demotions will be based on the "officer's performance in the current rank or job assignment and the manager's determinations that the officer is not effectively or efficiently carrying out the responsibilities of his rank or assignment."

It also provides an officer to be demoted if it is found by the Village Manager that an officer would better serve the department "in a lower rank or in

an assignment requiring a lower rank."

- The fourth condition calls for promotions or demotions decisions made by the Village Manager to be "discretionary judgements and shall be final and may not be appealed." It also says that the Village Manager does not have to state his reasons for any "personnel decisions."

JACK METZGER, chairman of the Police and Fire Commission declined to comment on the revisions distributed at the Aug. 18 meeting because he had not seen them. He did indicate, however, that he did not favor the move because of the amount of control given to one person.

Trustee Roger Powers, said that he was against the original proposal for two reasons. "One, I think, in my judgement, we won't get good people. A fireman, for example, might not want to come to the department and trust his career potential to one man. Secondly, I think people might hesitate to apply with the village because of the possibility of having their career held back because of a single person who might hold them back because of one mistake."

Powers says he thinks it is too much control for one person and that he is not objecting to Markus as an indivi-

dual. "I can't understand why it should be changed. The current system has worked. I haven't heard any concrete evidence against it. One commissioner might be better than another, but as a concept, it works."

ON THE OTHER HAND, Trustee Sheila Schultz says she favors the new concept, although she, like Powers, had not had the chance to review the revised portion of the code.

"I'm inclined to favor the treatment of all departments in the same manner," Schultz says that the Police and Fire Departments are on the same basis as other village departments "in this respect." She added that "we're talking about the best system of responsiveness."

Schultz did express concern about one point. "It bothers me that a police or fire officer can retire at a lower rank than the one he or she has been serving at. I'm not sure if, or how, it can be resolved."

Schultz added that a member of the Police, Fire or Public Works Departments would "hopefully not feel threatened by a Village Manager."

The matter is expected to be discussed at the board's next workshop meeting scheduled for Monday, Aug. 25.

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Markus hiring plan gets cool reception

Wheeling Village Mgr. Thomas Markus' proposal to take control of the hiring and firing of supervisory personnel in the police and fire departments met with hostile reaction Monday night.

About 50 residents and fire and police officials turned out to protest the proposed changes, and one officer suggested Markus' proposal would even lead to "organized crime" in the village.

Patrolman Steven Weber said he talked to an organized crime fighting official who "preferred to remain anonymous." That official said giving one individual that much authority would be "the greatest thing to happen to organized crime in the last 25 years."

Wheeling resident Faye Moroz presented a petition signed by more than 1,100 residents objecting to Markus' proposal, in which he would be responsible for all promotions and demotions as well as the hiring and firing of all officers above the rank of sergeant. Patrol officers and firefighters still

would be hired by the village fire and police commission.

IDA O'REILLY, another Wheeling resident, complained that the ordinance "really makes the manager God," and suggested it be rewritten to more clearly indicate that the police and fire chiefs still will be primarily responsible for recommending changes in those departments.

Markus said he is seeking the new authority to have a "more responsive" police and fire departments.

Most trustees were non-committal to the complaints aired by the residents and fire and police officials. However, Trustee Sheila Schultz was the strongest supporter of Markus's proposal, saying that she did not share the concerns that promotions and demotions could become political because persons are appointed to the fire and police commission by politicians.

Trustee Charles Kerr suggested the board delay voting on the ordinance until he can determine whether a recently demoted officer who is ready to retire can receive full pension benefits.

8-25-80 Herald

Hiring, firing plan before board

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Wheeling trustees tonight will discuss Village Mgr. Thomas Markus' proposal that he be given the authority to hire and fire all supervisory personnel in the police and fire departments.

Although the move has been opposed by police and fire officials, Markus says his proposal will lead to "more responsive" departments if employees are treated the same as other village workers. Under the proposal, Markus would hire and fire all officers above the rank of sergeant in the police department and all officers above the rank of lieutenant in the fire department.

The authority to hire and fire patrolmen and firefighters would remain with the village fire and police commission. Trustees last week delayed taking action on the proposal.

Markus says no shakeups are planned in either department if he is given greater control over them, but police and fire officials say giving one

Consultants suggest cable TV coalition

By JUNE STEWART
Correspondent

A FINALIZED version of the Malarkey Taylor Report on cable television suggested a 21-community network for members of the Northwest Municipal Conference during a meeting Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Mt. Prospect Holiday Inn.

Conference members, village board members, CATV company representatives, and guests heard Martin Malarkey, a principal in the firm Malarkey Taylor and Associates, and Gary Hurvitz, vice president of regulatory affairs, justify their report and tell members that the communities would benefit the most from CATV if they have a combined community network.

CableNet and Warner Communications are at the top of the list in the three categories used by Malarkey Taylor to rate the 14 CATV companies who submitted applications to the NWMC, Hurvitz said. The three categories are financial, technical facilities, and programming and rates, he added.

CABLEVISION and Metrovision are two other companies that scored high in the analysis, Hurvitz added. Some companies applied for CATV franchis-

ing in all of the 21 communities and some applied for franchising in only one community, he continued. The 200-page report is an evaluation of the companies and took into consideration future company funding and whether there might be a significant rate increase over an estimated five-year period of operations, he added. Differences in rates to be charged, automated services such as newswire, public access produced by members of the community, and access by educational institutions and governmental authorities were also evaluated, he added.

According to Bill Grams, executive director of the NWMC, the CATV program began in December 1978, and resulted in a seminar in March 1979.

THE NWMC CATV task force was formed and requested first, retention of a professional consultant to act as a buffer between CATV companies and elected officials, then a study of the educational component of CATV, and finally, the preparation of a model ordinance, Grams said.

On Oct. 1, 1979, the task force received 14 applications, and the Malarkey Taylor preliminary report was

ready April 1980, Grams noted.

After the brief overview of the analysis, the meeting was opened for questions, and Trustee Florence Boone of Glencoe asked about the advantages of sticking together in a group of 21, and the disadvantages of a group that large on one network.

Malarkey replied that he is not really aware of any disadvantage, and that when working as a group, the towns had the advantage of economics of a larger scale enabling the CATV companies to offer a better product at a lower price. He said it would permit a blending together of public offices, governmental offices, hospitals together with schools and colleges. "You are going to get a much better cable system over all," Malarkey said.

Barrington Mayor Keith Pierson asked how one company could build distribution centers in each community, and who would be first.

LIMITATIONS ARE discussed in the report, namely the ability of the utilities to have the poles ready for cable, but the company or companies selected would work at servicing the 21 communities at one time according to Hurvitz. There would be a number of

construction crews in a number of areas, but "It will not be built overnight," Hurvitz added.

Arlington Heights Mayor James Ryan asked if there had not been some "built-in bias" in the judgment because the companies selected could service the 21 communities. Hurvitz denied bias saying that programming packages had been compared equally, and that companies who offered to build a system for five communities were judged in that category.

BUFFALO GROVE Village President Verna Clayton said that her community would probably go regional or sub-regional with the Harper College grouping. She said that she is concerned because she had not heard any great community output and would like some feedback from the citizens.

Kenneth Dallmeyer, staff representative on the NWMC task force for CATV, said that Schaumburg is having the same feelings everyone else is that of "mixed feelings" and that what the report says is the "only logical conclusion because the way the proposals were written was a problem." What is best for all is probably best for each town, he said.

SCHAUMBURG WILL hold a public hearing on the CATV franchising, Dallmeyer said.

Wheeling Village Manager Tom Markus noted that a committee was appointed to study regional franchising. Schultz said that many of the questions she and other board members had were answered at the NWMC meeting. Like many other trustees at the meeting, she said she does not think there is any hurry to rush into franchising.

"The only people in a hurry are the cable companies," said NWMC President and Park Ridge Mayor Martin Butler.

Hurvitz said the report does not recommend granting an exclusive franchise. When enough institutions such as colleges, hospitals, police departments, and fire departments can talk to each other, such as on a 21-community hook-up, there is a "tremendous advantage," he emphasized.

ALTHOUGH SOME communities expressed disappointment with the report, others said they accept it at "face value," and consider it a "tool" to determine the next step. The report does not indicate industrial revenue bond

financing for any of the CATV companies, although the cable companies may request that type of financing, Grams said. Estimated cost of the Malarkey Taylor report is \$42,000, according to Grams, although total figures are not yet in. The NWMC member communities contributed \$1,500 per community, and so far the money has not been used, Grams said. Instead, the bills have been paid from application fees charged to the cable companies submitting proposals, he said.

At the first NWMC meeting in November, the member communities will submit their decisions about whether to franchise, go on a total community network basis of franchising, or go regional or sub-regional.

Fees to residents who subscribe to the CATV service were listed at \$15.85, basic per month fee of CableNet. Warner has a fee of \$17.65 or \$19.65 for QUBE, or two-way service where the ability to reply would be added to the TV set. Additional fees include from 50 cents to \$2.50 for a movie, and \$3.95 for a sports event. Fees are charged for additional TV sets, or police or burglar service, depending upon the type of system the communities select.

The week ahead

Low tax rate may be costly mistake

by Gordon Walek

Herald staff writer

Lower property taxes Wheeling and Buffalo Grove residents are paying this year may be the result of a computing error that caused the Cook County Clerk's office to overlook \$1 million in revenue needed by Wheeling Township Dist. 21.

A Dist. 21 tax rate 15 percent lower than last year's was released by the county clerk's office this week, dropping total taxes for Buffalo Grove residents by 7 percent and reducing taxes for Wheeling homeowners by about 5 percent.

But James Gochis, business services director for Dist. 21 said Monday the tax rate computed for the school district — \$2.598 per \$100 of assessed valuation — is wrong. The new rate, applied to tax bills that are due Sept. 25, should be closer to \$2.878 per \$100 of assessed valuation, he said.

That means a Dist. 21 resident with a house assessed at \$12,000 should be paying the school district about \$345 instead of the \$312 the county has figured.

"The clerk's office made a mistake," Gochis said. "We levied a building fund of \$1,295,000 and the clerk's office included only \$295,000 when they determined the rates. It looks like a key-punch error."

"I'M CALLING LAWYERS now to get to the bottom of this," Gochis said. "We've never encountered anything like this, but it's too much money for us to let go."

Cook County Tax Extension Office Director Sal Pullia, however, could not confirm that an error in computing the rate was made. "We're looking into it now," he said, "but don't have anything yet."

Pullia said if a mistake was made, the school district would have to borrow the money this year and tax for it next year.

"But that's crazy," Gochis said. "The lawyers will take a look at that."

A Buffalo Grove resident living in Cook County with a house assessed at \$12,000 will pay a total tax bill of about \$1,018 this year, according to the county clerk's figures — down 7 percent from last year's \$1,096 tax bill. A Wheeling resident with a similarly valued home will pay \$1,054 this year instead of the \$1,112 they paid last year — a 5 percent reduction.

Decreases in the tax rates for school districts, plus reductions in the tax rates for both villages, account for the lower figures.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS and village finance directors attributed the tax decrease to increased property assessments in the various taxing districts.

"Costs for services are increasing,"

said Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters, "but so are the number of businesses that are paying taxes." The result, he said, is a lower tax rate.

In addition to the disputed Dist. 21 tax figures, the comparison of taxes for the other major governments in both villages is as follows:

- A Buffalo Grove resident with a typical home assessed at \$12,000, will pay about \$88 for municipal services, about \$14 less than last year.

- Wheeling residents will pay about \$11 less for village services, from \$115 to \$104.

- Taxes for the Wheeling Fire Protection District, which serves parts of both villages, will remain at about \$60.

- Buffalo Grove Park District taxes will decrease by about \$6.50 to \$47.50, while Wheeling Park District taxes will increase by about \$4.50 to \$67.50.

- Township High School Dist. 214 taxes will decrease from \$276 to about \$269.

- Taxes for Indian Trails Public Library, which serves parts of both villages, will decrease from about \$31 to \$30.

The assessed valuation of taxable property in Wheeling increased by about \$5 million in 1979, to \$165 million. Most of the new assessments were on industrial property that was under construction in 1978 and went into operation last year, Peters said.

Expect lower tax rate

WHEELING RESIDENTS might be in for a small surprise when they get their tax bills. A lower tax rate.

According to Gregory Peters, Director of Finance for the village, the tax rate for Wheeling residents will be .847 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation as opposed to the 1978 rate of .957 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation.

The reason? Peters says he had estimated the village's assessed valuation for 1979 to be around \$144,000,000. Earlier this month, however, he was notified that the village's valuation was being increased to \$165,151,899 for 1979, a difference of approximately \$21 million.

PETERS HAS estimated that the taxes needed to fund the village will be \$1,725,939. Assuming an assessed valuation of approximately \$175,000,000 for 1980 on which taxes will be collected in 1981, Peters estimates that an approximate tax rate of .967 for every \$100 of assessed valuation.

The difference between the 1978 and 1979 figures, says Peters, was due to the elimination of the personal property tax. "No one really knew what the valuation would be because of the change," he says. Peters adds that the difference between the estimated and actual figures could be due to additional annexations and construction.

Tax bills from the county assessor's office are expected around Sept. 1.

Well proposal leads to shouting

A DISCUSSION ABOUT authorizing an additional payment for construction on Well No. 7 led to a shouting match between Wheeling Trustees John Cole and Robert Ross at the Village Board's workshop meeting Monday, Aug. 25.

The exchange, which flared up so quickly it surprised Village President Bill Hein, focused on whether the village should authorize an additional \$8,143 for the project, an increase of 14.7 percent.

The increase was brought on by a delay in the project because of radiation levels in the Wheeling water supply.

Clark Dietz Engineers indicated by letter to Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance for the village, that they were told to stop working on the project until the problem could be resolved.

It is that delay, the engineers contend, that has resulted in the higher price tag.

TRUSTEE CHARLES KERR said the village is again becoming a target for open ended contracts. "We've set a precedent here. The next driller will

come in and why not, the village of Wheeling is easy."

Cole questioned why the contractor had not come to the village when the work was stopped rather than waiting until the contract had nearly expired. "This could lead to unfair bidding. One guy can come in and bid lower with other costs to be added later."

Cole added that it is not fair to someone who submits an "honest bid."

Trustee Sheila Schultz said the additional amount should be paid because "it wouldn't be fair. If we say don't work, we can't expect them to absorb the cost."

Ross agreed with Schultz because the village reportedly to the firm to stop working.

The stop work order was issued when Carsten Leikvold was Village Manager.

Schultz added that it would be best for the village to pay the additional costs and get on with the project.

"What we're doing," said Kerr, "is telling someone to come in, do the work, and then tell us what we think they are worth."

The possibility of halting the pro-

ject, rebidding and starting over was not greeted with favorable response because of the potentially higher price than already allocated.

"It seems to me," said Ross, "that we have a God-damn hole over there and nothing being done for the east side of the village."

His comment followed some discussion about who, in fact, authorized the work stoppage. Cole wasn't too enthusiastic about Ross' comment and told him that "I'm sick and tired of Mickey Mouse and the same old crap coming from you over and over again."

A SURPRISED HEIN looked up and asked "What the hell does this have to do with anything?"

Cole retorted that he agreed with Kerr that it appears that "every contractor in this part of the state is coming here."

Cole then left the meeting; Ross shortly after. The additional fee matter is likely to be discussed at an upcoming board meeting.

The next scheduled Village Board meeting is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Loose change?

8-28-80 *Life*

Some question wisdom of police, fire plan

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

A PROPOSED CHANGE in the Wheeling municipal code that would give the Village Manager a stronger hand in the operation of the Police and Fire Departments, especially with supervisory personnel, came under more criticism as members of the Police and Fire Departments and village residents jammed the council chambers during the Village Board's workshop meeting on Monday, Aug. 25.

The change first came to light at a workshop meeting on Aug. 11, when revisions in the municipal code were first being discussed. Members of both departments have expressed considerable concern about the plan because they fear it would not only hinder possible promotional possibilities, but could open the door for possible random demotions.

THE FEAR OF random demotions also concerns police and fire officers because pensions are based on the last year of service for police officers and the last month of service for firefighters. Their concern is that a member of the Police or Fire Department serving on the force for 19 years who is at an officer's rank, can be demoted back to a patrolman or firefighter status and retire at a substantially lower level.

Village Attorney David Epstein spent considerable time at the workshop meeting explaining the revisions and trying to point out to department members that even though the Village Manager might have power to hire and fire officers, it could only be done after conferring with the respective chief.

EPSTEIN ALSO EXPLAINED that the revised system would also spare members of the Police and Fire Department from unwarranted or overly severe reprimands.

Epstein said that under the proposed ordinance, the Police or Fire Chief could suspend a member of the department for only 10 days as opposed to the 30 to 60 days currently in the code.

"This takes away the threat of unjust punishment," Epstein said "The discipline is more in line with, say, a

"We're not like other departments. A mechanic can pick up his tools and go. It's another story for a police or fire officer after age 35. He or she can't just get up and go. We enjoy our work, that's why we do it."

bad judgement action."

He pointed out that the day-to-day operation is not out of either the Police or Fire Chief hands, but is there with "greater flexibility."

ANOTHER CONCERN of members of the Police and Fire Departments is that the Village Manager can override a chief's decision, although, according to Epstein, "he (Village Manager) can still meet with him."

A petition with 1,103 names was presented to the board by Faye Moroz, a Wheeling resident. Trustee Charles Kerr questioned who had circulated the petition and stated that he had talked with three people who allegedly claimed they had no idea what they were signing.

Moroz, however, maintained her previous stand opposing the proposed change. "Police and firemen are professionals. They're specialists. You (the board) must protect our community. Our public safety standards should be at the highest level possible without any political obstruction."

ANOTHER RESIDENT, Ida O'Reilly said the phrasing in the ordinance "at the pleasure of the manager"

should be a "red flag right there." She questioned how a village manager would be able to handle all of the responsibilities outlined in the proposed ordinance.

Epstein again stated that either the Police or Fire Chief will make recommendations on all promotions and demotions and pass them on to the Village Manager.

He also said that even though the manager can demote an officer, that position (supervisory) would remain, as dictated by the budget.

"He could not take a lieutenant or sergeant out of the department, but he (manager) can only move him down to patrolman."

BOB BUERGER, a Wheeling resident told the board that the village in the past developed the current system utilizing the Police and Fire Commission to prevent unionization of the departments. "If this goes through," he said, "there is only one avenue for them to go."

Police Sgt. Jack Koenig said there are only "three main points." Koenig said those points are that supervisors serve at the manager's pleasure, promotions and demotions can be at the manager's discretion with no appeal by an officer and that the manager doesn't have to give a reason for his or her action.

"The potential for latent abuse is unreal," Koenig said.

Koenig reiterated his stand after the meeting saying that it is only those three areas that matter and that the rest of the proposal is "rhetoric."

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S position was stated by Lt. Andrew Neargarder. He read a lengthy statement spelling out seven specific reasons the Fire Department is concerned about the proposal. They included the possibility of eliminating a number of things including examining and qualification procedures, right to hearing and counsel for a firefighter or police officer and job tenure and seniority.

He also asked the board if the changes could "affect our job functions (because they) affect our eligibility for participation in the Firemen's and Police Pension Funds. He also questioned if the revision, if adopted, could eliminate age or medical standards. This too, he said, could "create liabilities to the Firemen's and Police Pension Funds."

Neargarder also said that the department did not receive sufficient notice" and stated that the "initial reason

for the Police and Fire Commission Act was to remove the firefighters and police officers from the pitfalls of political appointments, favoritism and nepotism."

TRUSTEE SHEILA SCHULTZ said that one thing that "keeps bothering me is that political control keeps coming up. We have it (politics) in the open. We can't function without politics in the good sense of the word." Schultz added that "all of our commissions are politically appointed so if you want to use it (the word politics) in a bad sense, you're covering a lot of people."

Another fear raised by a resident is the potential of outside influence on the departments. Stating he has a friend in law enforcement, the resident said "he told me that this could be the biggest boon to organized crime in 20 years."

His remark came shortly after Schultz expressed her feelings that she found it "demeaning" that a Village Manager "would pick a lessor qualified person for a position. I think we're looking for a bogymen in this and are nit-picking a bit too much."

Job security and pension remained the two issues during the meeting. Members of the Police Department pay 8 1/2 percent of their salary into the pension fund while members of the Fire Department contribute 7 percent.

"WE'RE NOT LIKE other departments," Neargarder said. "A mechanic can pick up his tools and go. It's another story for a police or fire officer after age 35. He or she can't just get up and go. We enjoy our work, that's why we do it."

Trustee Roger Powers agreed with the premise that the Police and Fire Departments are not like other village departments. "Their jobs are different. They involve life and health. Not only because of the people they protect, but their own."

"Others don't have their jobs on the line for life and safety. They're different departments and they have to be treated differently."

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Bill Hein said he hopes the board will be able to act on the matter quickly "as soon as all of the questions can be answered."

The Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. The meeting is being planned for Tuesday because of Monday, Sept. 1, being designated as Labor Day.



Harper to rent Hawthorne School space

by Margaret Holt
Herald education editor

Officials at Harper College and Wheeling Township Dist. 21 are looking forward to a good relationship after resolving a controversy this past week over the college's request to lease space in Irving School.

Initially, plans called for the college to rent classroom space in Irving School, Wheeling, but parents in that neighborhood objected to having college students in the building during the day when grade-school children were

in class.

Instead, Harper will rent seven classrooms at Hawthorne School, 201 Glendale Ave., Wheeling. Hawthorne is one of three Dist. 21 schools closed in June because of declining enrollment.

Harper needs the classroom space because it decided this summer to close Willow Park Center, a satellite campus in the Willow Park Shopping Plaza in Prospect Heights, officials said. Renting space in a Dist. 21 building lets the college continue to offer some classes in the eastern part of the district, they said.

"IT IS GOOD for us, and it's good for them," said Robert Root, president of the Dist. 21 Board of Education. "We would like to have the college develop within our community."

"We're really helping them out in hopes that we can entice them into staying in our community."

Irving School parents raised valid points in their concern about college classes being scheduled simultaneously with elementary classes, Supt. Kenneth Gill said.

"We agreed that we wouldn't be putting classes of adults in the schools

when the kids were there," he said. "That's going to be taboo from now on."

While it would have been more economical to have Harper's classes in Irving School because of extra costs involved in opening up Hawthorne School, having classes for Harper and Governors State University of Park Forest South will help reduce the threat of vandalism at Hawthorne, Gill said.

Harper College Pres. James McGrath said the venture represents a chance for Harper to maintain a "pres-

ence" in the eastern part of the district and reflects healthy cooperation among elementary and high school districts and the community college.

"THE COLLEGE had a commitment that we would be out there, and I would like to maintain that," he said. "I think it's important for Harper to be in different parts of the district, and to try to make ourselves more available and more accessible to the community than we may be at the campus."

It won't be a substitute for the main campus in Palatine, McGrath said, because a college simply cannot dupli-

cate the extensive resources it offers at the main site, but Harper will be able to offer some basic, popular courses to serve those residents.

Courses in business and adult basic education will be among the classes at Hawthorne. Harper also conducts off-campus classes at Barrington and Schaumburg high schools.

Harper will pay rent of \$200 to \$250 per month for each classroom, officials said. It had paid \$113,536 the past year to rent the 18,000-square-foot Willow Park facility.

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Clinic permit may have price tag

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

Although Wheeling officials traditionally have given other governmental agencies and non-profit groups a free ride, Village Mgr. Thomas Markus says a Des Plaines hospital should pay an estimated \$12,000 in permit fees to build an emergency clinic in the village.

Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines, is asking the village to waive the estimated \$12,000 in building fees, which include inspections and sewer and water hookup fees, because the hospital is a non-profit organization. Holy Family plans to begin construction next month

of a \$4.5 million emergency clinic, at Milwaukee and Strong avenues.

Markus said the money from those fees go to pay salaries and the cost of running the village community development department, and by waiving them, the village is in effect asking the taxpayers to subsidize a "cost that should be borne by the developer."

He acknowledged that the village has as a matter of course exempted governmental agencies and non-profit groups like churches from paying building permit fees, a recent example being the \$11,000 in fees waived for the Indian Trails Library District, which is building a new \$2.1 million library on Schoenbeck Road.

HOWEVER, MARKUS said he was basing his recommendation on what he feels is a "different approach" being sought by the village board on how it spends money. The village also is considering discontinuing its practice of parceling out money to private groups, like the Wheeling High School band and other private organizations.

Robert DiLeonardi, an attorney for Holy Family Hospital, said he was unaware of Markus' recommendation that the hospital's request be denied. However, he said there was "an obvious mutual advantage" to waiving the fees for the clinic, because the clinic will be run by a "not-for-profit, charitable organization to provide health care to the

citizens."

He said he hoped the village board, which is slated to vote on the matter Tuesday, would "have the good sense" to override Markus' recommendation. He added though, he would ask that the matter be delayed because he and other hospital administrators will be attending an out-of-town conference.

Village Pres. William Hein said he thought the village "should keep the status quo" on waiving building permit fees, although he added he might support charging non-profit groups only for expenses that directly cost the village money, such as installing special piping for an involved or unusual sewer or water connection.

The week ahead

Board to consider stricter ethics law

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A more stringent ethics law, one that would require all elected and appointed officials to reveal all their immediate families' land holdings and business ventures, will be considered Tuesday by the Wheeling Village Board.

The new ethics law falls under revisions being made to the village personnel and administrative code. However, the most controversial aspect of the ordinance revision, allowing Village Mgr. Thomas Markus to decide on promotions and demotions within the police and fire departments, is being delayed for further study and discussion.

The two primary differences between the proposed ethics law and the current one are:

- The definition of "immediate" family has been broadened to include parents, brothers and sisters as well as spouses and children.
- Officials would be required to disclose the name of any business in which they own more than 5 percent interest or serve as an officer or director. The current law requires disclosure only if the business is located within 10 miles of the village.

Violations of the ethics laws can result in fines or removal from office. Other provisions of the new administrative code include giving Markus the power to hire and fire the police and fire chiefs. Under the current law, only the village fire and police commission may dismiss the police chief from office.

The new law also affects the manner in which village board meetings are conducted, including placing residents who wish to speak on an issue not on the agenda at the end, rather than the beginning, of the evening's business.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

A CHANGE IN village laws that would permit more uses of once-public buildings such as schools and libraries will be debated at a public hearing Thursday before the Wheeling Plan Commission.

Because of restrictions in village zoning laws, the soon-to-be-vacated Indian Trails Library, at 850 Jenkins Ct., and three public schools closed earlier this year, could be used only by another library or school group or for residential purposes.

The law must be changed if the library district is to complete the sale of its building to Complete Equity Markets Inc., a Wheeling insurance firm now located on Milwaukee Avenue. Two of the three vacated schools already have been leased to other school groups.

The village staff is recommending the law be changed to allow the buildings to be used for business or professional office space.

The plan commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

A PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed \$6.8 million budget for the Northwest Suburban Special Education Assn. will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Kirk Center, 520 S. Plinn Grove Rd., Palatine.

The proposed budget has been informally ratified by a majority of the 10 Northwest suburban school districts that make up NSSERO. However, two school districts voted against the budget because of increased costs to individual districts ranging from 11 to almost 90 percent.

The budget is 35 percent more than the \$5 million budget of 1979-80, and was opposed by Palatine Township Dist. 15 and Elk Grove Township Dist. 99, which face increased costs of 41 percent and 45 percent, respectively.

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Topic

HOLD CEREMONY FOR CARE CENTER SUNDAY

A groundbreaking ceremony for Holy Family Hospital's Wheeling Ambulatory Care Center will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m. at the construction site, Milwaukee Avenue at Strong Street, Wheeling. Completion of the facility, owned and operated by Holy Family in Des Plaines, is expected by Fall 1981.

Master of Ceremonies for the ceremony will be Wells B. Jones, director, development and marketing, Holy Family Hospital.

Reverend Leroy A. Wickowski, cardinal's representative for hospitals, will give the invocation. Sister Patricia Ann, president, Holy Family, will welcome guests and make the opening remarks. Additional remarks will be made by William Hein, president, Village of Wheeling; Nick Fanella, president, Wheeling Chamber of Commerce; Sister M. Hilary, chairman, Governing Board, Holy Family; Jeremiah Pruc, M.D., president, medical-dental staff, Holy Family; and James Sheldon, chairman, development council, Holy Family.

The Blessing of the ground will be conducted by Reverend Wickowski and Father Roger Wyse, director, pastoral care department, Holy Family. They will be joined for the groundbreaking by the speakers on the program.

THE WHEELING Ambulatory Care Center will be a 20,000 sq. ft., one floor structure, located on a 2½-acre site near downtown Wheeling. The \$4.5 million facility will provide Wheeling and surrounding communities a wide variety of health care services and community service programs.

Needed health care services will be provided at a location convenient to Wheeling and

neighboring residents as well as a large number of employees working in industries and business.

Designed by the Chicago firm of Holabird and Root, the Center features two wings and an attractive, central reception area atrium.

ONE WING OF the facility will house 7 examination-treatment areas, a radiology suite, clinical laboratory, cast room, and cardio-respiratory services. The center will be equipped to handle treatment for minor injuries and illnesses, and pre-employment and annual physicals for employees of area companies. Patients with non-life-threatening illnesses will be treated at the Center. Paramedics will take patients requiring more intensive medical care to Holy Family Hospital in nearby Des Plaines or the closest hospital.

In addition to the clinical wing, another wing will house 5 doctor's offices and one dental office.

Each suite includes 2 examination rooms, a consultation office and reception areas. A large, multi-purpose room will be provided for conducting community service programs such as prenatal classes, babysitters' training program and free blood pressure screening. A walk-job program will be available enabling residents to exercise for their health. The multi-purpose room also will be available for use by other community organizations.

Exterior appearance of the center will be in warm, earthtone colors. The exterior cladding will consist of horizontal bands of beige and brown stucco. Windows will be bronze in color, and the main entry and the atrium will be paved in medium brown brick.



Artist's rendering of Holy Family Hospital's new Wheeling Ambulatory Care Center going up near Milwaukee Avenue at Strong Street near downtown Wheeling. Opening in 1981, the Center will feature treatment for minor injuries and illnesses, laboratory and

radiology facilities, special programs for senior citizens, pre-employment and annual physicals for employees of area companies and a special room for community programs.

9-4-80 LIFE

Senior housing on the rise here

IN AN OVERVIEW of senior citizen housing this week, The LIFE corroborated its knowledge that most communities in this area have now undertaken either the study or construction of senior citizen housing.

Highland Park has just completed its second senior citizen project, while Deerfield is just breaking ground for its first building. Wheeling is also making preparations for its first senior citizen housing, which will be coupled with a senior center and an ambulatory care center — all in the same location.

Northbrook has been trying to get a location and approval for senior housing for more than a year. Lengthy discussions have taken place over the months and a decision seems imminent.

Glenview is still in the committee stage and no decision has been made on construction of any housing, but it is studying the matter.

OF THE SIX communities in The LIFE'S circulation area, only Buffalo Grove is not in the process of studying or building senior citizen housing, and this is probably because there are not enough senior citizens in that community at this time to merit such a study.

Although the studies mentioned have taken years before coming to fruition, it is good to note that these communities have given their time and energy to meeting the needs of its senior citizens.

With more and more of the population reaching senior citizen status, and with predictions that a greater percentage of the population in the future will be in that category, it is reassuring to

know that those of us who have not yet reached age 65 probably have better facilities to look forward to than today's senior citizens did.

WITH THAT in mind, we should continue to see to it that the senior citizens of today are allowed to live with dignity and comfort despite inflation and the shrinking value of the dollar.

Highland Park, its citizens and officials are to be congratulated for leading the way in this area. Wheeling is also to be congratulated for planning a hub for its seniors to operate in. Locating housing, recreational facilities and a medical facility so near the shopping area will provide a real plus for the elderly in that community.

Deerfield also kept studying the problem until it finally hit on a solution for providing housing that is unique to these communities.

With so many things going wrong today, it is nice for a change to compliment so many municipalities for heading in the right direction.

Police, fire power—

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REMINDER

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Pension adjustments also worry police and fire officials.

Presently, a Wheeling police officer's pension depends upon what position he held during his last year of police service. Under this proposal an officer could be demoted and receive substantially less in pension benefits even though he had spent years paying a higher portion of his salary into his pension fund.

Residents have also expressed concern over the proposed revision.

Last week, a petition containing more than 1,000 signatures was submitted to the board. The petition asked the village trustees to "refrain from enacting any ordinance that would deviate from the Fire and Police Commission Act 1908".

Board members last week decided to delay further discussion on the issue until all questions concerning pensions can be answered.

Markus has said he made the recommendation, to treat police and fire department personal in the same manner as other village employees, to make village government more responsive, efficient and consistent.

At Tuesday's village board meeting, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld first suggested that he and two other village trustees should form an ad hoc committee to examine whether the revision to Wheeling's Municipal Code is a desirable change.

Village President William Hein decided to have the "board as a whole sit as a committee of one" to investigate the issue.

Trustees will ponder shift of police, fire power

By SHARON MARZANO

A committee composed of Wheeling village trustees has been formed to investigate whether or not the Fire and Police Commission should come under the jurisdiction of the village manager.

The committee was formed in response to the negative reaction which has greeted Village Manager Tom Markus' recommendation to revise a portion of Wheeling's municipal code.

The Municipal Code revision if enacted would give the

village manager sole responsibility for the hiring, firing, promoting and demoting of all police and fire officers who hold a supervisory position.

Members of the police and fire departments are upset with the proposal because it eliminates the right of police or fire officers to appeal any action taken by the village manager. If adopted, the right to a public hearing now granted under the Fire and Police Commission Act would no longer exist.

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Reminder

Tax levy is OKd with 17% increase

A \$1.7 million tax levy, a 17 percent increase over last year, was given final approval by the Wheeling Village Board.

Because of an increase in the assessed value of property in the village, however, tax bills which are now being mailed to property owners will decrease, from 95 to 84 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. That means taxes on a house assessed at \$12,000 will be about \$100, compared with \$114 due last year on a similar house. The village portion is about 10 percent of a total tax bill.

The assessed value of property in Wheeling has increased from \$160 million to \$165 million, primarily because of new industrial construction, said Village Finance Director Gregory Peters.

However, because of the increased village tax levy, next year's tax bill is expected to return to the 1979 level. That \$1.7 million levy supports about one-fourth of village spending. The balance of the \$7.8 million 1980-81 budget approved by the village board in April is covered by water and sewer fees, vehicle sticker fees, sales taxes and other fees.

Stricter ethics code gets OK

A more stringent ethics law, one that requires all elected and appointed officials to reveal all land holdings and business ventures of themselves and their immediate families, was given preliminary approval by the village board.

Under the new law, the definition of "immediate family" is being broadened to include parents, brothers and sisters as well as spouses and children. Also, officials would be required to disclose the names of any businesses in which they own more than 5 percent interest or serve as an officer or director. The current law requires disclosure only if the business is within 10 miles of the village.

The ethics law falls under revisions to the village's personnel and administrative code. The most controversial change to that code, though, has been delayed. That would give Village Mgr. Thomas Markus, rather than the village fire and police commission, the power to promote and demote supervisory personnel within the police and fire departments.

Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld volunteered to chair a special committee to study Markus' proposal, but Village Pres. William Hein said the entire board should be included in the discussions and appointed Trustee Charles Kerr chairman of a "committee of the whole" meeting. No date for that meeting has been set.

Firm gets OK for low-cost bonds

A sixth firm has received preliminary approval by the village board for a low-cost financing plan that will enable it to buy land and to build a new plant in the village.

The village will issue \$610,000 in industrial revenue bonds to finance the project proposed by King-Fisher Co., now basing its operations in Des Plaines. The company plans to construct a 24,000-square-foot building that would house offices and manufacturing facilities. The firm, which manufactures two-way radios and internal alarm systems used primarily by fire departments, plans to construct its building on Foster Avenue in Pal-Waukee Industrial Park.

As it has done for other firms, the village will issue the bonds, which are repaid by the company. With the village's name on the bonds, the company will be given a low interest rate on the money borrowed because investors who buy government-backed bonds do not pay federal income tax on their earnings. Usually, the company saves about 2 percent over conventional financing.

Planner Sobanski resigns

Allan Sobanski, a member of Wheeling's plan commission since 1975, has resigned to take a new job out of state. Sobanski, who last year was reappointed to a three-year term, said he soon will move to Shelton, Conn.

Village Pres. William Hein praised Sobanski's work on the plan commission and said he is conducting interviews to find a replacement.

Groundbreaking set for center

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One wing of the facility will house seven examination treatment areas, a radiology suite, clinical laboratory, cast room, and a cardio-respiratory services.

The other wing will contain five doctors' offices and one dental office. Each suite includes two examination rooms, a consultation office and reception areas.

A large, multi-purpose room will be provided for conducting community service programs such as pre-natal classes, babysitters' training program and free blood pressure screening.

The ambulatory care center is expected to be completed sometime in 1981, hospital officials said.

By a narrow margin, the Wheeling Village Board has voted to waive an estimated \$12,000 in building permit fees for a Des Plaines hospital building a \$4.5 million emergency clinic in the village.

However, board members also agreed they would allow no more favors to nonprofit groups seeking exemptions from the fees, which include inspections and water and sewer hookup fees.

With Village Pres. William Hein casting the tie-breaking vote, board members agreed it would be unfair to impose the fee on Holy Family Hospital, which is building the clinic at Milwaukee and Strong avenues, because the village has waived building fees in the past for churches and other non-profit groups and governmental agencies like Indian Trails Library District and the U.S. Post Office.

"To change horses in midstream is unwise and uncalled for," said Trustee John Cole, who said the village "went out looking for somebody to bring a health care facility to the village."

The clinic is a part of Wheeling's plans to revitalize the downtown area. Other plans include...

Village Mgr. Thomas Markus had recommended the board deny the request, saying it costs the village money to make the inspections.

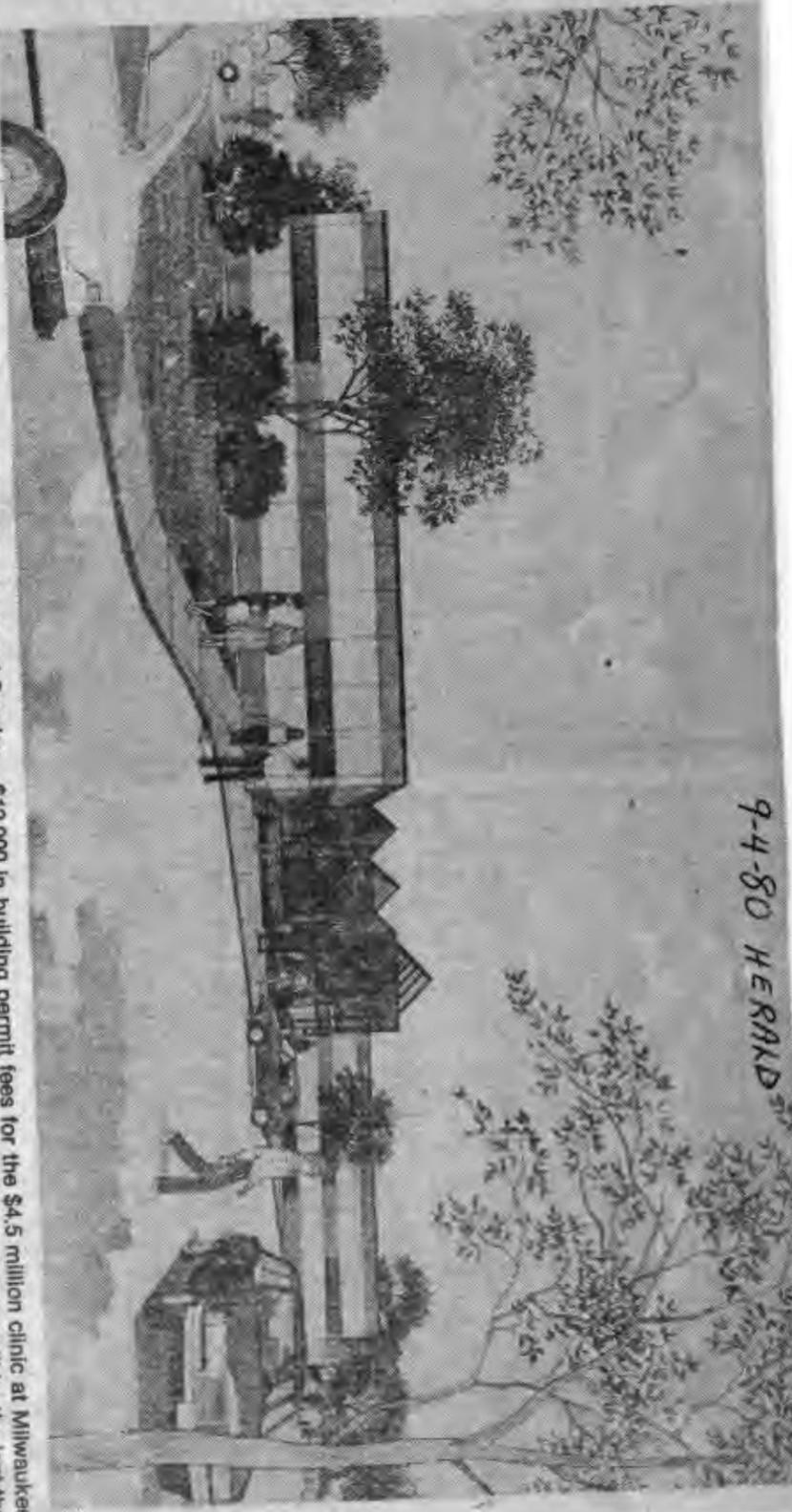
Earlier this year, the board voted to waive \$11,000 in fees for the Indian Trails Library District, which is building a new \$2.1 million library on Schoenbeck Road.

In addition to its new policy on not waiving fees for nonprofit groups and other government agencies, Markus said he soon will have recommendations on whether to continue funding other groups like the Wheeling High School band, which received \$3,200 for a trip to Washington, D.C., and the Wheeling Jaycees, who were given \$5,000 for the Fourth of July fireworks display.

Permit fees waived for hospital

HOLY FAMILY Hospital of Des Plaines plans to break ground Sunday for a satellite clinic in Wheeling, shown here in an artist's rendering. The hospital has been granted an exemption from paying an estimated

\$12,000 in building permit fees for the \$4.5 million clinic at Milwaukee and Strong avenues, but officials say the exemption will be the last the village will allow.



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WHEELING

re plan specifics needed: Trustees

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY Committee looking into the purchase of Palwaukee Airport and subsequent conversion of that facility from a private to publicly-owned airport might have some explaining to do before the Wheeling Village Board gives the committee the green light to continue with its feasibility study.

Wheeling trustees expressed considerable concern about moving into Phase Three of the study at a workshop meeting on Monday, Sept. 8. Trustees cited a lack of commitment by not only airport owner George Priester, but various levels of government as well.

Several trustees indicated that there has been a firm indication by Priester that he will sell the airport. "I think the one thing I am concerned about," said Trustee Charles Kerr, "is that we don't have something in writing saying that he (Priester) will sell the airport."

KERR'S CONCERN was one of several key issues brought to light by the trustees. Trustee John Cole had several sentiments which Village President William Hein said were "some very good points." Cole said the village not only has to consider purchasing the airport with Prospect Heights, but also has to see if it wants to "enter the airport business."

He added that along with ownership of an airport, the village, or villages, depending on a final purchase agreement, will have to take into consideration day-to-day operations, emergency capabilities solely for the airport, maintenance of runways and improvement of runways over a period of years. "We have to ask ourselves if

these are the types of things we have to do ourselves," Cole said.

Trustee Sheila Schultz echoed many of Cole's concerns, especially about the lack of answers provided by the committee in its recently completed Phase Two study.

"There were answers that were promised in Phase Two that were not there. I really wonder if we should go on to Phase Three." She added some doubts about the objectivity of the report saying "I have a terrible lack of confidence where the information is coming from. I am concerned the report is biased."

ABOUT THE ONLY support the airport was getting came from Esther Noffke, a Wheeling resident, who also works at the airport.

"Mr. Priester has said he will do nothing until the study is completed. He knows that somewhere down the road there is a problem because Washington doesn't recognize privately-owned, public-use airports," she said.

Priester was not represented at Monday night's meeting. There was also no representation by any member of Ralph Burke and Associates, the airport planners consulting TAC on the Palwaukee feasibility study.

Wheeling resident and former trustee William Rogers said that Burke representative Larry Donoghue should have been in attendance to answer questions raised by not only the board, but the public as well.

Rogers said Donoghue "should be available and take our (resident's) concerns into consideration. I know there are some questions I would like answered."

The board later agreed and decided to have a special workshop meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29 to discuss the Palwaukee acquisition and possible purchase. The board also plans to have Donoghue present so that he can answer questions about the studies his firm is doing.

Rogers also expressed concern about the proposed relocation of Hintz and Wolf Roads to have the airport's

5,000-foot runway meet Federal Aviation Administration standards for a publicly owned airport. "I know from my point of view, I don't want to see the roadways moved," Rogers said. He added that the relocation of the roads might result in even longer runways that could handle larger aircraft then presently operate out of Palwaukee.

Noffke added that it would be pretty difficult to establish what kind of planes can or cannot use the airport until it is too late. "We still need the 5,000-foot runway," she said adding that "the Phase Three study is needed and should go on."

THE POSSIBILITY OF other types of ownership, including that by Cook County, the state and other municipalities was also discussed. Some trustees are concerned that the airport might become a reliever facility for O'Hare International Airport, something that has to be considered even more with the proposed enlargement of that facility to accommodate a new international terminal.

Cole said that changes at O'Hare could bring additional flight patterns over the village if Palwaukee were to be closed down. The same will be true, he said, if the Federal government were to close nearby Glenview Naval Air Station.

Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld said he is concerned about ownership from an outside agency or municipality because "there is no environmental impact on them." He said it is difficult to get an idea if other methods of ownership are being considered because "no one will say if they are interested until the study is done."

Village Manager Tom Markus added that a concern of both his and Stephen Sturgell, City Manager of Prospect Heights, is finding out "what the FAA really wants."

That determination could make a difference in which plan might ultimately be adopted for the airport, a \$33-plus million state "mini-plan," or a \$78-million plan proposed by Burke and Associates.

Village OKs moving lift box for \$6,500

Wheeling officials plan to spend \$6,500 to move a lift station they installed in a residential neighborhood last year after residents complained that the device is an eyesore.

Village crews last year were forced to move the lift station, located on Fletcher Drive west of Elmhurst Road, above ground because it was becoming impossible to service the device. The result was a 6-foot-high control box sit-

ting on village property near two homeowners' front yards.

Street Supt. Robert Issleb argued that moving the device, which controls the level of sewage being pumped through underground pipes, away from the street and into one resident's back yard, "is going to be inconvenient and cost (the village) money." Two workers will be needed to service the lift station, which is done twice a day, and the

control box will be difficult to reach in winter, he said.

However, trustees supported the Fletcher Drive residents, who petitioned the village to have the lift station moved away from the front of their houses and into the back yards.

"It isn't just a matter of convenience," said Trustee John Cole. "We're talking about the convenience of village employees as opposed to the peo-

ple who live there 24 hours a day." He also argued that allowing the lift station to remain near the homes would "destroy property values."

Village Mgr. Thomas Markus conceded his staff may have "overlooked the aesthetics" when the lift station was moved above ground, and said the village would immediately begin looking for a contractor to move the lift station.

Police-fire plan goes to committee

DEBATE OVER adoption of a new method of dealing with supervisory personnel in Wheeling's Police and Fire Departments will ease into committee discussion before it is again considered for incorporation into the village's municipal code.

The Village Board, at its Sept. 2 meeting, decided to post for passage the municipal code with the existing procedure for the departments intact.

TRUSTEE HUGH Sommerfeld made the motion not only for the adoption of the municipal code, but called for a committee to investigate the proposed change.

That change would give the Village Manager considerable control over the supervisory personnel in both the Police and Fire departments while limiting authority of the Police and Fire Commission. Members of both

departments have expressed concern that there could be random hiring and firing and that promotions could also be done on a random basis.

Village President William Hein said that he would rather have the entire board discuss the issue. He then appointed Kerr as chairman of the committee in his (Hein's) absence.

"I think this is one of the bigger issues in the last six to eight months,"

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Herald

Village delays decision on further airport study

Complaining that they don't have enough answers, Wheeling trustees have delayed making a decision on whether they'll authorize the final phase of study to determine if the village will buy Pal-Waukee Airport in partnership with Prospect Heights.

Prospect Heights, co-sponsor of the \$120,000 study now more than two years old, also has made no decision on whether it will continue participating in the study by a Park Ridge consulting firm.

Most of the Wheeling trustees' concerns center around confusion over what it will cost to buy the airport and who is going to run Pal-Waukee if the towns decide to get into the airport business.

Although most of the local administrators and airport experts studying the proposal have supported a plan by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation to

spend \$33 million — the bare minimum that will be needed to purchase the airport from owner George Priester and make it conform to federal safety standards — Village Mgr. Thomas Markus noted that the plan has not been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. He suggested obtaining a commitment from the FAA before proceeding with the study.

Larry Donoghue, president of the consulting firm, initially proposed spending \$78 million on the airport during the next 20 years. The local share of that purchase plan could run as high as \$9.3 million.

TRUSTEE JOHN COLE said the state plan does not include long-range improvements, like runway maintenance. "That's going to be tremendously expensive," he said, adding that the federal government, which will be providing 80 to 90 percent of the purchase

price, "is going to ask you how you plan to proceed before (they) hand you a check."

Cole also said the village needs to take a harder look at who is going to run the airport if the towns decide to buy it. Proposals for managing Pal-Waukee have ranged from putting one town in charge to forming an airport authority that would be comprised of several towns near the airport. "This is the kind of thing we should be looking at now," he said.

Markus set a Sept. 29 deadline for trustees and any residents who have questions about the airport purchase to submit them in writing. He said he will arrange to have Donoghue attend a special meeting then to answer those questions. Following that, the board will be scheduled to authorize completion of the Pal-Waukee study, probably in mid-October.

Fee or free? 9-11-80 - Life

May drop not-for-profit exemption

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES for the Holy Family Hospital ambulatory health center in Wheeling were held Sunday, Sept. 7, and although it was just a groundbreaking, the hospital is already about \$12,000 ahead.

That is because the Wheeling Village Board at its Sept. 2 meeting voted to waive building permits for the facility. The vote, a tie among trustees, was broken by Village President William Hein.

HEIN SAYS it is not unusual for a not-for-profit corporation to make a request like this. "We've done this in the past," Hein says, "it is important to consider the type of organization and services involved."

Wheeling had long sought to have a health care facility in the village and after contacting several hospitals and reviewing proposals, Hein said it was the Holy Family plan that eventually met with favor by the village.

Plans by Franklin Boulevard Community Hospital to build a general care full-service hospital were not met with enthusiasm by the residents or board.

While Hein sees a hospital as a not-for-profit facility, some trustees don't.

"I can see waiving fees for a church or library, but anyone who has been in a hospital the last few years knows that they are for profit," Trustee Charles Kerr said at the board meeting.

IT WAS KERR, Hugh Sommerfeld and Robert Ross who voted against the waiving of the fees, with Sheila Schultz, Roger Powers and John Cole voting in favor of it.

Hein supported his vote calling the clinic's construction part of the "ongoing program in that area (Strong Avenue and Milwaukee Avenue) and a hospital has to be a community spirit type of thing."

Village Manager Tom Markus said he was trying to look at it from a "bu-

ness point of view" because of the costs involved to the village making inspections.

While building permit fees have been waived, the hospital will still be required to pay the village water and sewer fees. Those are not exempt from a waiver of fees.

The village staff had recommended that fees not be waived, but Markus indicated that it is the board that has to make the decisions.

MARKUS SAID HE was pleased that the board decided to establish a policy that fees not be waived in the future for not-for-profit organizations.

That suggestion came from Cole. He said he was in agreement with the recommendation, but didn't think the village should start "changing horses in mid-stream." Cole made the recommendation for the policy so that it can be consistent.

That vote was 4-2 with Ross and Sommerfeld voting against the policy.

Officials to discuss airport buy, study

Wheeling officials tonight will discuss a consultant's plan to spend approximately \$34 million to buy Pal-Waukee Airport and whether they want to complete the third and final phase of a \$120,000 airport study.

Although estimates on the airport's cost have ranged from \$34 million to \$78 million, most officials studying the airport issue have leaned toward the cheaper plan. The local share of buying the airport, which Pal-Waukee owner George Priester says he is no longer able to run, would be from \$1.7 million to \$3.4 million, depending on the outcome of legislation that will affect whether the federal government can put up 80 or 90 percent of the purchase price.

Under the original \$78 million plan submitted by airport consultant Larry Donoghue, the local share could run as high as \$9.3 million.

The cheapest plan, devised by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, calls for the purchase of about 90 acres for clear space in addition to the 250-acre airport — the minimum that would be required to make the airport comply with federal safety standards and preserve the 5,000-foot runway that accommodates jet air traffic.

Included in the cost is about \$20 million to purchase the airport facilities from Priester, \$9.6 million to re-route the Hintz-Wolf Road intersection away from the end of the 5,000-foot runway, and \$2.7 million to relocate a portion of the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, which is closer to the runways than federal safety standards allow.

Before the consultant can complete the airport study, now almost two years old, both Wheeling and Prospect Heights must authorize the consultant to do so. The final phase of the study is primarily intended to determine the impact public ownership of the airport would have on the environment.

The board will discuss the study at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

WHEELING OFFICIALS will meet tonight to discuss an ordinance designed to thwart litterbugs in the village.

Aside from making it illegal to litter public streets and other areas, the proposed litter ordinance would make it illegal to pass out commercial handbills on village streets and sidewalks. Owners of stores or shopping centers also would be responsible for cleaning up their premises if a pamphlet or flyers they have handed out is discarded by a customer.

- The proposed litter ordinance also:
- Prohibits open burning of leaves, paper or other litter.
 - Forbids the placing of handbills or other literature on or in parked cars.
 - Does not allow the distribution of literature to a persons home by throwing it in the yard or leaving it on the doorstep or mailbox. Delivery of mail and distribution of newspapers are exempt.
 - Calls for all persons to clean up any excrement an animal they are walking leaves on the sidewalk or a neighbor's yard. Blind persons walking guide dogs would be exempt.

Persons found guilty of violating the litter laws can be fined between \$20 and \$200 for the first offense.

Board members will discuss the proposed litter law at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

A **PUBLIC** hearing will be conducted Tuesday on proposed revisions to Wheeling's year-old sign law before the village zoning board of appeals.

Most of the revisions suggested by the village staff are minor technical revisions, but the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce is fighting a provision of the sign ordinance that requires removal by May 1984 of all signs that do not comply with the strict limits on the size, design and location.

Most signs in the village appear to be illegal because they are too large, although an inventory of what signs do not comply has not been completed. But unofficial estimates have said from half to 90 percent of the businesses in Wheeling have illegal signs.

The zoning board will meet at 7:30 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

On politics and police

Who will hire and fire the firemen? Who will police the conduct of the police?

Those two questions have the Wheeling village board, the police and fire departments and many private citizens drawing swords ready to do battle.

Village Manager Tom Markus has proposed a revision to village law which would give his office sole responsibility for the hiring, firing, promoting and demoting of all police and fire officers who hold supervisory positions. Those affected fear the move would eliminate the right of public safety officers to appeal actions taken by the manager, appeals now heard by the Fire and Police Commission.

And they fear the power shift could jeopardize the tenure of senior officers now approaching retirement pension age.

The move has drawn opposition from at least 1,000 other persons who signed a petition protesting the action.

Markus says he proposed the authority shift to bring the public safety officers under the same set of rules as apply to other village employees, and to make village government more responsive and efficient.

Another justification, although unspoken, might be that by taking the officers under the manager's umbrella, he is removing them from what has in the past been a review process tainted by political considerations.

However, for all its apparent political pitfalls, the fire and police commission system works well in other cities and villages, and is, in fact, a buffer against political action and capricious or malicious administrative action. The answer in Wheeling is not to throw the baby out with the bathwater.

We have a great deal of confidence in the fidelity and abilities of Mr. Markus. But the longevity of Wheeling managers has been about as great as the stability of the length of women's hemlines. There are no guarantees his successor would be as competent or altruistic as he. Yet the procedure he is seeking would last beyond his tenure and could cause harm to the village in the hands of another.

Better to increase the public trust and confidence in the village's elected and appointed political officials.

Wheeling unit ponders further airport study

BY SHARON GELTNER

After two years of study Wheeling Village Board members are still unsure just how Palwaukee airport will effect their town and whether they care to study its effects further.

"Nothing has been answered yet. Meeting after meeting we've asked questions and they've kept saying wait until the next phase. Now we're at the final part of our study and there are still no answers. I'm leery about going on to the next phase," Trustee Sheila Schultz said.

"Let's decide now whether we want to proceed further before committing ourselves to buying the airport. If we decide we don't want to go any further then it's ridiculous to go deeper into our study," she added.

Village Manager Tom Markus wants to see the study through. "Do you feel comfortable enough with the information you have to make a decision right now?" he asked the board. He was concerned that the effects the purchased airport would have on the environment and economy had

not been pursued thoroughly.

Most of the board members believe that purchase of the airport will benefit the economy but have their doubts about the effects on the environment. They have toyed with the idea of lengthening the runway to meet federal regulations for public airports if they buy but are afraid that as the airport relieves O'Hare larger airplanes will fly too low over the streets and make even more noise than they do now.

Board members have to decide soon

whether they want to continue their study of the airport which has already lasted two years and has cost the village \$3,000. Some board members balk at reviewing another portion of the study because they think it will imply their approval of the purchase and especially because they still have questions left unanswered from their study so far.

Specifically, Trustee John Cole said that some of the most basic questions about day to day maintenance and provisions for

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Airport may be studied...again—

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crashes and fires at the airport have been almost untouched by the board.

"If we can't agree what to do with the airport," he asked, "than should we acquire it?"

The decision to prolong the study is confused by estimations on how much the airport will cost. The state has estimated that acquisition and development of the airport will cost about \$33 million but it only took into account how much it would cost to buy the airport and to relocate the WolfHintz road intersection so that runways could be lengthened. Ralph Burke Consultants included more factors in their study and more than doubled the estimate to \$78

million.

Board members are also getting headaches over committing themselves to going through with the study when they have almost no firm commitments from anyone else on the future of the airport if they eventually decide to buy. The owner of Palwaukee airport, George Priester, has yet to agree in writing that he will sell the airport if Wheeling and neighboring suburb Prospect Heights agree to buy. And the Federal Aviation Administration has not yet firmly committed itself on what the minimum government safety requirements will be for the airport once it changes from private to public hands.

Pressure is also on board members to

get a commitment on the level of federal funding. Recent federal legislation changed to level of federal contribution of funding from 80 per cent to 90 per cent but that provision only lasts through Sept. 30 when it will be voted on again.

Citizens from the audience had so many questions about buying the airport that the board asked them to submit questions in writing to be discussed at another workshop session, Sept. 29. Larry Donoghue, the consultant who submitted the \$78 million plan, would come to a meeting, tentatively the second week of October to discuss their remaining questions.

9-13-80 Herald

Village must chip in heavily for Hintz widening

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Wheeling will have to agree to pick up a portion of the cost — perhaps as much as 50 percent — if it wants to convince Cook County to widen Hintz Road from two to four lanes within the next five years.

Village Mgr. Thomas Markus and members of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce met this week with Cook County Highway Dept. and were told

there are more than 200 road projects ahead of Hintz Road on the county list. Hintz Road couldn't even be considered until 1985, said chief engineer Louis Quinlan, unless the village volunteers to pay a portion of the cost.

"The cost to widen from two lanes to four lanes runs about \$4 million a mile, and the county highway department has about \$20 million to \$24 million (a year) for road construction. That's only about 5 miles," he said. "If we could get a commitment from the municipal-

ities for half the cost, we could do twice as many projects and we'd certainly be willing to move it up on the list."

Markus said he doubted the village would want to pay half the cost to improve a road that is the responsibility of the county, although he suggested some compromises might be made, such as assuming a smaller portion of the cost or agreeing to maintain the road after it is widened.

ALSO, MARKUS SAID, the village

probably will want to ask the county to widen a smaller section of the road. "It's obvious we'll have to do this in phases," he said. Originally, he had hoped to have the road widened from Milwaukee Avenue to Buffalo Grove Road, a stretch of almost three miles. Getting the county to widen a one-mile stretch from Wolf Road to Wheeling Road "might be more realistic," he said.

Another possibility, Markus said, would be for the village to borrow the

money to get the road widened immediately if the county would agree to repay the village when the Hintz Road project reached the top of the priority list.

A similar project was done in the same manner in Savage, Minn., where Markus formerly was city administrator. However, he said such a procedure apparently hasn't been tried in Illinois and he doubted if the county would be willing to go along with it.

Quinlan agreed. "I'm not sure it's le-

gally permissible," he said. "The county is not in the position to obligate motor fuel taxes other than those which we have on hand for specific projects."

Markus said he expects to submit to the village board a recommendation for the Hintz Road widening within the next few weeks.

Village and chamber officials turned their attention to Hintz Road after an unsuccessful attempt earlier this year to talk the state into spending \$5 million to widen a two-mile stretch of Dundee Road.

A MORE STRINGENT ethics law, one which requires all elected and appointed officials to reveal all land holdings and business ventures of themselves and their immediate families, will be up for final approval by the Wheeling Village Board tonight.

Under the proposed law, the definition of "immediate family" is being broadened to include parents, brothers and sisters as well as spouses and children. Also, officials would be required to disclose the names of any businesses in which they own more than 5 percent interest or serve as an officer or director. Under current law, disclosure only is required if the business is within 10 miles of the village.

The ethics law falls under revisions to the village's personnel and administrative code. The most controversial change to that code, however, has been delayed. That would give Village Mgr. Thomas Markus, rather than the village fire and police commission, the power to promote and demote supervisory personnel within the police and fire departments.

The village board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

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9-15-80 Herald

The week ahead

Trustees to discuss moving lift station

Spending \$6,500 to move a lift station from a residential neighborhood because of residents' complaints will be considered tonight by Wheeling trustees.

Last year, village crews moved the lift station on Fletcher Drive, west of Elmhurst Road, above ground because it was becoming difficult to service the device, leaving a six-foot-high control box sitting on village property near two homeowners' front yards.

Although Street Supl. Robert Isleib said moving the device will be "inconvenient and cost money," trustees say they support the Fletcher Drive residents.

Board members have supported moving the lift station because they agree with residents' complaints that the device is an eyesore and will lower property values.

Trustees will discuss moving the lift station at the 8 p.m. village board meeting in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

Activist Lark dead at 48

9-18-80 Herald

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Lorraine Lark, one of Wheeling's most prominent community leaders, died Wednesday after a month-long illness.

An autopsy will be conducted to determine the exact cause of death, but Mrs. Lark, 48, was undergoing treatment at Columbus Hospital, Chicago, to discover the source of an ailment that was causing liver and kidney failure.

She had served on the Wheeling Park Board since 1967, eight of those years as president. Mrs. Lark also spent 15 years at village hall, starting as a clerk. She was the village's purchasing and payroll officer at the time of her death.

But beyond her official involvement in village affairs, her friends say, was

a deep concern for other people and a willingness to pitch in and help.

MRS. LARK'S community involvement ranged from serving on numerous school and church organizations, the village historical society to organizing Wheeling's "Lollipop Lane," in which she and other volunteers saw that there were free toys and lollipops for children at Christmas as well as presents for the residents at Addolorata Villa, a home for the aged.

"I think what she did came from a love of Wheeling," said Park Director David Phillips. "She came to the defense of the good name of Wheeling and its citizens countless times."

Mrs. Lark chaired a special citizens committee formed when the village wanted to become a home-rule community. That committee recommended, and the village board adopted,



Lorraine Lark

measures limiting the broader taxing powers that accompanies home-rule powers when the proposal was approved by the voters in 1977.

When Wheeling was embroiled in political turmoil after the firing of for-

mer Village Mgr. Terry Zerkle, and some citizens were clamoring for greater accountability of their elected officials, Mrs. Lark headed another special committee to study the issue.

THE RESULT was a recall ordinance, the first one in Illinois, giving voters the power to remove public officials from office.

Services for Mrs. Lark will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Wheeling. Visitation will be from 4 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at Kolssak of Wheeling Funeral Home, Wheeling.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; sons, David and Scott; daughter-in-law, May; sisters, Geraldine Mann, Elaine Hintz and Joan Jones; and her mother, Eleanor Swieczkowski. Memorials may be made to the Wheeling Park District, Wheeling paramedics or Wheeling High School Choral League.

No, thanks Village to pay costs

9-18-80 Herald

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

BECAUSE OF THEIR interest in the operation and possible purchase of Palwaukee Airport, village officials were invited to attend a one-day seminar in Peoria Thursday, Sept. 18, concerning the aviation outlook for Illinois for the next decade.

Airport owner George Priester, extending the invitation by letter, said he would be willing to pay the cost of the trip for the village officials who attend the meeting.

However, following the directive of Village Board President William Hein, the board instead voted unanimously Monday, Sept. 15, to have the village itself bear the expenses.

The seminar is a cooperative effort of the Illinois Aviation Trades Association, the Illinois Department of Aeronautics and the Illinois Public Airports Association. Speakers will include Robert Donahue, Director of the Illinois Department of Aeronautics and Rich Ferris, Chairman and Chief Executive of United Airlines.

Wheeling, together with Prospect Heights, has authorized a study to determine the feasibility of purchasing Palwaukee and running it as a municipal airport. The consulting firm, Ralph Burke and Associates, recently completed Phase Two of the study.

But at the Sept. 8 meeting of the Wheeling Village Board, the trustees questioned the objectivity of the findings, so far and whether the board will have the information it really needs to make an informed decision on the subject.

A special workshop meeting of the Wheeling board is set for Monday, Sept. 29, to enable residents to bring questions before the board regarding the Palwaukee annexation and possible acquisition.

In other business, the board received a letter from Village Manager

Thomas Markus concerning a request of the Cook County Highway Department to widen Hintz Road to four lanes.

Markus said the road improvement was not scheduled to be done within the next five years, although county officials indicated it might be moved "up the ladder" on the county list if the village agreed to share in the cost of the widening. He added the county usually expects 50 percent of the cost of construction and also assume the maintenance of the road.

Markus suggested several possible ways of financing the improvement, including having all of the businesses along Hintz Road contribute a proportionate share. The Chamber of Commerce will discuss the matter and then submit recommendations to the village board, he said.

The board also:

• Adopted a resolution authorizing the hiring of a person with an accounting degree or working toward a Certified Public Accountant to help out temporarily in the finance department.

Finance Director Gregory Peters said the absence of purchasing/payroll officer Lorraine Lark, who has been hospitalized with a serious illness, "has put an extreme burden on the efficiency of this division and, in effect, the entire village." Peters added that head accountant Marge Fluder has indicated she wishes to retire next April.

• Tabled approval of the final plat of the 13-home Michael's Manor subdivision until an agreement can be reached with the developer of an adjacent subdivision concerning a storm sewer.

According to the village staff, the proposed storm sewer connection for Michael's Manor discharges into a privately maintained facility constructed by the Candlewood Creek developers and maintained by the Candlewood Creek homeowners.

Mrs. Lark, who died Wednesday at 48, served on the Wheeling Park Board during its most significant growth. First elected in 1967, she served eight years as its president and was re-elected to a third term on the board last year. Under her

But Mrs. Lark didn't confine herself to park activities. She assumed the chairmanship of a special committee to establish more accountability in village hall, the result of which was enactment of the first official-recall ordinance in Illinois. She also headed a special panel to explore the prospect

People like Lorraine Lark do not come along often. How sad it is that she left so early.

An uncommon woman

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of declaring home rule, and the village board followed the committee's recommendations.

On top of all this, Mrs. Lark still found time to devote to the village historical society, to school activities and to church organizations. Because of her and others like her, residents of a home for the aged were remembered at Christmas, and kids who might otherwise have been overlooked received toys and lollipops from Santa.

The family and countless friends of Lorraine Lark have our heartfelt sympathy. They have lost a woman of rare commitment and uncommon devotion to her community, a woman who unhesitatingly volunteered when few others would. Wheeling will always be the better for her involvement in civic affairs.

9-24-80 Herald

Village considers 'pooper scooper' rule in litter law

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

It soon may be illegal in Wheeling to walk your dog without taking along some type of device to clean up the mess it might make on the neighbor's lawn or the sidewalk.

A "pooper scooper" provision is being written into a new ordinance designed to thwart litterbugs and improve the appearance of the village. Also, the new law would require residents to keep their lawns trimmed to a height of no more than eight inches. That requirement also would apply to village-owned "parkways," between a person's yard and the street.

Trustees, scheduled to adopt the new

law next month, briefly considered imposing "setback" requirements that would force a resident to clean up animal deposits on his own property if they were within a certain distance from his neighbor's yard.

However, trustees decided such a provision would be unenforceable. Trustee Robert Ross said if the problem ever became serious enough to evoke a complaint, the animal owner probably could be cited for other health code violations.

VIOLATIONS OF the proposed requirement to clean up all animal defecation would be subject to a minimum fine of \$20 for the first offense, and a minimum of \$50 for each subsequent offense. Blind persons with guide dogs are exempt from the new law.

Although trustees said they liked the idea of forcing residents to keep their grass cut, some said the village could be asking for a lawsuit.

"We're forcing people to maintain property other than their own," said Trustee John Cole. "If I were to get a heart attack while mowing village property, I'd feel perfectly justified in suing the village." He added the village would be "hard pressed" to prove the village was imposing such a requirement "in the interest of public safety."

Village Atty. David Epstein conceded such a case would be more difficult to defend than the requirement by many towns that residents shovel snow from their sidewalks, but he said the village could defend the ordinance's rationale, which is to help rid the village of "noxious weeds, rats and other vermin."

Other provisions of the new litter law include:

- Prohibiting homeowners from placing garbage cans on the street before sundown for the next day's pickup.
- Prohibiting the distribution of literature to a person's home by throwing it in the yard or leaving it on the doorstep or in the mailbox. Delivery of mail and distribution of newspapers are exempt. Also, trustees probably will exclude distribution of political literature from the law.
- Outlawing the open burning of leaves, paper or other litter.
- Requiring owners of stores or shopping centers to clean up their premises if a pamphlet or flyer they have handed out is discarded by a customer.

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March it was adopted by the Illinois House. Wheeling was the second community to proclaim it and Buffalo Grove has passed it before and is expected to pass it next year. Supporters hope it will become a nationwide program.

"Of course Right to Life is engaged very strongly in Respect Life Week," Larry Theriault, spokesman and Right to Life member for 10 years, said. "But abortion is just a portion of what it is supposed to stand for. We have raised money to improve the conditions for the elderly and help the blind get seeing eye dogs. We want to make people aware that retarded children need their help and that child abuse and the divorce rate are growing problems."

Making people aware of what problems need to be solved in this country is the main goal of Respect Life Week, Theriault said.

"At least think about the issues, don't take life for granted. Life is being

challenged everywhere with suicide and murder rates increasing alarmingly. Something has to be done."

He added, "It's true that Illinois Right to Life is involved in a very controversial issue, but there are plenty of other areas where we can work together. We don't want to polarize other groups with our sponsorship of the proclamation."

But it seems that the group has done just that.

"Right To Life and city councils have the right to proclaim whatever they want. But I'm not so sure if it's such a good idea to pass it first and not notify residents. Everyone should have a voice in what the city council does," Wendy Gruen, acting president of Northwest Suburban NOW said.

"I say to people who don't agree with us on abortion that we can work together on the areas we do agree on. Eventually we will be able to find a solution for our final disagreement," Theriault said.

9-25-80
Reminder

Wheeling board backs Respect Life week

By SHARON GELTNER

A couple tries to trade their baby in for a car.

A jogger is beaten to death in a park.

An elderly store owner is robbed of \$10 then shot in the head.

"A lot of people called that last murder a 'senseless killing.' As opposed to what? A 'sensible killing'? Murder is murder and all of us have got to get together and do something about this growing disregard for human life," said Ellen Paczek. Paczek wasn't just kidding. She requested that the Wheeling trustees proclaim a Respect Life Week in the village from Oct. 5 - Oct. 12. They did and local schools and churches have been notified that the week includes poster and essay contests on the Respect Life theme for their kids to enter.

So far Wheeling's Respect Life proclamation sounds innocuous enough except that some people took offense at part of the wording of it, which includes a lot more than liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"...We are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights and that among these are the right to life...the life of each person is sacred—the born and the unborn...the purpose of Respect Life Week is to re-educate the American people to the dignity of human life and to the attacks most recently made upon it..." the proclamation reads in part.

Paczek, who has been a member of the anti-abortion Right To Life organization for about five years sees nothing wrong with the language.

"The proclamation is co-sponsored by Right to Life and local ministers and evangelists but it can't be confused with the Right To Life group. Everyone should respect life. The proclamation may help



Ellen Paczek

pro-life groups because it makes people examine the issues more closely," Paczek said.

The proclamation has been very successful since it was first started in 1973. Over 500 communities across the midwest have proclaimed Respect Life week and in

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HOLD CEREMONY FOR CARE CENTER SUNDAY

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Topics

A groundbreaking ceremony for Holy Family Hospital's Wheeling Ambulatory Care Center will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m. at the construction site, Milwaukee Avenue at Strong Street, Wheeling. Completion of the facility, owned and operated by Holy Family in Des Plaines, is expected by Fall 1981.

Master of Ceremonies for the ceremony will be Wells B. Jones, director, development and marketing, Holy Family Hospital.

Reverend Leroy A. Wickowski, cardinal's representative for hospitals, will give the invocation. Sister Patricia Ann, president, Holy Family, will welcome guests and make the opening remarks. Additional remarks will be made by William Hein, president, Village of Wheeling; Nick Fanella, president, Wheeling Chamber of Commerce; Sister M. Hilary, chairman, Governing Board, Holy Family; Jeremias Pruc, M.D., president, medical-dental staff, Holy Family; and James Sheldon, chairman, development council, Holy Family.

The Blessing of the ground will be conducted by Reverend Wickowski and Father Roger Wyse, director, pastoral care department, Holy Family. They will be joined for the groundbreaking by the speakers on the program.

THE WHEELING Ambulatory Care Center will be a 20,000 sq. ft., one floor structure, located on a 2½-acre site near downtown Wheeling. The \$4.5 million facility will provide Wheeling and surrounding communities a wide variety of health care services and community service programs.

Needed health care services will be provided at a location convenient to Wheeling and

neighboring residents as well as a large number of employees working in industries and business.

Designed by the Chicago firm of Holabird and Root, the Center features two wings and an attractive, central reception area atrium.

ONE WING OF the facility will house 7 examination-treatment areas, a radiology suite, clinical laboratory, cast room, and cardio-respiratory services. The center will be equipped to handle treatment for minor injuries and illnesses, and pre-employment and annual physicals for employees of area companies. Patients with non-life threatening illnesses will be treated at the Center. Paramedics will take patients requiring more intensive medical care to Holy Family Hospital in nearby Des Plaines or the closest hospital.

In addition to the clinical wing, another wing will house 5 doctor's offices and one dental office.

Each suite includes 2 examination rooms, a consultation office and reception areas. A large, multi-purpose room will be provided for conducting community service programs such as prenatal classes, babysitters' training program and free blood pressure screening. A walk-job program will be available enabling residents to exercise for their health. The multi-purpose room also will be available for use by other community organizations.

Exterior appearance of the center will be in warm, earthtone colors. The exterior cladding will consist of horizontal bands of beige and brown stucco. Windows will be bronze in color, and the main entry and the atrium will be paved in medium brown brick.



Artist's rendering of Holy Family Hospital's new Wheeling Ambulatory Care Center going up near Milwaukee Avenue at Strong Street near downtown Wheeling. Opening in 1981 (the Center will feature treatment for minor injuries and illnesses, laboratory and

radiology facilities, special programs for senior citizens, pre-employment and annual physicals for employees of area companies and a special room for community programs.)



Using the 2-handed approach, Bety Gray, 11, of Buffalo Grove throws a hoop around a teddy bear, in a booth at Buffalo Grove

Family Days celebration last Sunday. (Topics Photo by Linda Dwelle)

Karin Richter Gets Training

Cadet Karin Richter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aldred Richter, 2410 N. Hickory Ln., Arlington Hts., recently received practical

work in military leadership at the Army ROTC advanced camp at Fort Riley, Kan.

9-25-80 Herald

Residents to tell their case against Pal-Waukeee buy

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Residents opposed to public purchase of Pal-Waukeee Airport say they plan to present their case within a week to Wheeling and Prospect Heights, the towns considering buying the airport.

Lowell Stolerow, secretary of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, said his group's objections center on two concerns: skepticism that a cheaper plan to buy Pal-Waukeee is realistic and failure by the towns to consider the "economic value" of developing the land instead of preserving the airport.

Airport experts and local officials considering the possible public takeover of the airport have endorsed a plan by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation to spend \$34 million on the airport, of which the local share would amount to about \$3.4 million. The balance of the cost would be paid through state and federal funds.

That plan was devised after the consulting firm that prepared a \$120,000 study on whether a public takeover of Pal-Waukeee is financially feasible recommended spending \$78 million during the next 20 years, which would include numerous airport improvements like a new airport terminal. The consultant, Larry Donoghue, of Ralph Burke Associates, then supported the state plan, saying airport users could be asked to pay for improvements as they are needed.

BUT STOLEROW SAYS a public airport will be "insatiable," constantly needing improvements.

"The so called 'mini' or 'maxi' plan is of no consequence," he said. "A public airport must continuously grow. And you'll have some airport manager in there whose job depends on turning a profit. At what point does he say to the communities, 'Condemn the drive-in theater so I can have some place to put the airplanes?'"

Stolerow said he doubted the airport users would be willing to put up the money for major improvements as they are needed, since they already are being asked to purchase bonds that would be issued to pay the local share of purchasing the airport. Local officials say they will not use property taxes to subsidize the cost of buying the airport.

The airport group, which claims 720 members, also is asking the towns to consider the tax benefit to residents if the 250-acre airport site was developed industrially. As a public facility, Pal-Waukeee would not pay property taxes, but industrial property is assessed at 40 percent of its market value. Development of an industrial park on the airport property could broaden the towns' tax base enough to reduce residents' tax bills, Stolerow said.

The group will submit its complaints in writing to Wheeling and Prospect Heights this week, he added. Wheeling plans to hold a special meeting with the consultant to answer questions about the airport study before authorizing its final phase.

Both towns will vote sometime next month on whether to continue with the study.

Time is near

10-2-80 Life

Trustees seem ready for cable

WHEELING — The time is approaching to make a decision on a cable TV franchise, according to Wheeling officials. Board members told Bill Grams, executive director of the Northwest Municipal Conference, at a Sept. 29 meeting, that the conference has taken nearly two years to study the options and now the franchise or franchises should be decided and awarded.

Wheeling is one of 21 communities in the NWMC that authorized and financed a study of cable operators and their offerings. A few other NWMC communities did not participate, deciding to negotiate with the companies on their own.

In July, the Malarkey Taylor and Associates report rated Cablenet and Warner Amex as the two top firms bidding for the regional franchise with two additional firms, Metrovision and Cablevision, ranked closely behind.

The report strongly urged as many of the 21 communities as possible to work together in order to secure the most favorable conditions for all of the citizens who would be potential subscribers.

Grams said cable television is more cost-effective if done multi-jurisdictionally. He said the suburbs of Chicago are the "last big cable area in the country."

Grams explained the cable corporations don't work like other businesses because their revenues are based on

marketing surveys that show people are willing to spend \$12 and \$18 per month for cable programs. Because the rates are already a "known" factor, the companies are looking for the highest number of potential subscribers to make their coming into the market feasible and profitable.

It would be best for the municipalities to work together because they could then have more leverage with the cable company, Grams said. Otherwise the cable operator would be much less likely to install and activate a circuit for the use of schools, hospitals and other public institutions.

Grams said the area might split into sub-regions, which would make such an institutional network much less likely to be put in. Right now, he said, some of the communities say they need more information while others are ready to make a decision.

The Nov. 12 NWMC meeting will give the results of the communities' responses concerning the CATV report. Grams said a selection council composed of either the mayor or representatives of the city council or village board from each community would be formed to begin the decision-making process.

Once the decision is made, with an alternate company also decided upon, negotiations will begin, he said.

The village of Wheeling has scheduled a public hearing on the subject of cable television for Monday, Oct. 13.

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Hunt two men in cop assault

WHEELING POLICE ARE seeking two men in the attempted strong-armed robbery of off-duty sergeant Jack Kimsey.

Kimsey, police say, was driving north on Wheeling Road on Sunday, Sept. 28, when he spotted a vehicle on

the side of the road. Police report that a man told Kimsey the car had stalled and he needed help. When Kimsey reportedly got out of the car, a second man appeared and after a short conversation, struck Kimsey, breaking his nose, scratching his eye and damaging

some teeth.

The two men, reportedly of Hispanic descent, went through Kimsey's wallet, but left when they saw his police department identification.

Kimsey was treated and released from Holy Family Hospital.

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Airport study should move into Phase 3

But the time for foot-dragging is over. The topic is on the agendas of both municipal boards this month. An affirmative vote is in order to go ahead with the study.

THE TIME HAS come for Wheeling and Prospect Heights to make a decision on whether to proceed with Phase 3 of the feasibility study on the possible acquisition of Pal-Waukeee Airport.

The two communities have vacillated long enough on the issue.

Two phases of the study have been completed and although the communities may not be entirely satisfied with the results, it would be foolish at this time to drop the matter.

IT APPEARS important to the business community that Pal-Waukeee Airport remain in business. If it is important to business, then the communities benefit from the tax base these businesses provide. In turn the corporate tax base benefits the residents because their taxes are lower.

The two communities, the federal government and the state have not been studying this acquisition for the benefit of George Priester, the current owner of the airport. The study has been for the benefit of the entire area and with the realization that this corporate air traffic must remain stationed off from O'Hare.

The consultant doing the study has spent almost two years on it and thousands of dollars have been spent by both communities, the state and federal governments. It would be a waste of taxpayers' money not to proceed with Phase 3 — the study of environmental impact of the airport.

THERE ARE many questions to be answered. It is understandable that residents living near the airport are concerned about expansion rumors. And these questions should be answered and the fears allayed as much as possible.

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Board wants more study specifics

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

MORE INFORMATION of a specific "nuts and bolts" nature concerning Palwaukee Airport is necessary and will be sought from consultants as part of Phase 3 of the airport study. That was the consensus of the village board's workshop session Monday, Sept. 29.

In addition to meeting with airport planners Ralph Burke and Associates prior to beginning Phase 3, the board agreed to hold a public hearing so citizens will be able to hear the answers to their questions about the airport acquisition from the consultants. The deadline for submission of written questions was Sept. 29.

Phase 3 will cover the financial and environmental impact of the airport becoming a public facility. Phase

1-examined whether Palwaukee should remain an airport, while Phase 2 dealt with the ways to purchase the airport, on the assumption it should remain there.

Board members were in agreement that the airport should continue to exist as an airport rather than being developed into an office complex or condominiums, which have been mentioned as alternatives. "Without another reliever airport for O'Hare, I don't see how the airport could close down. It would be a disaster for the airport industry," was the way Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld put it.

Palwaukee is likely to become a public rather than a private facility, as it now is, the officials believe. "If it becomes a public airport, it behooves Wheeling to get involved," said Trustee Charles Kerr. "Otherwise, we'll

have no control." He pointed out that Wheeling and Prospect Heights are the most directly affected by air traffic.

There is a general reluctance to have the village "get involved in the airport business," but as Trustee John Cole said, "realistically, it's the only way the FAA would be involved." The federal governing body does not have authority over private airports.

FAA involvement would be beneficial in the trustees' view, particularly for safety aspects. "The long runway was extended by the county and they paid no attention to FAA regulations. It's potentially dangerous, although so far there have been no accidents," Cole said.

He asked for "a hard-headed discussion with the FAA. I feel they have dodged a lot of questions, ducked a lot of issues and hedged." He said the

agency tends to duck issues unless confronted with a very dangerous situation or an actual accident.

The trustees admitted they have little expertise in running an airport, but suggested it could be run by a governing body such as an airport commission or airport district. "It's like a corporation diversifying," Sommerfeld said. "They get professional people to run the physical plant and the day-to-day operation."

Financially, all board members agreed the airport should be self-sufficient. It could be funded through landing fees, a gas tax or other means. "One thing I will oppose is Wheeling taxpayers being assessed one dime," Kerr said.

The airport is of regional importance, the trustees also concluded. Near by communities of Glenview, North-

brook and Mount Prospect are particularly concerned and might be interested in becoming involved, Kerr said.

However, although the village has received some 71 letters urging it to acquire the airport, most from persons and businesses outside of Wheeling, "nobody ever mentions any financing," Cole said. "Who should pay the bill?"

Other questions such as fire protection for the airport have yet to be answered, Cole added. Curfews for the planes and the legal liabilities the village would assume were some of the other areas where trustees feel they have little vital information.

Board member Sheila Schultz suggested talking with officials of another municipality which has taken over a private airport and asking how they handled it.

Wheeling to pursue airport acquisition

Reminders
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By SHARON GELTNER
Wheeling trustees agreed Monday they should continue their study of the acquisition of Pal-Waukee Airport, but more out of a sense of fear that surrounding communities may snap up the airport than out of any real support for the study.

Glenview, Northbrook and Mount Prospect have expressed interest in the privately-owned airport. Wheeling trustees fear if they give up studying the acquisition of the airport then those communities, or even the county or a local private business, could move in to buy. Despite the fact that trustees now plan to see the study through they remain unsure whether the airport is worth acquiring with public funds, but they definitely don't want control of it given to some other owner.

Trustees seem sure that the airport will continue to remain an airport even if the villages of Wheeling and Prospect Heights do not acquire it. With that seen as fact they want to make sure they have a say in the running of the airport, especially the length of the runways, size of the planes and amount of noise.

If Pal-Waukee remains private they will have no control over those factors because the Federal Aviation Agency will not interfere with privately-owned airports. If the airport goes public, but without Wheeling owning any of it, the airport will have to follow government regulations but

not the stricter local ordinances that Wheeling would prefer.

"The building will stay an airport and we want the control to stay with us...because it's going to stay an airport I want to stay involved," Trustee Roger Powers said.

Trustee John Cole agreed. "I'm not anxious to join the airport business. But I'm a realist. The airport is going to be there, we might as well get it under FAA rules by making it public," he said.

Trustees are further committing themselves to the purchase of the airport by continuing their study of it but they are less than satisfied with what they've learned so far. They said they were overwhelmed by the masses of "raw data and technical details" the study involves.

Cole added that the early portions of the study made some assumptions about future improvements of the airport that the village board hadn't agreed to from the start. The board now plans to contact experts who've been through similar airport acquisition experiences so their study will be more complete.

The consultants conducting the study have already exceeded their \$120,000 allotment with only 74 per cent of it completed. Wheeling and Prospect Heights, which have already chipped in \$3,000 each, are not obligated to the consulting firm for any additional costs.

Limited annex across county border sought

10-3-80

by Gordon Walek

Herald staff writer

In an attempt to stop Wheeling and Buffalo Grove from expanding further into Lake County, county board Chairman Glenn Miller is calling for new laws that would largely prohibit a village from annexing across county borders.

Lake and Cook counties "are developing along very different philosophical lines," Miller said, and Wheeling and Buffalo Grove "have a totally different philosophy with regard to development than their Lake County neighbors. They want strip developments and high density housing, and that doesn't fit in with our comprehensive plan for estate housing in southern

Lake County."

Miller, a Long Grove resident, is a bitter foe of a planned 835-acre residential and industrial development in Lake County north of Buffalo Grove, and in recent months has repeatedly castigated village officials for considering the proposal. He says such a large development will destroy the "rural character" of southern Lake County and will further burden county tax payers.

HIS LATEST attack also includes Wheeling, where village officials have been eyeing a 203-acre parcel north of Lake-Cook Road near the Chevy Chase Golf Course which owner William Johnson wants to develop for light industry, businesses and condominiums.

Miller said annexations across coun-

ty lines should be permitted only when 60 percent of the area to be annexed already lies in the county in which the village is chartered, or when the type of development conforms to what neighboring towns want.

He also said he would ask Illinois lawmakers to prohibit any annexations, across county lines or otherwise, if adjacent municipalities object.

Long Grove officials — who control sewer hook-ups on the 835 acres Buffalo Grove might annex — already have told Miller they won't allow the developer access to Lake County sewers, but the board chairman has no similar leverage against Wheeling expansion.

HE NOW SAYS Wheeling's designs on the Johnson property violate agreements among Lake County villages —

including Buffalo Grove — about who should control sewer hookups in the area. And if the Metropolitan Sanitary District comes into Lake County, it could destroy any vestige of orderly planning in the area, Miller said.

Johnson's Chevy Chase Sewer and Water Co. is being sued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for allegedly dumping five times more treated sewage into the Des Plaines River than is allowed by federal standards. Buffalo Grove, which controls Lake County sewer connections in the area, earlier this year refused to allow Johnson access to those sewers after he wouldn't agree to annex his property to the village.

Wheeling officials and Johnson then talked to the MSD, which said it would

serve the area if the land was annexed to Wheeling.

"Despite all of our planning, we find ourselves at the mercy of the developer who is able to seek out a community which has a totally different philosophical approach to development," Miller said. "There needs to be a law which prohibits a community that is based within another county from growing into a neighboring county without conforming to the plans of their neighbors."

Buffalo Grove Village Pres. Verna Clayton bristled at Miller's proposal, saying every town should be free to decide its own boundaries. And she contested his statement that Buffalo Grove was a "Cook County" community.

"ONE-THIRD OF our residents live in Lake County," Mrs. Clayton said, "and they pay Lake County taxes. It angers me that the board chairman is disenfranchising 8,000 people and telling them he doesn't consider them constituents. That should make every one of our Lake County residents think twice about the county officials who are representing them."

"I can't imagine the Legislature would approve such a law," Mrs. Clayton said. "That's a far-out consideration he's talking about and would take away all local control of development."

Wheeling officials involved in talks with Johnson were unavailable for comment Thursday.

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City to continue airport study

by Pamela Bailey Akers

Herald staff writer

Despite objections from an alderman and a resident, Prospect Heights will continue with the final phase of a \$120,000 study to determine whether the city should join with Wheeling and buy Pal-Waukee Airport.

Most officials have supported a state plan that recommends spending \$34 million for the airport, with the local share ranging from \$1.7 million to \$3.4 million, depending on the amount the federal government is willing to contribute to the cost. Wheeling officials are expected later this month to approve proceeding with the third and final phase of the study.

Robert Schaps, a Prospect Heights resident who has fought the purchase since it was first proposed, criticized the city council for basing its decision on the wrong considerations.

"The questions is not whether the

users will pay the necessary fees," Schaps said. "The question is whether the people of Prospect Heights want the airport. We don't."

Mayor Richard Wolf said 56 airport users wrote the city in support of the airport, and 10 of the 11 users questioned further said they would be willing to pay higher fees to help finance the purchase.

SCHAPS CALLED Pal-Waukee a "public safety hazard" because as a private airport it does not have to comply with Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

"For you to purchase the airport and comply with the FAA regulations and handle the increasing size of planes will have this long-term result: The people in that area will be subjected to the same problems that the people around O'Hare are suffering," Schaps said.

Ald. Frank Meacham, 3rd, said he has friends who live in the same area

as Schaps who "are as vehement in the opposite direction as you."

Along with aldermen William Larson, 3rd, and Robert Perkowitz, 2nd, Meacham said he was in "a real quandary" about whether to purchase the airport. Although Larson was the only council member to vote against continuing with the study, Meacham and Perkowitz said they thought the best way to proceed is to finish the study and make a decision after all the information is in.

THE THIRD and final phase of the study will include an environmental impact study, more details on the financial feasibility of the purchase and how strong the possibilities are of receiving aid through state and federal funding.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights have chipped in about \$3,000 each toward the cost of the study. The state is contributing \$6,000, and the balance is being paid by the FAA.

Anti-litter law approved

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It now is illegal in Wheeling to walk your dog or any other pet without taking along some kind of device to clean up a mess the animal might make on the sidewalk or in a neighbor's yard.

Wheeling trustees Monday night approved a "pooper-scooper" provision in an anti-litter ordinance designed to enhance the appearance of the village.

The restrictions do not apply, however, to blind persons walking with

their guide dogs. Violators of the ordinance can be fined between \$20 and \$50 for the first offense.

The litter law also requires all property owners to keep their lawns trimmed to a height of no more than eight inches. In addition to the lawns, residents now will be forced to maintain the village-owned "parkways" between a homeowner's front or side yard and the street.

Other provisions of the litter law include:

- Prohibiting homeowners from placing garbage cans on the street before sundown for the next day's pickup.
- Prohibiting the distribution of literature to a person's house by throwing it in the yard or leaving it on the doorstep or in the mailbox. Delivery of mail and distribution of newspapers and political literature are exempt

from the provision.

- Outlawing the open burning of leaves, paper or other litter.
- Requiring persons distributing handbills in a public place to clean up the area if any of those handbills are discarded.

Persons found guilty of violating those portions of the litter law can be fined between \$10 and \$200.

VILLAGE MAY FINISH STUDY OF PALWAUKEE

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Prefer Purchase To Private Owner

Reluctantly agreeing that Palwaukee Airport will probably remain open whether or not Wheeling and Prospect Hts. decide to purchase it, Wheeling trustees tentatively decided Monday to direct a consulting firm to implement the final phase of a 3-part airport study.

In a workshop session Monday night, trustees unanimously agreed that if the airport is to remain open it will be to the village's advantage to purchase the facility rather than having it remain privately owned. The village had held off on giving the go-ahead to consultants to finish up the study until the board determined if it was interested in purchasing the facility.

AS THE WORKSHOP was an informal session, final direction on the study will be made at a later date. Village President William Hein and Trustee Robert Ross were not present at the

workshop. The consulting firm of Ralph Burke Assoc. was hired jointly by Wheeling and Prospect Hts. to study the feasibility of acquiring the privately-owned airport and turning it into a public facility. Currently, the airport is owned by George Preister.

The final phase will address environmental issues.

"IT WILL REMAIN an airport. With that premise, my biggest fear is that if another community or private enterprise were to purchase it, they would have the right to call the shots," commented Trustee Roger Powers. "I prefer to have the control remain with us. The element control is essential to a sound decision."

Wheeling resident Bill Rogers submitted a list of questions about the airport to the board for

the consultant to answer. Some of his questions included: what are runway use restrictions that affect Palwaukee due to proximity of Glenview Naval Air Base and O'Hare Airport; how much money would be saved by federal, state and local governments if Wolf Road was not relocated; it is understood that practically every hangar, building, runway, taxiway at Palwaukee violates Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety criteria, and that every runway is too close to a traversing highway and the Wheeling drainage ditch.

TRUSTEES ALSO had a list of questions: what kind of facilities would be necessary in case of crash or fire; could a curfew be established to limit landings and takeoffs; how would the airport be operated; if the 2 communities should later decide to close down and sell the airport, what options would be available.

Village leaders Lark, Gill honored

Wheeling officially has honored two of its most prominent community leaders, Lorraine Lark, a village employee and former park board president who died last month, and Kenneth Gill, superintendent of schools for Wheeling Township Dist. 21 who is retiring Dec. 31.

An atrium, now nearing completion

in the lobby of village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd., will be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Lark. She died of kidney failure at the age of 48, following a month-long stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Lark had served on the Wheeling Park Board since 1967, eight of those years as president. She also spent 15 years at village hall, starting as a

clerk and finishing as the village's payroll and purchasing officer. Mrs. Lark also was involved in a vast array of community and civic functions.

Village Pres. William Hein presented Mrs. Lark's husband, Donald, with a plaque commemorating her years of service to the village.

Gill, 55, also was praised by Hein

and presented with a plaque for "years of service to the community." Gill is the Northwest suburbs' senior school superintendent, having served in that post for 21 years.

He plans to move from his Long Grove home to Sturgeon Bay, Wis., to devote more time to part-time teaching, writing and legislative lobbying.

Village board wrapup

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\$2,750 allocated to aid pedestrians

Wheeling trustees voted to spend \$9,800 with state highway officials to install a pedestrian crossing device at Elmhurst and Old McHenry roads.

Village officials requested the device after residents complained pedestrian crossing was hazardous. The village's share will come to \$2,450, plus \$300 to install a sidewalk leading to the signal device. Trustee John Cole said the village should urge the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, which is installing the device, to eliminate the right turns on red lights for motorists.

Cole said motorists frequently fail to watch for pedestrian traffic when turning right on a red light. Other trustees complained the McHenry-Elmhurst Road intersection is not an intersection that most desperately needs a pedestrian crossing device, but agreed with Village Mgr. Thomas Markus, who said the village "should take what we can get at this point."

Police, fire equipment buys OK'd

More than \$50,000 will be spent for Wheeling police, firefighting and public works equipment.

The spending includes \$9,177 for a half-ton pickup truck for the low bidder, Sorensen Chevrolet, Waukegan; \$10,941 for a fire extinguishing system for the new fire station's quarters at village hall to be installed by Able Fire and Safety Co., Chicago; \$10,156 for a pickup truck from Rockenbach Chevy, Grayslake; \$11,999 for portable and mobile radios from Motorola Inc., Schaumburg, and \$9,261 for a snow plow and sand spreader from Illinois FWD Truck and Equipment, Rosemont.

Residents balk at village street deal

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Homeowners in Wheeling's Shadow Bend Condominiums are balking at turning over the maintenance of their private streets to the village because the village is asking for land rights along Milwaukee Avenue as part of the deal.

As it has done for four other condominium complexes, the village will plow snow and patch potholes in Shadow Bend in exchange for a one-time fee of \$200 per homeowner. The 218-unit development is located between Milwaukee Avenue and the Des Plaines River, north of Dundee Road.

But village officials say they need the land rights to a 17-foot-wide strip that runs the length of the development along Milwaukee Avenue in case the village can persuade the state to

widen the road or install curbs and gutters. However, Shadow Bend residents say they are worried the landscaping along Milwaukee Avenue could be destroyed if they give up the land, and Richard Harwood, developer of Shadow Bend, said it is unlikely he will be unable to sell five units that are yet to be constructed along Milwaukee Avenue if the land is taken by the village.

Paul Eisterhold, a member of the Shadow Bend homeowners' board, told village board members he would have to consult with the rest of his group before deciding whether Shadow Bend will accept that condition.

VILLAGE PRES. William Hein said the village is "not going to go over there and take everything over," but added that the village has a policy of attempting to secure land rights whenever possible. Acquiring those land rights, he said, improves the village's bargaining position in getting the state to make improvements to Milwaukee Avenue. The Milwaukee Avenue corridor, from Manchester Avenue to Lake-Cook

Road, is the nucleus of Wheeling's efforts to revitalize its downtown area.

Village officials last year agreed to take over the private streets in condominium developments in exchange for the "impact fee." Residents in private developments had argued that although they were paying village taxes, they were not getting their fair share of village road maintenance services.

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Developers told to share drainage cost

In an attempt to smother a long-standing feud between the developers of two Wheeling subdivisions, village officials are telling both sides to share in the cost of building and maintaining a drainage pond that the two developments will use.

The dispute stems from a disagreement between developers of Candlewood Creek, a 45-house subdivision that runs along Mayer Avenue, west of 5th Street, and the developers of the proposed Michael's Manor subdivision, consisting of 13 houses on 5th Street, south of Mayer Avenue.

The Candlewood Creek developers are demanding that Michael's Manor pay for a portion of the drainage basin



built by Candlewood to control storm water runoff. Although Michael's Manor is tying into village-owned

storm sewer, that sewer empties into the private drainage pond. Village board members say they will not approve the final building plans for Michael's Manor unless the developer will pay slightly less than one-third of the cost of building and maintaining the retention basin. That amount was arrived at because Michael's Manor is roughly one-third the size of Candlewood Creek and should contribute that much storm water to the drainage pond.

VILLAGE MGR. Thomas Markus said it has not yet been determined how much the total cost will be to each developer. "We're still working on a report," he said. Former Village Atty, John Burke,

representing Michael's Manor, said Wednesday he has not had a chance to review the village's proposal and could not comment on it. He has said, however, his client offered earlier this year to pay Candlewood Creek \$7,000 for use of their water retention facility, an offer that was rejected.

And because the developer was unable to start the project this year, Burke has balked at his client paying anything for use of the drainage pond.

Charles Berke, an attorney for Candlewood Creek, said "the theory of it (the village proposal) certainly sounds fair to me. If you own something and somebody else uses it, you should be compensated for it."

Drainage problems

Final approval of development delayed

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

WHEELING — Approval of the final plat of the 12-home Michael's Manor subdivision was held up once again until an agreement can be reached with the developer of an adjacent subdivision concerning storm water drainage.

According to the village staff, the proposed storm sewer connection for Michael's Manor discharges into a privately maintained facility constructed by the Candlewood Creek developers and maintained by the Candlewood Creek homeowners.

Attorneys for the two developments have been at loggerheads over the situation for some time. John Burke, the lawyer for Michael's Manor, maintains his clients did not intend to take advantage of the improvements in Candlewood. "The fact that the storm sewer...empties into a 'private' detention basin was not known to my clients until some time after their preliminary plat of subdivision had been approved," Burke wrote in a letter to the village board.

He said they had offered \$7,000 to Candlewood to "resolve our differences," but the offer had been turned down. Burke further said that because construction will not be able to begin until spring of 1981, his clients are now

"unwilling to pay any sum of money to Candlewood."

BURKE ALSO SAID Candlewood's agreement shows that the detention basin will benefit the 45 Candlewood owners and the village of Wheeling, so therefore, his clients should be able to attach a hookup to the sewer lines as residents of Wheeling.

On the other hand, Charles Berke, who represents Candlewood Creek, says that "Michael's Manor wants to use Candlewood Creek's private detention basin for free." He said that no formal offer of settlement was ever made by Michael's Manor, but "If they wish to make a formal offer of settlement at this time, we will certainly give it serious consideration."

Berke added that the Candlewood Creek engineer had determined that storm water from Michael's Manor would naturally drain to the south and east, or away from Candlewood Creek. "The established law is to the effect that the natural flow of surface water cannot be altered to the detriment of an adjacent property," Berke said in his letter to the board.

"I can't believe they can't get together," said Trustee Charles Kerr. "It puts the village in a difficult position."

Village Attorney David Epstein pointed out a third element of the problem. He said the village has had inquiries from Michael Donigan, the owner

of property at the southwest corner of Mayer and Wolf roads. "Significantly, the village has denied him the authority to build on the land because it's at the bottom of a hill, with no drainage exit," he said.

The property is adjacent to Michael's Manor and lies southeast of it.

BOTH EPSTEIN and Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer said the answer to the problem appears to be to put in a new sewer line that would connect with one that exists on dedicated Mayer Avenue. Oppenheimer said the line was built by the disbanded Wheeling Drainage District. "We assume they went west from the river and ran out of money," he said.

Epstein said the line could benefit, not only Donigan, but the Michael's Manor subdivision and possibly others, if it were built. He said there could be a special assessment for putting in the sewer lines.

Village Manager Thomas Markus estimated assessments could be ready in time for the next construction season. He said there might be some logistical problems involving the crossing under Wolf road, but "we have to assume we can do it."

The board decided to assign the problem to a special committee chaired by Trustee John Cole. Trustees Sheila Schultz and Roger Powers will serve on the committee.

Clean up

New ordinance hits litter

WHEELING — Garbage may not be set out on the curb before sunset of the day prior to pickup, merchants must keep their sidewalks and premises free of litter and pet owners must clean up after their animals from now on.

Those are some of the provisions of an ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees Oct. 6 for the regulation of litter and "other nuisances."

The ordinance, which also covers landscape maintenance, revises the previous litter ordinance to close some loopholes and provide for a better appearance for the village. "It's part of the beautification (plan)," Trustee Sheila Schultz said.

She explained that the village has had problems in the past with merchants blaming the maintenance personnel hired by the entire shopping center for not cleaning up the area in front of their store, or with merchants who are not the owners of the stores saying the owners were the ones responsible for the messy sidewalks.

PREVIOUSLY GARBAGE could be put at the curb within 12 hours of collection. The change to sunset will, it is hoped, prevent people from putting their trash out during daylight hours. Lids must be used when garbage is in cans or, if bagged, the bags must be securely tied.

The ordinance stipulates that commercial handbills, leaflets and circulars should be handed to the homeowners, where possible, and should not be left to blow away all over the yard. Where there are "No trespassing" or "No soliciting" signs, the circulars should not be left. Handbills also may be given to any drivers willing to accept them.

FURTHER PROVISIONS of the new law will:

- Prohibit sweeping litter from driveways and sidewalks into the gutter.
- Require homeowners and owners of vacant property to keep their grass cut so that it is not more than eight inches tall. Real estate owners also have the duty of maintaining the parkway grass of the front and sideyards.
- Require general contractors to keep construction sites free of litter.
- Provide that persons walking an animal should clean up after the animal. The only exception is a blind person walking a guide dog.

PENALTIES FOR non-compliance will be fines of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200 for the first offense. A second offense is \$25 to \$200, and a third violation could cost the offender \$50 to \$200, if the subsequent violations occur within a one-year period.

For failure to pick up "animal deposits," the fines are \$20 to \$50 for a first offense, and \$50 to \$200 for any subsequent offenses.

In other action, the board adopted an ordinance prohibiting smoking and the consumption of food in the Wheeling municipal buildings. It "inadvertently was omitted" from the municipal code when a revised Title Two section was approved about two months ago, according to village Attorney David Epstein.

The ordinance will allow the Village Manager the option of posting "No smoking" signs at the front door of each building and have a designated smoking area inside, or posting the prohibiting signs in each separate room.

The manager also will regulate areas for eating in the municipal complex. Consumption of coffee, soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages is still permitted.

Epstein said the ordinance is enforceable by fines.

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Will maintain streets

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WHEELING — Streets and their ownership were the subject of discussion Oct. 6 at the meeting of the village board.

Board members were unanimous in voting to have Wheeling take over and maintain the private streets in the Shadow Bend development, provided that the development homeowners group sign an agreement granting the village an option to purchase a 17-foot right-of-way along Milwaukee Avenue.

If deemed necessary, the village would purchase the land for the sum of \$10. The option would be in effect for at least 50 years.

Paul Eisterhold, treasurer of the Shadow Bend Homeowners' Association, asked the board to consider omitting the option because "We feel they should take into consideration the developer's ability to sell those lots." He said the developer has sold and built about half of the units that were planned.

Developer Richard Harwood, president of the Northern Illinois Construction Company, told the board the main problem would be with five units which lie parallel to Milwaukee. He said the rear yards were planned with 47 feet from the rear of the homes to the present right-of-way, but with 17 feet dedicated to the village, yards with only 30 feet "might be unsaleable."

He added that berms and landscaping installed to prevent "sight and sound pollution" would be lost if the

roadway were widened.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT William Hein said the prospective buyers should be informed "up front" rather than finding out about it once the developer has left and the state decides it needs the land. "I personally feel that the property owners would be in a better position with the village owning the land. We could protect them from the state," Hein said.

Trustee Sheila Schultz, explaining her vote to include the option, said the \$200 paid by each homeowner will not cover the entire cost of maintaining the streets.

The board also adopted a resolution to provide for safe pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Elmhurst and Old McHenry roads.

It was pointed out at public hearings on the now rejected Poing shopping center that residents of the Colonial Hills apartments had trouble crossing the street because of the nearly continuous green signal at Elmhurst Road.

The board voted to pay the 25 percent required by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Because IDOT estimates the total cost at \$9,800, the village's share would be about \$2,450. That amount will come from motor fuel tax funds.

ON ANOTHER MATTER, the

board agreed to try to deal with the Martin Oil Company, which runs a gas station on Dundee Road.

The trustees adopted a motion to withhold approval of a canopy over the gas tanks, which the company wants to install, until the company will cooperate with the village.

Larry Oppenheimer, Wheeling Director of Community Development, said a problem arose when his staff checked the records to be sure the property along Wheeling and Dundee roads had been dedicated to the village. He said no records could be found either in the village clerk's files or at the Cook County Recorder's office showing the village as the owner, and further, the Cook County Treasurer shows Martin Oil still holds title to the land and pays taxes on it.

Oppenheimer said the village cannot finalize motor fuel taxes for Wheeling road because the company still owns the land, although it is a paved part of the road. He recommended withholding the petition for a variance to build the canopy until the road matter can be straightened out.

He added that the oil company dealer wants to "negotiate" with the village for cash for the roadway. The board seemed to indicate that solution would be unacceptable.

The board also approved a resolution for installation of signs for the bikeway system by the Police Department.



Pal-Waukee: Eagle or buzzard?

This airport disaster no movie: foes

By SHARON GELTNER

Bill Rogers used to live in a semi-industrialized area of Chicago. His home was near the train tracks and a busy intersection. When he got a new job and could move to Wheeling he was dismayed to find that as noisy and polluted as his old neighborhood was, the suburb was a lot worse.

"There is a seemingly endless amount of problems that we have: flooding, traffic jams, and that definite environmental disaster, Pal-Waukee airport," Rogers said. Although he first got involved in Wheeling politics over the traffic jam issue he is now most outraged over the airport, which borders that suburb and Prospect Heights.

"In terms of livability, Wheeling is no different from high-density business areas like Des Plaines and Bensenville. We've become a truck center and an airplane center. We've got to admit that our problem is so horrendous that unless some agreement is reached between the airport and the public the village won't be a fit place to live," Rogers added.

Rogers, who served an unexpired term of a trustee in 1974 and who unsuccessfully ran for the village board twice, wasn't content just to gripe. He and the Citizens Airport Activity Group, an organization dedicated to convincing the people of Wheeling and Prospect Heights that the airport should not be purchased, submitted 31 sharply negative questions about its acquisition to Wheeling trustees last Monday. Does he think his questions will be answered?

"They damn well better be. The consultant (Ralph Burke Associates of Park Ridge) could have done the airport acquisition study in two months for all the answers we got. My questions hit the heart of the matter which is: the airport is a bad deal for both towns," Rogers said.

Rogers is undecided who is more at fault for the study which has dragged on for two years, gone over budget and seems to conclude that the airport should not only be purchased but expanded. He blames the owner of Pal-Waukee airport whom he considers "devious" and the firm that conducted the study, which he considers "biased."

"How can the study be impartial when 90 per cent of its cost will be paid by federal government only when the airport is sold to the community? How can a consultant be fair in a case like that and not an agent for Pal-Waukee's owner and the Federal Aviation Agency?" he asked.

George Uring, a consultant working on the study, says that government funding has nothing to do with the focus of the study, but admits that the firm does favor acquisition of the airport.

"We probably are biased in favor of the airport but only because of the aviation needs of the community. Also, to study this effectively we have to know a great deal about aviation so in that sense we consider public acquisition of the airport a good thing," Uring said.

Rogers says the firm also spends a lot more time with the owner of the airport and the FAA than it does with the village boards and the general public. At one public meeting a consultant told him that only one question about the airport per one person was allowed.

"What kind of a public meeting is that when you are limited in how many questions you can ask? It's a shame and it smacks of duplicity," Rogers said.

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Airport sale a public goldmine: owner

By SHARON GELTNER

"I can't see why people are complaining about me all the time. The people doing all the bellyaching about how expensive my airport is are the very same people who clip coupons from the paper to save 10 cents. They want to have their cake and eat it too. They want the impossible. They say they want to save money but they could make plenty from my airport," says George Priester, the "old man" of Pal-Waukee airport.

He's disgusted with Bill Rogers, thinks CAAG is ridiculous and he isn't too keen with the FAA or the consultants who conducted the airport study either. He seems to think that too many people criticizing him and his airport don't know enough about aviation to presume any kind of evaluation. He offered to sell the airport to Wheeling and Prospect Heights two years ago and is scornful because no decision has been reached yet. He says he has had other offers for the airport but has promised the two villages that he would wait for their decision first.

"They're dragging their feet and they aren't doing me any damn favors," Priester said.

Rogers and CAAG are just as irritated with Priester as he is with them. They say he has no intention of selling the airport, just the unprofitable parts such as repairs, maintenance and fire protection. Priester has said that his airport is no longer turning a profit and that when he sells he plans to keep the few money-making ventures on his property such as the restaurant.

"Of course I'm not going to sell the hotel and the rest. Why should I give them up. Should I sell the villages the forest preserves too?" Priester asked. "They want the cream off the top and claim they still can't make the airport go."

Although Pal-Waukee airport isn't profitable now the land it is sitting on is worth plenty, Priester says. He suggested that the village raze the airport and set up an industrial park or low cost housing. He doesn't see why village board members must assume that the airport must be an airport forever.

"How come no one mentions the profits the airport has brought into the area by attracting corporations? We're an important business tool for them and we bring millions in fuel and payroll taxes. Hell, has no one heard of the Boston Tea Party but me? I deserve equal representation too. Pal-Waukee is a bigger business than the whole area," he said and added that he no longer attends village meetings because none of the Wheeling trustees know about aviation and that he "doesn't have the stomach for them anymore." He does sometimes send a representative to the village board meetings.

Priester says that charges that the airport is unsafe and too noisy are "utterly ridiculous."

"Some of the people from CAAG moved into the apartments near the airport and complained about it all the time. While they were busy making themselves self-appointed experts they came over here to fly their planes. Their thinking is screwed up."

Priester says that no right-thinking person would move next to the train tracks and then demand that the trains stop running or adhere to special curfews. He says if he never allowed planes to fly before 7 a. m. or on Sundays, as has been requested in the past, that his customers would take their business elsewhere.

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Airport a disaster: foes—

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Rogers, CAAG and some board members also claim that the study was begun on the false assumption that not only did the towns want to buy the airport, but completely renovate and expand it.

"What started as a simple acquisition turned into a \$78 million fiasco. If we buy, it should be the simplest arrangements with minimum facilities," they say.

Uring responds that Rogers and CAAG are overlooking the fact that once the airport goes public it will come underneath FAA regulations, meaning that most of the expensive changes will be "catchups to meet minimum standards" and not optional improvements and extravagances.

If Rogers and CAAG are sure the study started on the wrong foot they are most upset at their interpretation of it's conclusion. They believe the consulting firm and the FAA ultimately want to make Pal-Waukee airport the only reliever airport for O'Hare in the entire area. They say there are plans to expand the airport even if that means tearing down apartment buildings and moving roads. They claim that for all practical purposes acquisition and expansion of the airport means the eventual take over of the village. Board members have already said that the airport business is much larger than the town's.

"It's crazy to believe that since the

airport is going to be there we must buy it to control it. Nothing could be further from the truth. If we buy it will control us because the village will have gotten into this sinkhole of debts so badly it won't be able to get out. We'll have to ask for federal funds to put in all the improvements because if the FAA and the consultants have their way we'll end up with a airport twice as large. It will attract even bigger jets to serve hundreds of corporations from Chicago, Des Plaines and Arlington Heights who know enough not to buy the airport for themselves," Rogers said.

Neither Uring or the FAA have said that there is a plan to expand the airport, but none of them discount the possibility that enlargements will be made.

Rogers and CAAG remain convinced that the Wheeling trustees must refuse to buy the airport. They also say that if more people read the "expansionary and biased" study then they would be just as outraged.

CAAG has over 300 members and plans to recruit more when it reorganizes soon. The citizens groups will be dividing itself into different committees which will study the noise and safety effects of the airport, the financing of the airport and the impact the airport will have on the suburban economy. For more information call: Lowell Stolerow at 541-5666 or John Whitman at 537-8070.

Airport a goldmine: owner—

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Even though Rogers, CAAG and several board members repeat that Priester has gotten away with not having to meet a lot of government regulations because his is a private airport, Priester says that waived requirements are not enough to help Pal-Waukee or failing private airports all over the country.

"The federal government should do everything possible to keep airports in private hands. They lessen the energy crisis by diverting aircraft in holding patterns into landing at their runways," he said. Even an unexpanded Pal-waukee would alleviate those problems by serving corporations and training pilots he added.

Priester said that when it comes to a private owner and the federal government

having to run a business the private owner will do it more cheaply and efficiently every time. He cited several examples. When he needed his runways 16 and 34 repaved he asked the state government to help pay; they estimated the job would cost \$1 million. When Priester asked a private company it estimated the cost at \$375,000. Priester sees the hassles he is getting from state and local government and citizens groups as manifestations of ignorant, inefficient bureaucracies which are strangling free enterprise.

In spite of all the controversy Priester says he has learned a big lesson about the airport business.

"My life proves if you really want to make any money you invest in real estate, not in the operation of an airport."

Fire station too luxurious: Kerr

10-10-80 Herald

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Wheeling is spending too much money on "luxury" items for firefighters as the department prepares for its final move into new quarters, Village Trustee Charles Kerr says.

Kerr, a frequent critic of village spending, says the recent purchase of a \$1,590 water softener for the new station adjacent to village hall adds to the list of items he considers unnecessary frills, including a patio with a barbeque grill and three refrigerators for the branch fire station at Hintz and Wheeling roads.

"It seems to me that we're buying luxuries that they (firefighters) don't even have at home," he said. "Don't be surprised if we get a request for waterbeds next year."

Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen defended the purchases as necessary expenses for when the remainder of the fire department vacates the 25-year-old fire station, at 312 E. Dundee Rd., next week. Earlier this year, about half the village's firefighters moved into the new branch fire station.



Charles Kerr



Bernie Koeppen

"I THINK THE problem is Charlie doesn't understand that these guys have to live at the station for 48 hours at a time," Koeppen said. "It'd be nice to find a way to get them in here from 9 to 5."

The water softener is needed, he said, for the dishwasher in the new fire station, which has needed about \$100 a month in repairs because untreated water damages it. Koeppen said the dishwasher is needed "because we can't have a bunch of different men

doing a half-assed job" of washing dishes when they could be interrupted at any time to answer a fire call.

Koeppen said the outdoor gas barbeque grill may have been a little more elaborate than necessary, but added that if Kerr or any other village board members had any objections, they should have voiced their concerns earlier. All of the items were included in the 1980-81 budget, Koeppen said.

He said the village board's rejection

of a request for \$5,000 to buy a large restaurant-type refrigerator forced him to spend \$1,600 to buy the new smaller conventional refrigerators.

DEPITE KERR'S COMPLAINTS, he joined the other trustees in approving the items for the fire department. The reason he has never voted against the purchases, he said, is because "I don't feel I have the support of the group when I do my screaming and hollering."

Kerr he said he was heartened by the recommendation this week by Village Mgr. Thomas Markus to reject all the bids, including the lowest of \$7,966, for a car for Fire Capt. Ralph Perricone. The low bid was nearly \$1,500 more than what the village had budgeted for the car.

That vehicle, Kerr said, probably was loaded "with all the goodies."

But Koeppen said the equipment on the car, an intermediate-sized Chevrolet, "was all pretty much standard," including a radio, lights and a siren. "I don't think anybody realized the thing cost that much," he said, adding the village probably will now seek bids on a compact car.

Hein mulls takeover of state roads

10-13-80 HERALD

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Although a similar idea was rejected last year by Wheeling officials as too costly, Village Pres. William Hein says the village should consider assuming control of some state highways, like Dundee and Wolf roads.

While conceding the idea "might not be economically feasible," Hein said by taking control of the state roads, the village would be able to decide when road improvements would be made. Also, he said, with village crews doing the work, snow plowing and pothole patching would get done faster.

"We've been doing a lot of that work ourselves anyway," he said, citing the village's decision during the bizzard of 1979 to close Dundee Road and haul away snow that had been piled on median strips by state road crews. Village crews also frequently cut the grass along state-owned "parkways" near the roadway.

Last year, after complaining of long waits for state crews to plow snow, the village considered signing a maintenance agreement with the state whereby the village would perform all maintenance on the state roads, and the state would reimburse the village.

BUT THAT idea was rejected, said Robert Gray, village director of operations and maintenance, after the village learned the cost of maintaining Dundee and Wolf roads would be "four times" what the state was willing to pay.

Under Hein's suggestion, though, the state roads would be "dedicated" to the village, and the village would pay for all improvements, including widening and resurfacing. Acknowledging the village wouldn't have the money to pay for a major widening project, like a two-mile stretch of Dundee Road which has been estimated at \$5 million, Hein said much of the money for road repairs comes from the federal government and is channeled through the state.

The village possibly could apply for federal road improvements on its own, he said. "I'm not sure if that's possible,

but it's something I think the board ought to discuss," he said.

ROBERT HOLUB, maintenance office manager for the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, said it is "not uncommon" for the state to transfer jurisdiction of a road to a municipality. Usually, he said, it is a condition of the state making a major improvement.

Gray said he would want to accept responsibility for maintenance of a state road only after the state agreed to make major improvements, such as resurfacing, widening or installing curbs and gutters. "Otherwise where's the benefit to the village?" he said.

He acknowledged the village frequently uses its crews to maintain the state roads. "But we're only putting out some small fires from time to time," he said. "When you start talking about assuming total responsibility for a road, you're talking a lot of money."

The week ahead 10-13-80 HERALD

Opinions sought on cable TV plans

Wheeling residents will get their first opportunity tonight to voice their opinions on plans by local officials to bring cable television to the Northwest suburbs.

Village officials will make a presentation detailing some of the programming available as well as local services cable TV can provide. The discussion also is expected to cover some of the technological intricacies involved in bringing cable television to the suburbs.

Village officials hope to determine whether residents are interested in subscribing to cable television. The village must decide by next month whether it will join other towns in the Northwest Municipal Conference in selecting a firm to provide the service.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

REVISIONS TO Wheeling's zoning laws will be discussed Thursday by the village plan commission.

Most of the proposed changes involve clearing up ambiguities in the laws and making them easier to understand, village officials say.

The revisions are the final step in the village's attempt to revise its zoning and building laws. Changes made within the past two years include reducing the number of multifamily units that can be constructed per acre and allowing developers of single-family houses to build on smaller lots.

The plan commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

CANDIDATES FOR the vacant school board seat in Wheeling Township Dist. 21 will be interviewed in closed session Thursday by the board of education.

Three persons have applied for the seat vacated by Stuart Weinstein, who has resigned to take a job in Seattle, Wash. They are Lee Suderman, 1509 Park Dr., Mount Prospect; Dolores Rotajczak, 312 Renee Ter., Wheeling; and Barrett Peterson, 810 Burning Tree Ln., Arlington Heights. Both Rotajczak and Peterson ran unsuccessfully in the April election.

The interviews will be at 7:30 p.m. at Field School, 55 St. Armand Ln., Wheeling. Board Pres. Robert Root said he expects the board to choose someone Thursday night so the new board member may be sworn in Oct. 23.

The board is required to appoint someone within 30 days of Weinstein's Oct. 5 resignation. The new board member will serve until the next election in November 1981.

THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION Control Board will hold a public hearing in Des Plaines Tuesday on a proposed mandatory deposit on all beer and soft drink containers.

The proposed regulations would require deposits on cans and bottles sold in Illinois, and would outlaw the sale of cans with detachable pull-tab openings.

The regulations are designed to reduce litter by providing "an economic incentive to the consumer and scavenger to return used beverage containers."

In addition, sponsors of the proposal argue it will reduce energy and other costs associated with manufacturing "one-way" containers. Bottle and can manufacturers are fighting the regulations, which they say would cost jobs and \$118 million in lost business.

The public hearing to collect citizens' comments on the proposal is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Des Plaines Civic Center, 1420 Miner St.

CABLE TV TOPICS

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DECISIONS EXPECTED

On Monday

BY VIRGINIA SUTTON

A resolution to follow the findings of the Northwest Municipal Conference regarding cable television and appoint a local trustee to represent the village will probably be passed by Wheeling's Board of Trustees next Monday nite.

Board members also agreed in an informal public meeting last Monday nite to support local programming, whether or not they choose a cable television franchise on a regional or sub-regional basis.

GREG PETERS, Wheeling finance director and local cable television liaison to the Northwest Municipal Conference Monday nite asked trustees to continue to go along with conference findings. He suggested a regional route, joining with other NWMC municipalities but added, "If it doesn't work out regionally, you can always go sub-regionally."

In addition, the village would not lose its "leverage" if an individual choice was made, said Peters.

Attended only by park district, school and library officials and cable television representatives, not a single citizen appeared to support or protest the village decision to implement cable television.

THE NWMC RECENTLY completed a study this Spring and is urging 21 member communities to award a franchise on a regional basis. The Malarky-Taylor report addressed financial, technical and programming concerns and is a "good basis for analysis," Peters remarked.

"WE'RE FACED not with whether we do or don't (choose to go cable) but how to get the most out of it," explained Trustee Shelia Schultz.

Mortgage lender forecloses on house of trustee

A Chicago mortgage lender has foreclosed on the home owned by Wheeling Trustee Robert Ross, complaining that Ross has failed to make his payments for about 10 months.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Richard Curry granted a request by officials of Northwest Federal Savings and Loan of Chicago, to foreclose on the trustee's house at 312 S. Wheeling Ave. Bank attorney Larry Gold said the house will go up for public sale in about a month unless Ross, who has been a trustee since 1977, pays \$2,000 in delinquent payments plus the \$7,000 balance due on the mortgage.

The savings and loan also is trying to foreclose on property Ross owns at 6628 Church St., Morton Grove, where Ross owes about \$2,000 in mortgage payments, Gold said. No date has been set for a hearing on that foreclosure petition.

Ross would not comment on the foreclosure except to say, "My attorneys are working on it."

THE SUITS BY the Chicago lender follow a lawsuit filed in July by the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, which is trying to recover \$185,643 that was loaned to Ross's company.

Anderson-Ross Floors Inc., eight years ago.

Ross had put up a land trust which included his home, the Morton Grove property, land in Wisconsin, an insurance policy and some equipment — as collateral. Alan Orschel, an attorney for the Wheeling bank, said Ross has not made monthly payments of \$5,850 for nearly a year.

Because the Wheeling bank is attempting to recover its money from the same source, the two banks may consolidate the legal actions to recover the money jointly, Orschel said. Ross' company has been hit with a

series of lawsuits and liens to recover past-due loans and taxes in the past three years. Last year a Chicago construction firm sued Anderson-Ross Floors for failing to repay a \$15,000

loan, and in 1977 and 1978, the Internal Revenue Service filed liens totaling more than \$105,000 against Ross' business for failure to pay personal income and employee withholding taxes.

Robert Ross



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Wheeling tunes into cable TV

The Wheeling village board will probably join 20 other northwest suburban communities in studying the possibility of getting a joint franchise with a cable television company next Monday. At the same meeting they will probably choose a representative for the community to participate in cable television studies and task forces.

The board members said Monday night at a cable TV workshop that they must join other suburbs because "there's strength in numbers." All the suburbs want to have enough leverage to be able to get educational and institutional programs from a cable TV network, as well as the more profitable Home Box Office and Showcase movies. They figure they can't have that much clout alone.

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Village joins NW group in cable search

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

WHEELING WILL seek a cable television franchise in concert with other area municipalities which belong to the Northwest Municipal Conference. Wheeling Trustees agreed informally at a workshop meeting Oct. 13 to adopt a resolution to that effect at their next business meeting Monday, Oct. 20.

The board also will have to designate an elected official as a representative to the NWMC steering committee on cable TV, according to Gregory Peters, village finance director, who has been the liaison between the village and the conference.

The NWMC committee will be a selection council composed of an elected official from each of the communities interested in working together to grant a regional franchise.

Wheeling is one of 21 NWMC-member communities that authorized and financed a study of cable operators and their offerings. A few other NWMC communities such as Evanston, decided to negotiate with the companies on their own.

IN JUNE, the report by Malarkey Taylor and Associates rated Cablenet and Warner Amex as the two top firms bidding for the regional franchise. Two additional firms, Metrovision and Cablevision, were ranked closely behind the top two.

The report strongly urged as many of the 21 communities as possible to work together to secure the most favorable conditions for all of the citizens who would be potential subscribers.

Peters suggested that Wheeling remain with the NWMC group since, "I don't see any reason to get out now." Should local officials decide it would be better to work sub-regionally, "The board and village could opt out at any time," he said.

IN EXPLAINING why cable operators are asking for franchises in this area, Peters told the sparsely-attended public hearing that although cable has been in other markets for two years or more, it was not well-received here because there was no "need" for it, but "now people want some of the programs being offered, like sports, Home Box Office and movies."

The trustees agreed that the community will have more leverage with the cable firms by working in a group with other towns so they can offer more potential subscribers than each could singly. With the area split into sub-regions, the cable company would

be much less likely to install an institutional network for the use of schools, libraries, park districts, and hospitals.

"Basically we're faced not with whether we do or don't (have cable TV), but with how to get the most out of it," said Trustee Sheila Schultz. "The institutional network is not the public's concern, so it has to be our concern."

HARPER COLLEGE Professor George Vogel, who has been involved with the committee for institutional use, spoke of economies of scale. "Everybody will benefit with a larger community to work from." He said the college would like to be able to serve all of the communities in its district through cable television. He said it might help link the main campus with satellites like the Hawthorne School, which Harper has leased from District 21.

David Phillips, Wheeling Park District superintendent, said the district has "no desire to become involved in the decision of whether or not to go cable and which company," but it will help once the commitments have been made. He said the Park District had worked with other NWMC members on an assessment of institutional needs.

Trustee Roger Powers raised the question of the possible obsolescence of cables to carry the signal in the future. He said he had been reading in "electronic literature" about wireless cable TV and asked whether any of the proposals from the cable firms had addressed that idea.

Peters said a few had mentioned it, but they said it would be available "maybe in 10 to 15 years from now."

Powers, whose home town of Peoria already has cable TV, also spoke of one drawback to a cable system. He said a friend was watching a movie one evening when there was a tornado warning. He said she had let her kids play outside because she was not aware of the severe weather.

Powers said the woman was told the cable company could not cut in to the program with a warning. "They said point blank they could not do it," he added.

Village President William Hein wanted to distinguish between cable and pay TV. He said cable TV "will not interrupt the services they (the subscribers) already have," such as the three networks.

Powers said many Peoria residents who did not subscribe at first, "possibly out of ignorance," did so later because of cable TV's popularity there.

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Why do people want cable TV?

people gave more than one reason. When those who indicated they were not too interested in cable were asked why, 28 percent said the price is too high, 26 percent said they do not watch much TV, and 25 percent said they are satisfied with regular television programming.

As an example of what cable costs, Cablevision charges \$4.50 a month for basic service. To get one premium channel, the charge is \$7; two channels, \$10, and four channels, \$15. Premium channels offer recent movies, regional sports events, art and foreign films, and action films.

RESIDENTS WERE also asked how important broadcasting of local news and events would be. Seventy percent said either somewhat or very important, 22 percent said not too important and 7 percent said not important at all.

Cable can offer various burglar and fire alarm systems. A fire or a burglar, for example, can set off an alarm through the cable which is connected to the police or fire departments. When asked how important burglar and fire protection would be, 53 percent said very important, 32 percent said somewhat important and 15 percent said not important.

In the future, cable may also be able to do such things as control a thermostat setting. For example, a resident could have his air conditioner go on an hour or two before he plans to come home.

WHY DO PEOPLE subscribe to cable TV? According to a survey, the main reasons are movies, sports and variety, in that order.

The survey was done in the north and northwest suburbs by Beta Research for Cablevision, a firm which is seeking and has received franchises in the Chicago area.

Telephone interviews were conducted in a random survey of 254 people in about 20 suburbs, including Buffalo Grove, Northbrook, Wheeling and Winnetka.

The median income of those surveyed was \$24,457, and the majority had either bachelor's or post-graduate degrees.

When asked if they would subscribe to cable TV if it were available, 49 percent responded they would be very likely to subscribe, 21 percent said somewhat likely, and about 28 percent said either not too likely or not at all likely.

ALAN KRAUS, assistant director of development for Cablevision, said, however, that the number of people who usually subscribe when cable first comes to a community is in the range of about 40 percent.

The main reason people gave for subscribing to cable (40 percent) is to obtain recent movies. Thirteen percent said the reason they are likely to subscribe is for sports and 11% for more variety. Other reasons given for subscribing included better programming, having friends who enjoy cable, better reception, and no commercials. Some

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Village trims subsidies for nonprofit groups

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials have developed a proposal to severely restrict the amount of village money that can be given to private or nonprofit groups, either by waiving building permit fees or an outright donation.

The new policy would permit the village to waive only half the building permit fees for private, nonprofit groups like churches and hospitals as well as government agencies. And for private groups, like the Wheeling High School band and the Wheeling Jaycees, which have received money for special affairs, the village's donation would be limited to 20 percent of the cost of the event.

Village board members last month asked for specific guidelines on whether they should use taxpayers' funds to subsidize private groups after Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines, asked them to waive \$12,000 in building permit fees for an emergency clinic at Milwaukee and Strong avenues.

TRUSTEES APPROVED that request by a 4-3 vote but said then they should consider bringing a halt to the practice. Board members also were di-

vided earlier this year on giving the Jaycees \$5,000 for the annual Fourth of July parade and fireworks display, and were criticized by Village Clerk Alberta Klocke for giving \$3,200 to the Wheeling High School band to defray the cost of a trip to Washington D.C.

Presently, the board has delayed making a decision on whether to give the high school's Choral League \$4,000 to offset the cost of a trip to London, England, for the school's 16 Madrigal Singers.

The Wheeling Jaycees apparently would be hardest hit by the new 20-percent rule. The \$5,000 it received from the village covered the total cost of the parade and fireworks display, and under the new policy, the group would be eligible for only about \$1,000.

Jaycee Larry Robertson, one of the organizers of last year's festival, called the proposal to donate only 20 percent to the group "ridiculous. It's not as if the village board doesn't have the money."

He added that the Jaycees are considering abandoning its participation in running the parade and fireworks display "because of all the hassle we received last year. Everyone keeps saying this money is given to the Jay-

cees for a Jaycee event. None of the Jaycees get a dime... that is for the entire community."

VILLAGE FINANCE Director Gregory Peters, who prepared the recommendations, said a survey of 22 nearby towns on the matter was "somewhat inconclusive." Half the towns refuse to consider donations to private groups, and those that do, have no written policy and consider the requests on an individual basis, he said.

"It seemed to be an all or nothing thing," Peters said. "Either they granted everything they asked for or nothing."

Peters said five of the 22 towns refuse to consider waiving building permit fees for private or charitable organizations.

Limiting the amount of the donation to private groups made by the village, Peters said, was "kind of a compromise" between using public funds to subsidize private projects and completely shutting off the private groups.

"In our own minds, we felt it shouldn't cost the taxpayer because there are administrative costs involved" in making building inspections and granting occupancy permits, Peters said.

10-20-80 HERALD

The week ahead

Board may restrict subsidizing groups

A proposal to severely restrict the amount of money the village gives to private and non-profit groups will be considered tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

Traditionally, the village board has granted the requests by waiving the building permit fees for non-profit groups like churches and hospitals, as well as other government agencies. Also, the board has donated money to the Wheeling Jaycees and Wheeling High School band for special functions.

However, board members have been divided on whether the village should continue to use public funds to help subsidize private groups and events. Most recently, the board approved by a 4-3 vote the waiver of about \$12,000 in building permit fees for Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines, which is building a \$4.5 million emergency clinic near Strong and Milwaukee avenues.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters has recommended waiving only half the building permit fees for private or charitable organizations. He also has said the village should limit its contributions to private groups for special events to 20 percent of the total cost of the event.

The board will consider the proposal at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

10-22-80 HERALD

Village restricts handouts to 20%

Despite the protests of the Wheeling Jaycees, village trustees Monday night placed severe restrictions on the amount of money it will give to private non-profit groups for special events.

By a 3-2 vote, trustees say they now will contribute no more than 20 percent of the cost of the event, which means the Jaycees, which normally rely on a \$5,000 village donation for their annual Fourth of July parade and fireworks festival, could receive no more than \$1,000.

Former Jaycee Pres. Gary Krueger argued that the Jaycees will not be able to run the festivities without "total village support." He said the Fourth of July parade and fireworks is not really a private project. It "benefits the whole community. What we are doing is a service to the community. By passing this resolution, we can no longer give that service without any help."

However, trustees suggested the Jaycees try to join with other groups to raise the money for the Fourth of July festivities. Trustees Charles Kerr and Hubert Sommerfeld voted against the proposal, with Kerr saying that he thought the village should not donate money to any private group.

BOARD MEMBERS unanimously agreed to permit waiving only half the building permit fees for private non-profit groups like churches and hospitals as well as government agencies.

Board members last month asked for specific guidelines on whether they should continue to use taxpayers' funds to subsidize private groups after they narrowly approved waiving the \$12,000 in building permit fees for Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines, which is building an emergency clinic at Milwaukee and Strong avenues.

Earlier this year, trustees unanimously agreed to give the Wheeling High School band \$3,200 to defray the cost of a trip to Washington, D.C. Village Clerk Alberta Clocke, another leader of the band's fund-raising efforts, called the board's decision a waste of taxpayers' money.

The board has delayed making a decision on whether to give the Wheeling High School Choral League \$4,000 to offset the cost of a trip to London for the school's 16 madrigal singers.

10-22-80 HERALD

Prospect links airport purchase to lawsuit drop

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Prospect Heights will abandon plans to buy Pal-Waukee Airport unless the airport owner drops a lawsuit seeking to disconnect from the city.

The city's action amends a decision aldermen reached two weeks ago authorizing the third and final phase of a \$120,000 study to determine if it is financially possible for the city to buy the airport jointly with the village of Wheeling. Ald. Christina Carlson, 4th, urged councilmen to add the new condition to induce a gesture of "good faith" from the airport.

City officials feared they could lose considerable revenue if owner George Priester's disconnection suit, challenging the right of the city to annex the southern half of the airport three years ago, is successful. That would be doubly unfortunate because the city has spent considerable time and \$3,000 on the airport study, officials say.

"If half the airport's in Wheeling, what's the problem with the other half being in Prospect Heights?" said City Administrator Stephen Sturgell. He added the city has set no deadline for Priester to decide whether to drop the suit, and also said he did not know if the study could be completed if Prospect Heights drops out.

Charles Priester, airport manager and son of George Priester, Tuesday said he would consider dropping the lawsuit, but not without guarantees from the city that will allow the airport to continue to operate without interference.

"WE'RE ASKING for guarantees that the airport will be able to operate as it has in the past," he said. "All we want to be able to do, particularly in the event the airport is not sold, is to continue to operate the airport." That would include the city agreeing not to impose an airport curfew and allowing all existing airport buildings, which

could violate stricter city building codes, to remain.

Priester said such an agreement "is not unreasonable," adding that Wheeling, when it annexed the northern half of the airport this summer, made similar concessions.

If the towns decide to buy the airport, they "obviously" then can decide to place any restrictions on the airport, he added.

Wheeling Village Mgr. Thomas Markus said he is not sure if Wheeling could pursue the airport study alone. The village board informally has agreed to complete the study, and formal approval is slated for next Monday.



WHEELING FIREFIGHTERS this week began receiving calls at the new fire station, next to village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd. Except for a few final touches, the village has completed a \$3.8 million municipal complex expansion that includes new police department headquarters, a new public works building and a branch fire station at Hintz and Wheeling roads.

Developers both to pay for pond

Wheeling trustees apparently have settled a long-standing feud between the developers of two subdivisions, by ordering both sides to pay a portion of the cost of building and maintaining a drainage pond that will serve both developments.

The village board ordered the developers of Michael's Manor, a proposed 18-home subdivision on 5th Street, south of Mayer Avenue, to pay \$7,669 to the developers of Candlewood Creek, a 40-house subdivision on Mayer Avenue, west of 8th Street.

Although Michael's Manor would tie into the village-owned sewer system, the sewer lines empty into a drainage basin built by Candlewood Creek. Village officials said that because Michael's Manor is a little more than one-third the size of Candlewood Creek, the developers of Michael's Manor should pay roughly that amount of the construction cost. Attorneys from both developments said they would agree to the conditions imposed by the village.

Rezoning is OK'd

A rezoning from single- to multi-family for a less than one-acre parcel near 8th Street and Strong Avenue was approved unanimously by the Wheeling Village Board, but trustees denied by a 3-3 vote the request by developer Richard Kausat to build a six-flat apartment building at the site.

Although Kausat argued that the lot is surrounded by six flats, trustees who voted against the proposal said the request needed too many substantial deviations from new village laws on density, minimum lot width and the minimum size of a residential building. Trustees supported Kausat's present a revised plan for a building that would be closer to conforming with local building codes, but the developer said he could not make any money constructing a building that contained fewer than six units.

Cable TV liaison

Wheeling trustees formally approved a decision made last week to work with the Northwest Municipal Conference to draw a firm to bring cable television service to the village. Trustees approved the request by Village Manager Roger Powers to serve as the village liaison to the conference while the board considers the proposal.

Village trustees approved Michael's Manor in April, but the village board in April to maintain "goodwill" between the board and the conference. However, board members unanimously approved Village Pres. William Hain's recommendation to appoint Powers, who is up for reelection in April.

Extension for vehicles

Village trustees voted to extend the deadline for paying village vehicle license fees from Dec. 31 to Jan. 31.

Previously, the village had set the deadline for compliance with the state's deadline for displaying new license plates. But since the state has started the 1981-82 license program, with varying deadlines, village officials said it was not necessary to maintain the current deadline. Also, having a later deadline will help the department for residents who were forced to meet the deadline during the last few days of the holiday season.

Senior project plans to cost about \$45,000

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Wheeling probably will have to spend at least \$45,000 to hire a consultant to design the roadwork, sewer systems and landscaping for a downtown complex that includes apartments for the elderly and a center for senior citizens and handicapped persons.

The village initially had planned to use federal grants entirely to pay for the project, but Village Mgr. Thomas Markus said the village will "have to take the lead" in determining how the property is developed.

"For us to pull this thing off, the village is going to have to pay" to hire a consultant to design an engineering plan for the area near Milwaukee and Strong avenues, he said. In addition to the elderly housing and senior center, Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines, is constructing an emergency clinic at the southwest corner of Milwaukee and Strong avenues.

Markus asked board members for a special session next Monday to review a contract with Harland Bartholomew and Associates, Northbrook, to prepare an engineering plan.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is giving the village \$760,000 to buy land and build the senior center, and the Cook County Housing Authority has obtained a \$4 million grant to build the 100 rent-assisted apartments. But because the consultant will be doing the engineering for the entire 25 acres, the village can use only funds set aside for engineering costs on the senior center to defray the total cost, said Village Planner Richard Greenwood.

He said the village may be able to recapture some of the funds by asking other developers in the area to contribute to the cost as the land is developed.

Other plans call for the 10 acres along Milwaukee Avenue, between Dundee Road and Strong Street, to be

developed commercially. Also, developers Lambert Domas and Thomas Popke plan to build a condominium complex of a yet-to-be determined size, just west of the housing and senior center.

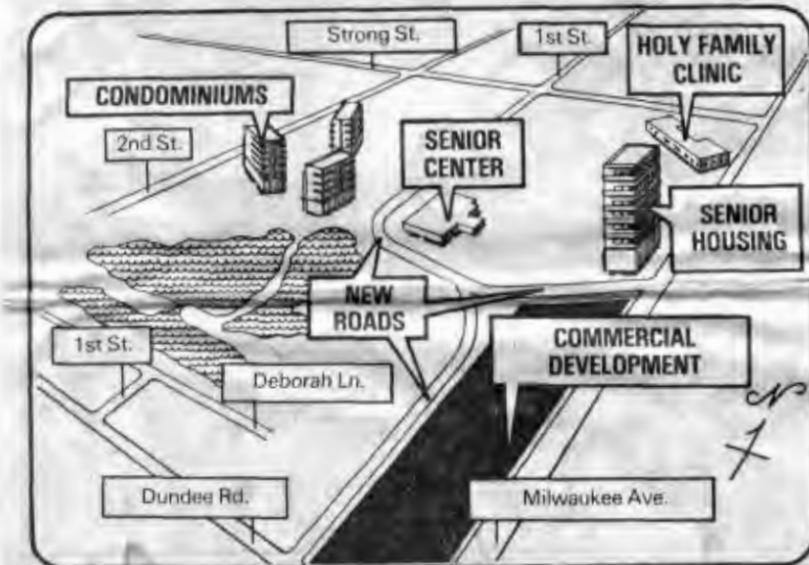
The village board has authorized hiring an appraiser to set the value of two of the 11 acres owned by Popke and Domas, which would be used for the senior center. The developers initially planned to build 114 condominiums, but say they'll consider selling a portion of their property to the village.

TRUSTEES ALSO formally approved a "concept plan" for the area presented by the village staff in July. Trustee John Cole dissented, however, primarily because of his objections to building a new road that would funnel additional traffic onto Dundee Road.

Cole said during the blizzard of 1979 it took him three hours to travel from Milwaukee Avenue to Schoenbeck Road, along Dundee Road. "And then to dump another shopping center on there is crazy," he said.

But Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld contended the traffic situation on Dundee Road has improved in the last two years because motorists now use the newly completed Lake-Cook Road instead of Dundee Road. "The funnel off onto Lake-Cook Road is incredible," he said.

In another related matter, the trustees imposed a building moratorium on the nine sites selected for the senior housing and 18 units of housing for low-income families scattered throughout the village. All of the parcels currently are undeveloped and the moratorium was designed to prevent any of the sites from being sold to builders with plans to develop them, Markus said.



WH flushing hydrants

10-23-80

WHEELING—Residents who are concerned because they might hear something go "flush" in the night can relax. It's only the village flushing fire hydrants.

The two-week project, which began Oct. 15, is a maintenance procedure done by the village once a year to remove particles and sediments from the water lines in the fire hydrant system.

Work is scheduled to be done between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. to hopefully reduce the number of complaints about "rusty" water. There is no problem with the water except for the color. Thevill Village officials indicate it is safe to drink. Residents are urged, however, to check the color of water before doing any laundry as some staining could result from the discoloration.

The village will post signs in the areas scheduled for flushing one day prior to the actual work.

Persons who have questions about the program should contact the Department of Operations and Maintenance between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Village waives some charity fees

10-23-80 LIFE

Krueger maintained the Fourth of July fireworks isn't a project in which the Jaycees "gain or make money. We are providing a service for the community. Without the funding, we can't do it."

In another matter, the board plans to carefully examine an agreement with Clark Dietz Engineering for a sewer system evaluation study. Some trustees are concerned about the cost and the way it was figured. The item was removed from the agenda and is likely to be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

I've had difficulty with donating the taxpayers' money." Gary Krueger, past president of the Wheeling Jaycees, questioned whether the resolution applies to private groups that might be handling a project for the entire community.

Several trustees said that it is possible for the village to handle a project for the community, like the Fourth of July fireworks, or, if need be, eliminate it all together.

Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld expressed interest in a special events allocation being included in the village budget.

Trustee Roger A. Powers said the board "will try and help out," adding that groups shouldn't come to the board expecting it to give money. "I'm looking for a group to show effort on their part. That would eliminate the element of automatic (donations) part."

Each group, said Village Manager Thomas Markus, will be have its request looked at individually before it is forwarded to the board.

Kerr, as he has in the past, reiterated his opposition to the Village Board being used as a donating body. "I've been on the board for 3 1/2 years and

churches and not-for-profit organizations.

THE AMOUNT of money contributed by the board to a charitable or community organization came to light last spring when the Wheeling Jaycees were seeking funds for the July Fourth fireworks display.

Trustee Charles Kerr was concerned about the 20 percent figure. "I think it tags us with a specific amount." It was explained, however, that the 20 percent would be the maximum, and not the guaranteed amount donated by the board.

WHEELING—Not-for-profit organizations in Wheeling may be able to get a waiver of some fees, but they will not be able to get all the money they want from the Village Board.

The board took that action at its meeting Monday, Oct. 20. In general, the resolution adopted by the board limits the amount of money any group can get from the board to not more than 20 percent. As for the waiver of fees, the resolution adopted by the board provides a 50 percent reduction of building fees, not including charges for water and sewer, for charitable organizations, public agencies,

10-23-80 HERALD
Meet Guest Speaker
for September

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus was the guest speaker at the September Chamber meeting. Mr. Markus prepared a slide presentation for members regarding the village's plan for improving Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road, commercial revenue bond legislation, and tax increment financing.

"The improvement plan can be divided into two areas — private and public investments," says Mr. Markus. "We have to encourage the state to make road improvements on Milwaukee Avenue, which lacks sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and a proper drainage system. From the private end of it, we are trying to encourage new business development in the area, and with the existing businesses, trying to encourage them to maintain their properties better."

"The village needs the Chamber's support and cooperation so that we can get some of these improvements made."



Thomas Markus

VILLAGE MANAGER
MARKUS

Next Chamber Meeting ...

10-23-80 LIFE
Vehicle sticker deadline extended by one month

WHEELING RESIDENTS have an extra month to get a vehicle sticker for their car, truck or whatever they drive.

The Village Board at its meeting Monday, Oct. 20, approved a change in the deadline date stickers have to be purchased and displayed.

The new date is Jan. 31. This replaces the old Dec. 31 which had been established to coincide with the old state deadline.

With the state now on a multi-year, scattered-date plan, the village elected to also adopt a later date. The Jan. 31 deadline will also give residents an opportunity to purchase stickers after the holiday period.

Trustee John Cole had two areas of concern with the ordinance amendment. He said with stickers on sale starting Nov. 1, there should be no reason to extend the deadline. Village Manager Tom Markus said he would like to maintain the provision for a deadline extension in the event the Village Hall is closed for any reason.

COLE ALSO NOTED that on the fee schedule, there was no fee for recreational vehicles listed in the infor-

mation he had. This he said, should be looked into because with the energy situation, recreational vehicles should have a fee, probably higher than automobiles, because they are "unnecessary transportation."

Fees for motor bicycles are \$6, for automobiles \$10, village owned vehicles, \$1, vehicles owned by persons over 65 years of age, \$3. Truck fees vary with the weight of the truck.

Stickers will be available at the Village Hall starting Nov. 1.

IN OTHER ACTION, the Village Board:

• Approved rezoning, but denied a density variance for a proposed six-unit building on Strong Street. The request was to increase the density from 3.8 to six units. Trustees thought it was too much of an increase for the property. Owners of the property said surrounding buildings are all six units. The rezoning makes the property R-4, multi-family. It had been R-1, single-family prior to the board's action.

• Annexed property at 2333 Hintz Road into the village as an involuntary annexation. Property Wayne Lundstrom expressed concern that his busi-

ness, which he operates from that location, would be in jeopardy. Village officials and trustees assured him, however, that he will continue to operate his nursery without any problem and the only change will come if and when he decides to sell the property.

• Adopted a resolution approving the final plat of Michael's Manor subdivision. The resolution calls for developers of Michael's Manor to pay \$7,000 for construction of a private storm sewer detention basin. It also calls for Michael's Manor residents to have the "same responsibilities, rights and benefits to the detention basins" as Candlewood residents. Representatives for both groups were not especially happy with the resolution, but said they will go along with it. Village Board President William Hein told both representatives that the Village Board and the community "doesn't plan to get into a donnybrook between the parties."

• Decided to continue with the Northwest Municipal Conference in the study of cable television for the village. Named Village Board representative to the NWMC committee on cable television was Trustee Roger Powers.

10-28-80 HERALD

Wheeling OKs finishing study on Pal-Waukee

Rogers, a long-time airport critic, Donoghue said his firm would "absorb" any extra costs.

"You're getting a bargain because we are eating a whole lot of it," he said. To date, the firm has been paid about \$63,000.

However, the firm would be eligible for additional federal reimbursement in the event the two towns purchase the airport.

SO FAR, THE consultant has devised three purchase plans for the airport, ranging in cost from \$35 million to \$78 million, and Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld asked for a detailed accounting of how much money will have to be spent to maintain the airport in addition to what revenues it will generate.

Sommerfeld also said he is concerned about the "appearance of impropriety" if the village buys the airport land and runway, but the Priester family still owns the hangars and other airport buildings.

The village, in effect, would be encouraging a Priester monopoly and excluding any other operators from having a hand in running the airport, he said. However, Donoghue said the village would not be eligible for any state or federal aid, and the cost of acquiring those buildings would be high.

With an airport consultant assuring Wheeling trustees they are getting "a bargain," the village board Monday night authorized him to complete a \$120,000 study to determine if the village and Prospect Heights should buy Pal-Waukee Airport.

Although the future of Prospect Heights's involvement is uncertain, Wheeling Village Pres. William Hein urged completion of the study "to assure this airport is not going to become an O'Hare Airport." The measure was approved unanimously.

The two towns have contributed a total of \$6,000 toward the study, now two years old. The balance is being paid through federal and state grants.

BUT PROSPECT Heights, fearing a substantial loss of sales tax revenue, says it will abandon plans to buy the airport unless owner George Priester drops a lawsuit he has filed to disconnect from the city. The northern half of the airport is in Wheeling.

Prospect Heights has not set a deadline for Priester to drop his suit. If the city abandons efforts to buy the airport, Wheeling can act as sole sponsor, state aviation officials say.

Airport consultant Larry Donoghue, president of Ralph Burke Associates, has said his firm already has spent \$125,000 on the study. But under questioning from former Trustee William

Village faces escalating redevelopment costs

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer
Wheeling officials are faced with spending at least \$94,000 for new roads, street lighting and sewer and water facilities needed for downtown redevelopment.

In addition, village officials estimate it will cost about \$100,000 a year to run a center for senior citizens and handicapped persons, and less than half that amount can be recouped through federal grants for programs for the elderly.

And although trustees Monday night authorized spending \$45,000 to have a consulting firm begin work on the design, some are beginning to grumble about the cost of the project, which initially was thought to be funded solely through federal grants.

Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld said the cost to the village appears to be "substantially greater than I had anticipated. I was aware there was going to be

some cost to the village." However, he added the village is obligated to proceed with the project at least to the point of soliciting bids, which will determine the exact cost of all the improvements.

ALTHOUGH HE described the redevelopment project as "one of the best things we've ever done," Sommerfeld said he would hesitate to approve the project if a tax increase is needed to pay for it.

The redevelopment plans call for 100 rent-assisted apartments for the elderly to be built by the Cook County Housing Authority. It would be located just south of a \$4.5 million emergency clinic, at Milwaukee and Strong avenues, being constructed by Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines.

The village plans to buy two of the 11 acres owned by developers Lambert Domas and Thomas Popke for the senior center. The developers plan to build a condominium project of a yet-to-be-

determined size on the remaining land. And the village has earmarked the 10 acres along Milwaukee Avenue, south of the senior housing, for some type of commercial development.

A new road would be built by extending First Street to the south. It would bend to the east and join Milwaukee Avenue. A second new road would branch from that road, heading south and joining Milwaukee Avenue.

Village officials say they may initially have to pay all of the \$492,000 for the roads and utilities, but plan to "recapture" about \$380,000, either by imposing a special tax on other developers in the area or signing a contract with the developers that would force them to pay for the improvements when the property is developed. However, officials acknowledged it could be years before some of that money can be returned to the village.

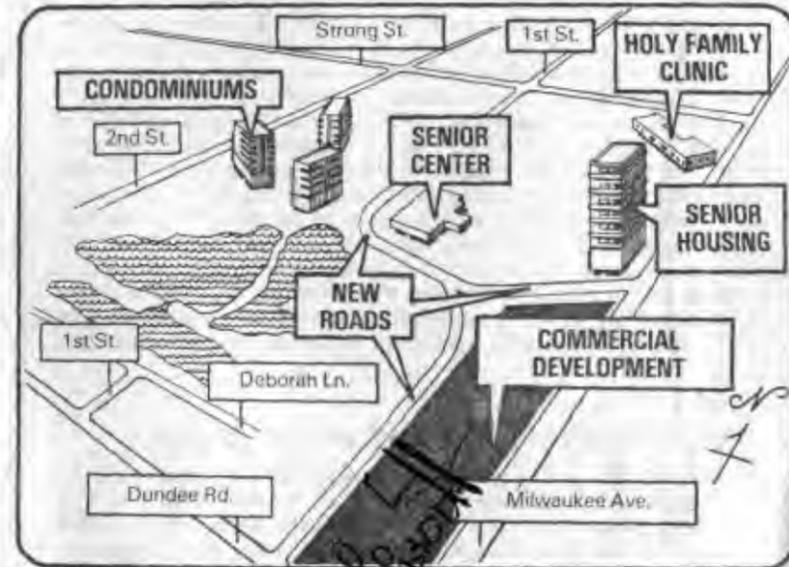
THE VILLAGE expects to have about \$1.5 million to pay for the

project, including a \$1.1 million federal grant for the senior center and other improvements as well as the money that would be recaptured from the other developers, said Village Planner Richard Greenwood.

However, when the cost of buying land, building and furnishing the center and the improvements planned for the entire area are tallied up, the total comes to about \$1.6 million, accounting for the \$94,000 which the village will have to spend.

Greenwood emphasized the costs are only "guesstimates. I guarantee the numbers will change, hopefully downward, when we actually go out for bid."

He said the consulting firm, Harland Bartholomew and Associates, Northbrook, should give village officials a better idea of the cost of the roads, landscaping and sewer and water systems. The engineering study is slated to be completed in three months.



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INTEND TO BUY AIRPORT
Wheeling OKs Resolution On Palwaukee
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By VIRGINIA SUTTON

A resolution expressing the intent to purchase Palwaukee Airport was given the go-ahead by the Wheeling Village Board Monday night. However, approval hinges on several conditions.

The airport is currently privately owned by the George Priester family and is located both in Wheeling and Prospect Hts. Both communities have expressed an interest in purchasing the facility, and have entered into a joint study to determine the feasibility of such a move.

A 3-part study by the consulting firm of Ralph H. Burke, Inc. of Park Ridge is in the final phase which addresses environmental issues.

THE RESOLUTION passed Monday night by Wheeling trustees during a special board meeting stipulated the agreement was subject to "environmental acceptability, final financial feasibility and funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and State of Illinois, Dept. of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics."

While the vote to pass the resolution was unanimous, trustees and citizens questioned Larry Donoghue, president of the consulting firm, on several points. Trustees Sheila Schultz and Robert Ross were absent.

Citizens, trustees and village staff submitted written questions

concerning the airport to the consulting firm in late September. The firm replied with written responses, and Donoghue was present at the board meeting for further explanations.

Of primary concern to trustees was what would happen to Palwaukee if the 2 municipalities should decide to drop the matter, and would another community decide to purchase the facility and continue to use the airport.

"Any city has the right to own an airport outside of its city limits," explained Donoghue. "If both communities dropped out and another expressed interest, the FAA would go ahead and try to get another."

Also of concern would be whether any revenue would be generated by the facility. Donoghue replied that a portion of rent charged on hangars, sale of fuel, the down fees and an air departure charge would generate some fees.

A PROFESSIONAL airport manager and staff should be hired to administer to the facility, he advised.

Despite the resolution of intent to purchase the airport passed by both communities, the acquisition of Palwaukee remains a long way off. The matter of funding from the state, local and federal level must be determined and the final phase of the study completed before a final decision will be made.

Pal-Waukee consultant convinces Wheeling to buy

10-30-80 Reminder

It was the Larry Donoghue show Monday night for the Wheeling village board when the airport consultant fielded numerous questions from trustees and the audience about acquiring Pal-Waukee airport.

Donoghue, from Ralph Burke Associates of Park Ridge, is the top consultant conducting the two-year-old airport study for Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Before the board unanimously voted to acquire the airport, subject to change of mind later, they questioned Donoghue about the relocation of Wolf Road, the

noise problem from Dundee to Euclid roads and how much revenue they could expect to get from the airport once it's acquired. The trustees' votes appeared more swayed by the thought that the airport could come under the control of another municipality rather than out of any desire for the airport itself.

"If Prospect Heights and Wheeling drop out (of wanting to own the airport) the Federal Aviation Agency and the state will rush in to get some other community to sponsor it," Donoghue told the trustees. He

added that Glenview and Northbrook may try to establish the right to the airport even though it does not lie within their borders and that it's possible they can do it because other airports have been acquired like that. He cited the case of O'Hare where Chicago made some fancy maneuvers to gain jurisdiction over it, as did the DuPage county with its airport.

Village President William Hein agreed. "We'll prevent the airport from getting worse—if we have control over it," he said.

Of airport study *10-30-80 Life* Village OKs final phase

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

THE FINAL PHASE in the feasibility study for the possible purchase of Palwaukee Airport by the village of Wheeling and the city of Prospect Heights got the green light from the Wheeling Village Board at a special regular meeting Monday, Oct. 27.

Trustees, citizens and other village officials had the opportunity to submit questions about the proposed changes at the airport that will, if purchased by the communities, make it a public instead of private airport.

Many of the questions focused on what will happen to the airport in terms of land acquisition, number and size of aircraft if the facility is purchased by Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

LARRY DONOGHUE, president of Ralph Burke and Associates, the airport consultants doing the study, was at the meeting to answer questions and provide additional comment or clarification to questions submitted prior to the meeting.

There was some concern by trustees that if the airport is not purchased by Wheeling or Prospect Heights, a neighboring village could come into Wheeling and purchase the airport.

Donoghue explained that at this point the only way another community could enter the picture, would be if either Wheeling or Prospect Heights, or both communities, dropped out of the study. "Cook County might be the most logical operator of the airport," Donoghue said, "But they have indicated that don't want it." He said other operations, including Cook County Jail and Cook County Hospital keep the county

TRUSTEE JOHN COLE was concerned about an neighboring municipality operating the airport because when the city of Chicago took over O'Hare, it was not located within the city limits. Donoghue said the city annexed a piece of Higgins Road for the purposed as keeping the airport in the city, not for acquiring it.

"A municipality can own an airport outside of its own limits," said Donoghue. He said that part of the Aurora Airport is in Sugar Grove and that

even parts of O'Hare are located in Bensenville.

Donoghue pointed out that a county cannot go into another county, but a city can go into another county, a situation, he said, that appears to be unique to Illinois.

"This is a problem we ran into with the DuPage County Airport," he said, "We wanted to expand the facility, but we could not because we would have gone into Kane County."

The approval by the Village Board to continue in the study means that the much discussed Phase 3 can proceed. That portion of the study will examine, among other things, environmental impact and many fiscal aspects of the prospects, including what revenue the villages stand to gain from joint ownership.

Trustee Charles Kerr expressed interest in the revenue possibilities of the project saying he thought it might be something where all the village received from the plan was "costs."

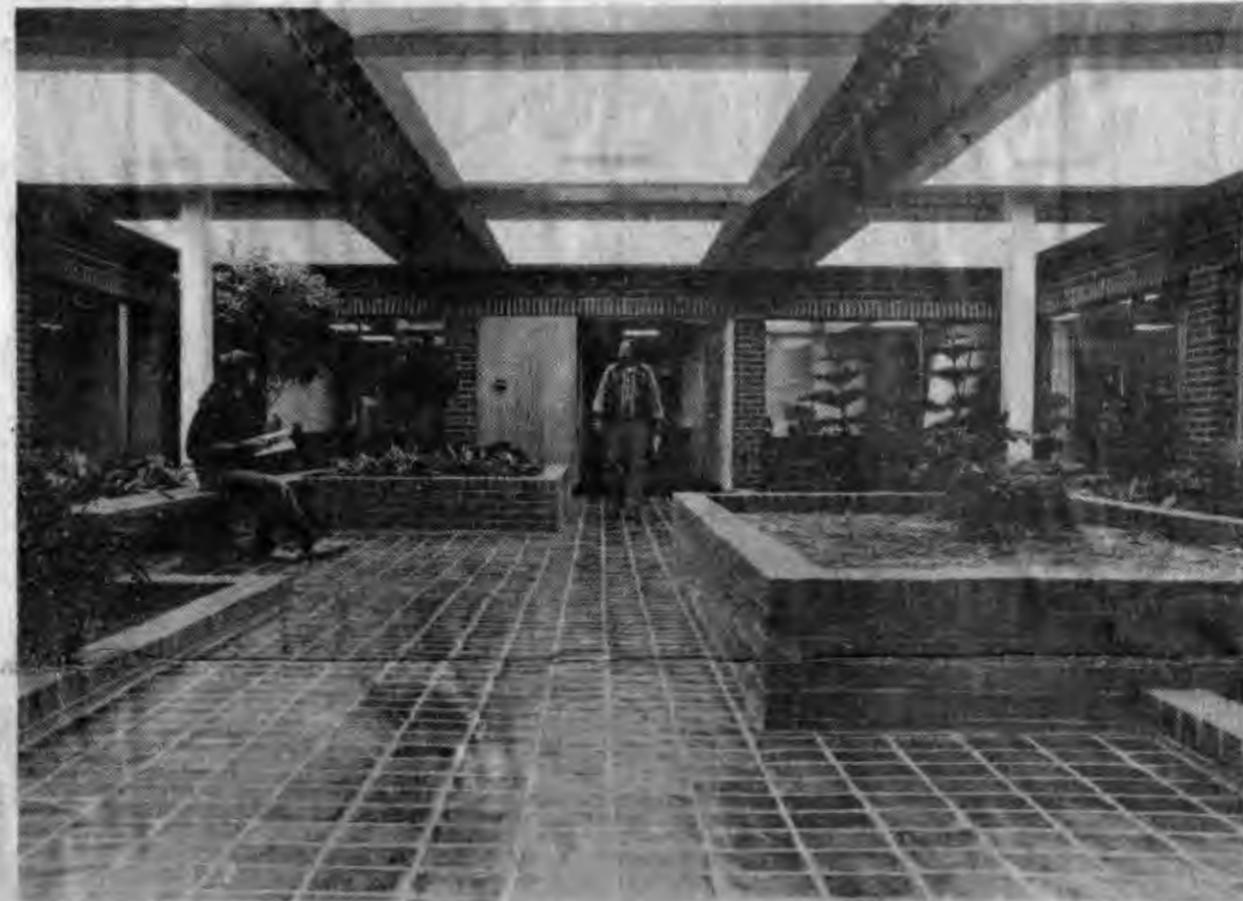
Donoghue said that Wheeling will get revenue from space rentals, tie-down fees and an airport use fee. The village will also receive, under the proposal, 6 percent of the fuel sales at the airport.

The third phase will also look at the "disbenefits" to both communities for having an airport. The foremost "disbenefit" is noise. This will be part of the environmental impact portion of Phase 3.

THERE WAS ALSO some concern that Burke and Associates might ask for additional funding for the study as the cost for the study will exceed the original estimate.

"We would only ask for extra items if there were extra items to be put in. All other work will go on as scheduled," Donoghue said. He added that Burke and Associates "is a whole lot of it (the cost) but we will not go above the original cost. Mr. Burke taught us that if we under estimate to still go on with a project. A wrong estimate is not the client's fault."

The Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport which is studying the possible purchase is scheduled to meet Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Mount Prospect Village Hall.



Looking good

THINGS ARE TAKING shape at the Wheeling village complex. The fire department is moved into its new location (top photo) while the complex's atrium, recently dedicated to Lorraine Lark, is almost completely planted. (Photos by Steve Donisch)

Board approves initial funding for senior center

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THE WHEELING VILLAGE Board has taken the first step for developing the senior center in the northeast part of the village.

Trustees at a special regular meeting Monday, Oct. 27, approved a \$42,000 contract with Harland Bartholomew and Associates for engineering services to be provided for the development.

The total package, which will ultimately include commercial and residential units, will run north from Dundee Road along Milwaukee Avenue.

Plans for the development were discussed at the board's regular meeting Oct. 20.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS estimate the project's cost to be \$1,568,450. Adding inflation, the figure rises an additional \$105,900 to \$1,674,350. The problem here, trustees were told, is that with the projected total revenue, recaptured costs and income, the total money incoming to the village for the project is \$1,580,000, \$94,350 less than the total inflated project cost.

Village Manager Tom Markus said the projected costs are not final and there are items that can be trimmed from the proposal to lower its cost.

He also urged the board not to hesitate in using general funds for the project.

ject. "If the village is going to participate and follow the plan," he said, "It should do so with some general funds."

While trustees expressed some concern about finances for the development and construction of the project that would include a collector road and acquisition of some property and rights-of-way, Trustee John Cole questioned where funds would come from to maintain operation of a senior center.

He warned that even if the village were to receive a grant from the federal government, there is a strong likelihood that cutback by the government would significantly reduce the original amount.

Markus said the major cost for the center will be for fuel and telephone service.

TRUSTEE CHARLES KERR questioned the manner in which consultants and engineers are selected. He said there might be some "advantage" to obtaining proposals in addition to the Harland Bartholomew report before approving that firm's contract.

Markus, however, said past work done for the village by Harland Bartholomew made him comfortable to call on the firm again. He also said that professional services don't have to be let out for bids as do major purchases.

"I've heard that since I've been on the board and feel we've been stung a couple of times," Kerr said. However, Kerr voted in favor of the resolution approving the contract.

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Sewage solution mired in villages' land dispute

by Gordon Walek

Herald staff writer

Ever since she moved into the Chevy Chase Estates subdivision more than two years ago, Gretchen Socha says the neighborhood has been plagued with foul smells, flooded basements and inconsistent water pressure because of the "substandard" sewer system that serves the area.

And just as it seemed the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency would step in, a "political war" between Buffalo Grove and Wheeling over who ultimately will control about 203 acres surrounding the subdivision has mired plans for a speedy solution.

About 75 homeowners, a few businesses and the Chevy Chase Golf Course receive sewer service from the Chevy Chase Sewer and Water Co., which is being sued by the IEPA for allegedly dumping five times more treated sewage into the Des Plaines River than is allowed by federal standards.

The lawsuit, filed in 1979, offered residents some hope that the system would be improved, but Mrs. Socha said the tug-of-war between Buffalo Grove and Wheeling over who will annex the land has unnecessarily prolonged the poor sewer service.

THROUGH AN agreement with other Vernon Township communities, Buffalo Grove controls sewer hookups to a Lake County treatment plant that would serve the Chevy Chase area. Utility system owner William Johnson could solve his lawsuit and the homeowner's sewer problems by connecting to Lake County sewers, but Buffalo Grove officials in May refused to permit such an arrangement because Johnson wouldn't agree to annex his 203 acres of prime industrial property to their village.

His options now are to pay \$750,000 to upgrade the system himself, to annex the land to Wheeling and have the Metropolitan Sanitary District extend their boundaries into Lake County, or to hope that the IEPA's pollution control board will convince Buffalo Grove to allow the Lake County hookup.

The first two alternatives are time-consuming and don't sit well with the people who depend on the sewer and water service, and Mrs.

Socha — a member of the homeowners' association — says residents fault Buffalo Grove for depriving them of adequate sewer service.

"The thing that is most upsetting is the terrible uncertainty of what's going to happen," Mrs. Socha said. "But we live in Lake County and pay Lake County taxes, and I can't see why we should be penalized because Buffalo Grove wants some of this land."

"THE STATE says we need a change. I'm not saying Johnson didn't make his own problems, but Buffalo Grove is standing in the way now. It's not hurting Johnson. He doesn't live here. It's hurting us."

But the IEPA's pollution control board is not likely to make a decision on how to solve the problem until December, at the earliest, and there is some question whether the board has the authority to order Buffalo Grove to permit the connection.

"It's obviously a political football," said Robert Johnson, an attorney for the sewer company. "But the issue is not the Johnson property, it's only the people the system presently serves."

Lake County Board Chairman Glenn Miller is opposed to any Wheeling expansion north of Lake-Cook Road and said the solution is "pretty cut and dried."

"Buffalo Grove has the obligation to take care of the people who reside in their area," he said. "It's their responsibility to work with them."

Buffalo Grove Public Works Dir. Gregory Boysen offered an equally simple solution — order Johnson to follow the village's plans for the area.

"THE IEPA can tell Johnson to conform to the laws of the area," he said. "To meet the requirements to connect with the Lake County plant he would follow the development plans as set forth in our master plan for the area. That's the most logical thing to do."

And Boysen said that even if Johnson annexes the land to Wheeling, it's not likely the IEPA would support an MSD extension into Lake County, particularly if the Lake County board opposed the project.

NORTHWEST

WHEELING

Vehicle stickers go on sale Monday

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Wheeling vehicle stickers for 1981 go on sale Monday, and motorists will have an additional month this year to purchase them.

The deadline is being moved to Jan. 31, said Village Finance Director Gregory Peters, so last-minute buyers won't be forced to purchase their stickers during the holiday rush. However, he added it is unlikely the new deadline will be extended unless there are "super-extenuating circumstances, like a blizzard."

Also, the village will be reinstating a program, last tried three years ago, to clamp down on residents who don't buy their stickers.

The name of each person who buys a vehicle sticker will be fed into the village's computer system. Those names will be matched with a list of Wheeling motorists who have a vehicle registered with the state.

Village residents who don't show up on both lists will receive a delinquency notice, probably sometime in April or May, Peters said. They will be re-

quired to pay the \$10 for a car sticker plus a \$5 late charge.

If a resident fails to respond to the notice, a citation is issued, adding another \$5 to the cost. A third notice means a court appearance, which adds an additional \$5, plus court costs.

IT WILL COST the village \$2,500 to program the computer to run the check on delinquent motorists, but Peters said he is confident the village will net at least that much in unpaid vehicle sticker fees. In 1977, the village netted \$8,000 by cracking down on

residents who failed to buy stickers.

In addition to the \$10 fee for cars, stickers for motorcycles and mopeds are \$6, and recreational vehicle stickers cost \$5. Residents more than 65 years old can obtain stickers for \$3. Applications are available at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd., or by calling 459-2600.

Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Village hall is open on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

11-1-80

Fialkowski new assistant to the village manager

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

The deputy director of the Northwest Municipal Conference will resign in two weeks to become administrative assistant to the village manager in Wheeling.

Robert Fialkowski, 28, who has been deputy director since May and transportation engineer for the conference for 3½ years, will begin his new job Nov. 17. He will be responsible for developing and coordinating long-range improvement programs in Wheeling, said Village Mgr. Thomas Markus, and will serve as acting manager any time Markus is away from the village.

Fialkowski, of Mount Prospect, will be paid \$25,000 a year, a \$3,000 increase over his present salary.

HE SAID FRIDAY he was not unhappy with his job at the municipal



Robert Fialkowski

conference, but was looking for a chance "to get involved in municipal government. I view this as an advancement, a chance to maybe get a little more involved with the public."

Markus noted the village soon will be making decisions on a number of costly issues and he wants "somebody

to bulldog those activities."

Those activities include a multimillion-dollar downtown redevelopment project, the acquisition of Lake Michigan water and flood control improvements needed in several multifamily projects on the west side of town.

Also, Wheeling is considering with Prospect Heights buying Pal-Waukee Airport, an undertaking that could cost a minimum of \$35 million. As transportation engineer for the conference, Fialkowski has been involved in the more than two years of discussions on the problems and economic wisdom of acquiring the airport. Markus, who has been Wheeling's manager since May, said Fialkowski's airport experience should be "extremely valuable."

Before his job with the municipal conference, Fialkowski worked in traffic research for the Illinois Dept. of Transportation in Oak Park.

11-3-80 Herald

Village to postpone police promotions

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials will not promote any police officers until a federal court judge rules whether the village is entitled to do so.

The move puts on hold Patrolman Stephen Weber's promotion to sergeant. Weber last week was designated by the village fire and police commission to fill the new sergeant's post. The village board earlier this year authorized an additional sergeant for the police department.

But attorneys for the 11 police officers who are accusing the village of playing politics with promotion exams contend it is unfair for anyone to be promoted until their lawsuit is settled.

That lawsuit, filed 1½ years ago, charges Village Pres. William Hein and past and present members of the village fire and police commission with rigging police promotion exams and basing promotions on political ties rather than performance. Police Chief Ted Bracke was later added as a defendant.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT Judge Nicholas Bua has set a Nov. 10 court date to decide on another date that the attorneys may present their arguments on why the promotions should be delayed.

Michael Wall, an attorney representing the 11 police officers, said even if his clients win their case and the promotions are declared invalid and revoked, the officers who are promoted

in the meantime have an unfair advantage over other officers. The promoted officers will have had the experience and specialized training that would benefit them if the tests are re-administered, he said.

According to fire and police commission procedures, the three officers who score the highest on written and oral examinations are entitled to be promoted. Although Weber headed that list, one of the top three was Patrolman Michael Rompala, who is one of the 11 officers suing the fire and police commission.

VILLAGE ATTY. David Epstein said there is no reason to delay promotions. Weber has signed a waiver agreeing to relinquish his promotion if the court determines that promotion

rigging did occur. He also noted the lawsuit is "now 19 months old and they have yet to produce any evidence."

A lieutenant's position has been vacant since May, when former Lt. Thomas Conte was fired for using excessive force in making an arrest. Sgt. Michael Hermes is one of three officers eligible to succeed Conte. Hermes, too, is one of the 11 officers involved in the lawsuit.

Epstein said he advised village officials not to fill that post "at this time" for reasons he would not discuss.

However, Conte has appealed in circuit court the decision of the fire and police commission to fire him. That case is scheduled to be heard later this month.

11-3-80 Herald

The week ahead

Trustees to mull consultant hiring

Wheeling trustees tonight will consider spending between \$45,000 and \$64,000 to hire a consulting firm to engineer the roadwork, sewer systems and landscaping for a downtown complex that includes apartments for the elderly and a center for seniors and handicapped persons.

Federal grants are being used to buy land and construct the senior center and 100 rent-assisted apartments for the elderly, near Milwaukee and Strong avenues. But Village Mgr. Thomas Markus has recommended hiring the consulting firm of Harland Bartholomew and Associates, Northbrook, to develop a plan encompassing the 25 acres, the nucleus of Wheeling's efforts to redevelop the downtown area.

Markus said it is necessary for the village to spend its own money on the consultant to ensure the area is developed in a coordinated manner. For \$45,000 the firm proposes to design a new road, which would pass by the senior center, elderly housing, a condominium development proposed by developers Lambert Dornas and Thomas Popke, and the northern part of 10 acres along Milwaukee Avenue that village officials hope will be developed commercially. That road would call for the southward extension of 1st Street, which would bend to the east, meeting Milwaukee Avenue.

It will cost the village an additional \$19,000 for the firm to design a road that would parallel Milwaukee Avenue, along the western edge of the proposed commercial development, emptying onto Dundee Road.

Markus said he hopes the village can recapture a portion of its expenses by asking the developers who would benefit from the new roads to contribute to the cost of the consultant's plan.

The trustees will meet at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the High School Dist. 214 Board of Education has been scheduled tonight to discuss teacher negotiations.

Talks began last week with representatives of the District Education Assn. Teachers in Dist. 214 are completing the final year of a three-year contract.

The meeting, which will be closed to the public, begins at 8 p.m. in the Dist. 214 administration center, 799 W. Kensington Rd., Mount Prospect.

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TOPICS

NWMC's Fialkowski New Administrator

By VIRGINIA SUTTON

The deputy director of the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) will become the administrative assistant to Wheeling's village manager on Monday, Nov. 17.

Robert Fialkowski, 28, deputy director of the NWMC and transportation engineer for the past 3½ years will join the Wheeling village staff.

As administrative assistant, Fialkowski will aid Village Manager Tom Markus and will serve as acting village manager when Markus is out of town.

"APPARENTLY, the job is not completely defined yet," said Fialkowski on Tuesday. "I'll

work on downtown redevelopment, Milwaukee Avenue and help co-ordinate public works. Possibly, I'll be involved in Palwaukee Airport as it goes into the 3d year of the study."

Fialkowski will be paid \$25,000 a year, a \$3,000 hike from his current salary.

"I was offered the job and it's a good opportunity. I've been here (at the NWMC) long enough. I grabbed at the chance," he added. "I think it's a new job for me, and is a little different. It's the same general field with a little more administering. I'm looking forward to it."

Prior to his job with the NWMC, Fialkowski worked in traffic research for the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) in Oak Park.

Village hires new assistant

11-6-80
Life

BOB FIALKOWSKI has been named Assistant to the Village Manager in Wheeling.

Currently with the Northwest Municipal Conference as a Deputy deputy director and transportation engineer, Fialkowski will begin his duties with the village on Monday, Nov. 17.

"Bob has experience with a number of communities in the area," says Village Manager Tom Markus, "and I think that will bring an additional perspective to the village."

Fialkowski's responsibilities with the village will include developing and implementing improvement programs and coordination of interdepartmental matters.

Markus adds that he hopes to move Fialkowski into a regular Assistant Village Manager's post as he gains experience with the village. "He already has a good knowledge of local government," says Markus "and I think he'll make a good member of the team."

The addition of Fialkowski now

gives the village two assistants to the Village Manager. The other, Bheula Peterson, will concentrate more on personnel in the village.

"That is an important aspect to consider," Markus says. "It is the largest part of the village because we do focus on service. But there is no one person watching it to try and increase productivity."

Markus adds the hiring of Fialkowski is not an addition to his staff and that the position has been in the village's budget all along.

"It's going to be a change going from a regional situation, like the NWMC, to an individual community such as Wheeling," says Fialkowski. "There is a lot to do in Wheeling and hopefully I'll be able to coordinate a number of projects."

Fialkowski was the NWMC's liaison to the Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport, and while he will not be part of the NWMC, he still expects some involvement with the Palwaukee study.

Opinion...

11-6-80
Reminder

'X' marks the spot on cable TV

By BILL MURPHY

It is interesting to note that Warner Amex was selected by the consultant for the 21 Northwest Municipal Conference villages as the number 1 choice to provide cable TV to approximately 150,000 homes. It was recently reported that Palatine has already selected Warner Amex as the company to provide cable to their community. In a letter, Karn Kelly Horist, community relations director for Warner Amex, stated "under no circumstances in any of the 30 states where we serve 700,000 subscribers - does Warner Amex show X-rated movies - including our frontier-of-the-art Qube two-way, interactive system in Columbus, Ohio.

The following is a list of some of the adult films listed on page 5 of the Qube Cable TV Program Guide for 9/7 to 9/20, 1980 plus some descriptions:

"Seven Delicious Wishes" - a free for all look at fantasy; "Coming Attractions" - an unusual story about a couple whose fantasies are more enticing than their realities.; "Climax of Blue Power" - An emotional and physical turn-on; "Swinging Couples" - sensuous as only a French film can be.; "The Secret Dreams of Mona" - the ultimate erotic masterpiece.; "Cherry, Harry and Raquel" - A Russ Meyer film; "Beneath the Valley of the Ultra Vixens" - an all-out assault on today's sexual mores and more.

Qube calls these movies "A" for Adult Films. They certainly sound like what is listed in the newspapers ad "X". One title "Misty Beethoven" I believe has appeared in the Chicago Tribune movie section under "X".

I believe we have a semantics problem where "A" is being mistaken for "X".

Another point raised by Karn Horist and actually the most critical is:

"The Conference advised that the decision as to whether or not to include these movies (Adult - my insertion from jist of article) in a program line-up was entirely in the hands of each of the individual municipalities. The municipalities, therefore, would be the decision makers. This decision would then be written into the ordinance drawn up by each village to serve as the binding agreement between the community and the cable company".

I believe there is a basic error in the assumption that a community, in its franchise with a cable TV company, can legislate what material (movies) residents of a community can view. Many people, including an attorney for the National Cable Television Association, believe that it is a prior restraint of the first amendment rights on freedom of speech, etc. for a community to restrict what residents may view in their homes. Teleprompter, the largest cable TV company, tried to remove "The Ugly George Hour of Truth, Sex and Violence" from its free public access channel in New

York."

Bill Grams, who I believe is the executive director of the Northwest Municipal Conference said or implied at a meeting of the Barrington Cable TV commission that he believed a community could not restrict in its cable TV franchise, what residents of a community can view. He indicated that it may be possible to have a separate contract between the town and the cable TV company restricting X-rated movies.

It is the opinion of my attorney, and also an attorney for the National Cable Television Association, that any contract will be looked upon as an extension of the franchise, and again held as a restriction of first amendment rights if "X" rated movies are restricted.

There appears to be a possibility that a community might be able to restrict "X" movies to specific times such as 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. when young people are not normally watching TV. This possibility is based upon the Supreme Court ruling in the Pacifica case (George Carlin's seven words you cannot say on radio or TV) that it was inappropriate to have broadcast Carlin's comedy on seven words over public airways when children had easy access to the TV.

I am not an attorney, but there is an implication that "adult" material might be acceptable late at night. A number of attorneys have indicated that a town might not be able to restrict "X" rated movies to specific times because the Pacifica case related to public air waves, not a cable that people pay to allow into their homes. Therefore it appears that a town might be unable in its franchise, to keep out "X" rated movies but might be able to restrict "X" movies to certain hours but even this is questionable.

I live in Barrington and am an owner/developer of small cable TV systems. I believe the best way for communities like Barrington, Wheeling, or Palatine if they desire to keep out "X" rated movies from their communities, is to build separate cable TV systems for each town of the Northwest suburbs and not interconnect these cable systems. In this way, residents of a town can exert economic pressure by canceling TV service if the residents disagree with what a cable TV company is showing.

When a cable system gets very big, in general, any one group of residents cannot exert enough economic pressure to restrain the cable company. It is true that not joining towns in a large cable TV system will probably increase subscriber fees by \$25 to \$50 per year, and not allow for some unique features like voting that a large cable system can provide. I believe paying a higher price, and not getting some cable features, is a small price to pay for a community to keep out the negative influence "X" rated movies will have on younger people.

Wheeling board grants Inwood height variation

11-6-80 Reminder

By SHARON GELTNER

The Wheeling board voted 3 to 2 to grant a height variation for the proposed 400 apartments at Palatine and Wheeling roads but not before a trustee and a chairman of the zoning board of appeals exchanged angry words.

Trustee William Kerr questioned whether the zoning board considered it thoroughly when it recommended that the height variation be granted for Inwood Manor at its last meeting Oct. 28.

"There is nothing in their report that supports the action of the zoning board. There are no standards in black and white listing why the variation should have been granted. Nothing backs them up," Kerr said angrily.

Frank Wojek, the chairman of the zoning board, stalked up to the podium and pointed at Kerr.

"I object to the attitude of Mr. Kerr as a trustee on the board. He hasn't familiarized himself with zoning board duties and he's never been at a zoning board meeting and he has the gall..."

As the men began shouting at each other Village President Bill Hein restored order to the meeting. Trustee Shelia Schultz asked that the standards for granting the variation be "spelled out" for the board that night and in a written report later. The lawyer representing Alan B. Huvard, developer of Inwood Manor for Finger Enterprises from Houston, read a list of answers stating that the proposed apartments would not hurt the surrounding neighborhoods in any way.

Prospect Heights officials have said the height of Inwood Manor at 58 feet will be double that of the surrounding neighborhood. The Prospect Heights attorney formally objected to the variation Monday night while adding that the not only was the development incompatible with the surrounding single family residences it was also inconsistent with development within Wheeling.

Trustee John Cole seemed to agree when he said what was being decided that night was not a change in variation but a change in village policy.

"The issue is, are we going to go higher than three stories in Wheeling or are we not? How can we justify five-story buildings in just one area? We might as well change the whole ordinance," Cole said.

Hein said the board would have to be realistic when viewing planned developments because the village has already looked into building eight-story buildings on Milwaukee for the proposed senior citizen center.

"We'd better start looking at higher than three stories, we don't have the big parcels of land to play with like we used to," he added.

Huvard told the board that if the buildings were to remain at three stories they would be unprofitable and would look like "barracks." He said the five five-story buildings surrounding a lake would look residential; with brick and wood siding in earth tones, gabled roofs and plenty of trees and landscaping.

"You make your money in curbside appeal. The apartments will be beautiful.

The people who have most objected to them will find them very compatible and very appealing," he added.

When questioned whether the apartments might be in the flight path of Pal-Waukee Airport, Huvard said he had checked with various agencies that might object to Inwood Manor. None of them, including the Federal Aviation Agency, had disapproved.

Later Huvard was asked if there would be a problem with building near the flood plain.

He answered, "We aren't building on the Mississippi."

The Wheeling plan commission will now study the development sprawling over 40 acres and its impact on the environment and surrounding communities. Later the Inwood Manor plans will return to the board for approval, where Prospect Heights says it will again officially object to the apartments. Informal neighborhood groups have said they will take Huvard to court if it looks like the buildings will be constructed as planned.

Rehab program set 11-6-80 Board OKs sewer plan

By HELEN KARAKOUDAS
Correspondent

WHEELING — A sanitary sewer rehabilitation program is in the offing for the village of Wheeling, according to Bob Gray, director of operations and maintenance for the village.

The Wheeling Board of Trustees adopted a resolution Monday, Nov. 3, to hire an engineering firm, Clark Dietz Inc., to perform the second phase of a sanitary sewer system evaluation survey.

The study will involve televising areas which the first step of the plan identified as problem spots. The firm will then do a cost-effective analysis to recommend what measures the village should take so that residents do not experience any further sanitary sewer backup.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the trustees approved a cash advance of \$3,333 to the Northwest Water Commission, an agency representing Wheeling, Palatine and Arlington Heights in allocation proceedings for Lake Michigan water.

Together with equal contributions from the two other villages, the fund advance will go toward development costs the commission will incur in acquiring and establishing a common source of supply of Lake Michigan water for the three communities through a station in Evanston.

IN A RELATED matter, the board also adopted a resolution agreeing to employ James Holywart, currently an administrative assistant for the village of Arlington Heights, as interim administrator for the Northwest Water Commission.

Holywart has been serving in that capacity for the last few months. His contract, the specifics of which have just now been completed, will terminate when the infant commission can replace him with a permanent executive director.

Created in the early 1950s DAMP, which is now called the Northwest Water Commission, was originally comprised of the city of Des Plaines and the villages of Palatine, Arlington Heights and Mount Prospect.

According to Tom Markus, Wheeling Village Manager and the village's representative on the commission since Wheeling's entrance into the body this summer, Des Plaines has formally left the commission and Mount Prospect has said it intends to do so also.



One more for . . .

WILLIAM HEIN, WHEELING VILLAGE President hands his ballot to Lee Hobson after voting Tuesday. (Photo by Steve Donitsch)

11-6-80 Reminder

Wheeling gets sticker start

Wheeling vehicle stickers for 1981 are now on sale at the Administrative Offices, 255 West Dundee Road in Wheeling. To avoid waiting in line the village recommends using the mail service or the 24 hour depository at the Village Hall in the main lobby. Applications for special numbers can be obtained either in person or by calling 459-2600.

Passenger cars are \$10 each; motorcycles and mopeds are \$6 each and RV's and RT's are \$5 each. Senior Citizens are \$3 if 65 years of age by January 1, 1981. Proof of age must be submitted with application. There is a maximum of two vehicle stickers per family for senior citizens.

Deadline for 1981 vehicle stickers is Feb. 2, 1981. After this date, an additional fee of \$5 will be charged. Any cars not displaying

a sticker by Feb. 3, 1981 will be subject to citations by the Police Department.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday office hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The office is closed on Saturday.

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Wheeling, Prospect Heights parks plan to share facilities

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

In an attempt to get more mileage out of their recreation centers, the Wheeling and Prospect Heights park districts will share facilities, offering residents of both districts residents' rates.

The agreement means Wheeling residents will pay the same rate charged to Prospect Heights residents for using the racquetball courts, exercise room and sauna at the Gary Morava Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Rd., a savings of about \$5 on an annual membership.

Prospect Heights residents will be able to swim at Wheeling's indoor pool at Hintz and Elmhurst roads for the residential rate, which is half the amount charged to non-residents.

Prospect Heights Park Director James DeVos said the agreement would "end much of the confusion" among Prospect Heights residents living in the Wheeling Park District who have been charged higher rates for programs in the Prospect Heights District.

ALSO, MEMBERS of the Prospect Heights youth swim team, who currently have to travel to the Lattof YMCA in Des Plaines for swim meets, would travel a shorter distance and probably save money by using the Wheeling facility, DeVos said.

To keep from "squeezing Prospect Heights residents out," the district plans to limit its new memberships to

150 Wheeling residents, he added.

The advantage for Wheeling residents, said Park Director David Phillips, would be that they would have access to racquetball facilities, which are not offered by the Wheeling district. He added the arrangement also should boost lagging attendance at the indoor pool, which operated at a \$41,000 deficit last year.

Wheeling park officials also will make available 50 memberships in the district's health club to Prospect Heights residents at Wheeling prices. That would mean a membership would cost \$75, instead of the non-resident fee of \$125.

THE TWO PARK boards will meet today at 7 p.m. at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Rd., Wheeling, to present the plan to the public.

DeVos said more sharing of facilities between park districts "might be the thing of the 1980s" to combat rising costs and state-imposed taxing limits on special districts like parks and libraries. He said the Prospect Heights Park District, which watched a tax-increase referendum go down in defeat earlier this year, might want to strike similar deals with their other neighbors, Arlington Heights and Mount Prospect.

He said he had "informally" approached Arlington Heights park officials, offering the Morava center in exchange for use of the indoor tennis facilities at Forest View Racquet Club, 800 E. Falcon Dr.

Arlington Heights Park Director Thomas Thornton said he has "been trying to advocate (sharing of park facilities) for some time."

"I THINK THEIR feeling has been that they were elected by Arlington Heights residents to provide services for those residents," he said.

DeVos said he also is considering asking Mount Prospect park officials for reduced rates at the district's golf course, 600 See-Gwun Ave., in exchange for offering lower rates at the Gary Morava Center to Mount Prospect residents.

11-10-80 Herald

The week ahead

Wheeling, Prospect to dispute zonings

Officials from Wheeling and Prospect Heights are expected to object to industrial plans proposed near Pal-Waukee Airport by two local businesses when the Cook County Zoning Board meets Friday.

A sewer and water main contractor is requesting zoning to build rental offices and mini-warehouses on two acres near Wolf Road and Fox Lane. And Wheeling Disposal Co. wants to park a chemical-processing truck on its property at Milwaukee and Sumac avenues.

Both properties are located in unincorporated Wheeling Township and are under the jurisdiction of Cook County. The zoning board will consider the requests at 3 p.m. at the Gary Morava Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights.

Officials from the two towns say the proposed mini-warehouses and office building are not well-suited to the residential neighborhood in which they would be located. They also complain that storage of chemicals near the airport could be a hazard.

Additionally, the two towns are undertaking a \$120,000 study to determine if they should buy the airport. The consultants studying the plan say development near Pal-Waukee should be discouraged because of the need to preserve clear space for aircraft operations and possible storage of airplanes or new airport facilities that will be needed.

SUPT. KENNETH GILL, Thursday will recommend alternatives for school closings this year in Wheeling Township Dist. 21.

Although a long-range report developed in 1979 recommended that Alcott School, 530 Bernard Dr., Buffalo Grove, be closed next June, Gill will not release his recommendations until the board hears them.

Last June, the district closed three schools — London Junior High, Hawthorne and Sandburg, all in Wheeling, because of declining enrollment. Enrollment has dropped from a peak of 8,400 in 1974 to 6,365 this year, and Gill said the district's projections have been "on the mark."

But he said he will give the board "alternatives" on school closings rather than a recommendation and let the board decide.

The long-range report issued last year recommended closing up to six schools through 1983. Alcott would be closed in June 1981 and Stevenson in 1982. Also that year, enrollment at Poe and Riley in Arlington Heights

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Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials are objecting to two local businessmen's proposals for industrial uses of property near Pal-Waukee Airport. A sewer and water main contractor is seeking zoning to build rental offices and mini-warehouses on a two-acre lot on the northwest corner of Wolf Road and Fox Lane, where the company's offices are located. And the Wheeling Disposal Co. wants to park a chemical-processing truck on its property at Milwaukee Road and Sumac Avenue, north of the airport.

Both zoning applications will be presented at a hearing of the Cook County Zoning Board at 3 p.m. Nov. 14, in the Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Rd.

Alvin DeJong, an attorney for Wheeling Disposal Co., said the company is applying to the county for a special permit to filter and clean small amounts of chemicals on the Sumac Avenue site.

He said the firm has a portable filtering machine that usually travels

between chemical company plants on a large truck, but the waste distillation service would be available for small jobs if the truck could be parked and operated on the site.

TODD GALLIEN, owner of Sewer and Water Main Contractors Inc., said it will be about two years before he builds the warehouses and rental offices, but he needs the industrial zoning now to build a storage yard for equipment and materials.

A zoning change also is required to allow the company to continue to oper-

ate in a house on the Wolf Road site where the office has been for about two months.

Both sites are unincorporated and under the control of the county, but if either Prospect Heights or Wheeling files a formal objection, it would take a three-fourths vote of the county board to approve the petitions.

Wheeling Village Planner Richard Greenwood said the developments are "inappropriate" to what is already built nearby and both developments

are near Pal-Waukee Airport, which Wheeling and Prospect Heights are considering buying. "We don't know if we want to promote further development in that area," he said.

STURGELL SAID THE chemical processing truck might be dangerous because "there's an airport right there and anything that is volatile, we would be very skeptical about it. There's an increased chance of a disaster at the airport."

Sturgell said the warehouses and of-

ices would be out of place because the site is directly east of the 60 houses known as Wolf Road Estates.

"This would put an industrial building right at the corner of the subdivision," he said.

In addition, the site may lie in the path of the proposed re-routing of Wolf Road. That road will have to be moved to the west, away from Pal-Waukee's 5,000-foot runway, to comply with federal safety standards, which would be required under municipal ownership.

Business plans near Pal-Waukee rapped

11-7-80 Herald

11-11-80 Herald

Village hits day care center 'hazard'

Wheeling officials are attempting to put a day care center out of business, saying the shopping center where it is located is not a safe place for children.

The day care center, in the Tahoe Village Shopping Center at Buffalo Grove and Hintz roads, is operated by Rainbow Path Early Learning Center of Arlington Heights. The five-year-old facility was established before the village board approved an ordinance requiring a "special use" permit for day

care centers.

Larry Oppenheimer, village director of community development, said existing day care centers were "grandfathered" when the new law was passed. But because Rainbow Path is installing a playground area near the building, village officials are requiring the firm to obtain the special permit.

In a report recommending that the permit for the day care center be denied, Oppenheimer says the shopping

center is extremely congested because it is located near two major roads, posing a "potentially hazardous environment for young children."

BECAUSE OF LIMITED open space near the shopping center, he added, the proposed playground area would be likewise limited and would call for a fence to be placed one foot from village-owned property near the roadway, which "would not be aesthetically desirable."

Oppenheimer said he did not recommend a deadline for the day care center to stop operating, and said that question should be answered by the village plan commission, which will review the proposal Thursday.

Arvid Olsen, president of Rainbow Path Inc., which runs 12 day care centers in the Northwest suburbs, said he would not comment on any of the village's objections until the Thursday meeting.



LIVING Today staff member Rosemary Sazonoff gave publicity booklets to Bheula Peterson, Wheeling, and Sgt. Bill Bennett, of the Buffalo Grove police department.

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Wheeling industrial building leased

Reminder 11-13-80

Baird & Warner Inc. and Money Mortgage Investors are participating in a \$1.2 million permanent loan for a 58,533-square-foot multi-tenant industrial building in the Wheeling Center for Industry in Wheeling.

Jeffrey A. Davis, mortgage vice president, and Perry K. Levin, assistant mortgage vice president in Baird & Warner's real estate finance division, arranged both the permanent financing and the construction loan for Ipec, Inc., a printing-related firm that will occupy a unit for its new corporate headquarters, at

Peterson and Marquardt drives. The building is fully leased.

The brick building was designed by Robert L. Friedman Associates, Chicago. Missner Construction Co., Skokie, was the general contractor. Stone, Frain, and Carnins, an industrial real estate firm, handled the leasing. The 130,000-square-foot site includes parking for 103 autos.

The Wheeling Center for Industry is a 75-acre industrial park situated on Wolf Road, just north of the Palatine Expressway and two miles west of the Willow Road interchange of the Tri-State Tollway.

The week ahead

11-17-80 Herald

Trustees to look at apartment plan

Plans by a Texas development company to build a 400-unit apartment complex at Palatine and Wheeling roads will be considered tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

The board will be considering an exception to zoning laws that permit buildings up to a height of 35 feet. The five 5-story buildings would be 58 feet high. Final building plans are expected to be submitted to the board later this year.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS TONIGHT will reconsider a proposal by a Wheeling developer to build a six-flat apartment building near Strong Avenue and 9th Street.

Last month, trustees approved the single- to multiple-family rezoning for builder Richard Kassulat, but denied his request for variations from several village building requirements.

The board will again review the plan at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

THE CHICAGO LAW firm retained by the village is scheduled to have its contract renewed tonight, with the firm asking for what amounts to an 8 percent raise.

The firm, Jann, Carroll, Kruse, Sain and Dolin, has provided legal services for the village for the last three years at an annual fee of \$39,600. Village Mgr. Thomas Markus has recommended approval of the contract with the law firm, which would run through next April, and calls for the firm to be paid \$3,583 a month, or \$42,996 a year. Markus has the option of firing the law firm under the terms of the agreement.

Board members will consider the agreement at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

Village OKs height variation for complex

11-18-80 Herald

Despite opposition from Prospect Heights officials, the Wheeling Village Board Monday approved a request by a Texas development firm to build a 400-unit apartment complex 23 feet taller than local zoning laws allow.

Pending approval of the final building plans, Monday night's granting of an exception from building height limitations clears the way for Finger Enterprises of Houston to build the five five-story buildings on a 40-acre site at the southeast corner of Wheeling and Palatine roads.

The objections to the proposed development, called Inwood Manor, ranged from concerns that the development would ruin the character of the area to fears that the buildings could interfere with operations at Pal-Waukee Airport, which the two towns are considering buying. Prospect Heights officials also have said the development could cause traffic jams on Wheeling Road, a two-lane thoroughfare.

SCOTT PETERS, an attorney representing Prospect Heights, also argued that the "unusual height" of the build-

ings could lower property values in single-family areas of Prospect Heights. The southern and western portions of the development border Prospect Heights.

However, Alan Huvad of the development firm, argued the land already is zoned for a multifamily development and conforms with current village density laws.

Constructing three-story buildings would eliminate the proposed underground parking that comprises about half the parking for the development, he said. Also to construct shorter buildings would eliminate much of the open space and would force construction of building in flood-prone areas near McDonald Creek, which cuts through the center of the property.

Trustees John Cole and Charles Kerr voted against granting the height variation, with Cole arguing that allowing the taller buildings constituted a major change in village policy. Rather than granting an exception in just one area the village should first consider whether it wants to change its height limitation ordinance, he added.

CLOSE IN ON CABLE TV

Both Buffalo Grove and Wheeling have moved closer to selecting a cable television franchise to serve their respective communities.

Buffalo Grove has narrowed its field to only 3 cable firms that wish to install their television facilities in that village. Wheeling, like its neighbor to the west, voted last weekend to cooperate with a consortium of 21 Northwest suburbs in choosing a common franchise.

The Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), which comprises 21 towns and 7 townships, met last Saturday to discuss cable. Its member communities voted 16-3 to work together toward possibly choosing a common cable franchise.

According to Assistant Village Manager William Sommer, Buffalo Grove would like to move even faster than the NWMC is moving on cable.

The village's cable committee

reported Monday to its village board that it's narrowed its cable choice to 3 firms: Cablenet, Cablevision, and Warner-Amex. Committee members are Village President Verna Clayton; Sommer; Village Manager William Balling; and Trustees Steve Stone and Bobbie O'Reilly.

In addition, Clayton was chosen last weekend to head one of 2 NWMC committees. Those committees are charged with documenting all criteria desired cable firms should have, to meet today's and tomorrow's needs.

Buffalo Grove's cable committee interviewed a total of 8 cable companies Oct. 28-29. A public hearing for citizens to air their views on cable was held last September.

However, Sommer would not say if Buffalo Grove is leaning toward a "regional" grouping of all 21 NWMC towns picking a common franchise. One alternative to that would be a "subregional" grouping in which the village would cooperate with

only a few neighboring towns.

"We're going to kind of wait and see on that one," said Sommer. He added that if the NWMC doesn't move fast enough on cable, Buffalo Grove will consider choosing a firm on its own.

At Wheeling's village board meeting Monday night, its own cable committee reported briefly on the NWMC session last weekend. According to one committee member, Finance Director Greg Peters, the village is tending strongly toward choosing a cable franchise common to all 21 conference towns.

Wheeling's cable committee consists of: Peters, and Trustees Sheila Schultz; Roger Powers; and John Cole.

The next step on cable will come Dec. 6. On that date the NWMC will review tentative conclusions of its 2 committees on desired criteria for cable companies.



Sgt. William Bennett...state FOP officer

FOP combines negotiations with charity 11-13-80

Remember

Police lodge dislikes adversary union label

By SHARON GELTNER

Last spring, a Wheeling policeman was accused of "excessive force" when he put his gun in the mouth of an armed robbery suspect near the Hoyne Savings and Loan. He was removed from the force.

A couple months later an Elmhurst policeman was accused of sticking his hands down the pants of a secretary who worked in the department's office. He was cleared of the charges.

Right now there are cases in Hoffman Estates and Lake County where policemen have been suspended from the force, pending investigations.

In all four cases the Fraternal Order of Police was there to help the accused policemen. The lodge not only lends support to a policeman who's in trouble, it pays for an attorney to represent him at the hearing and for a court reporter. Costs range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 but any FOP member who wants to insure himself pays \$20 a year to the state lodge. If he ever needs the defense fund the lodge pays up.

When most people hear "Fraternal Order of Police" they immediately think "union." In Chicago, police just selected the FOP to represent them in formal contract negotiations with City Hall. But the Buffalo Grove FOP is involved in raising funds for charity as well as raising salaries for policemen.

Recently Sgt. William Bennett, who has been president of the 34-member lodge in Buffalo Grove for eight years, was elected chaplain for the state FOP lodge which has 10,000 members. During his two-year term he offers prayers when the lodge convenes and he sends sympathy cards "whenever there is the death of a brother." He also

writes a column every three months for the FOP state magazine.

"We do more than fund an appeal for a policeman who's been accused, although bad publicity seems to be the kind we usually get," Bennett said.

The state FOP will pay half the costs of any local lodge's youth programs. FOP supplements the Buffalo Grove police little league team and pays half the price of taking kids from the village to professional ballgames.

The FOP also sponsors a special optical program where policeman who need glasses or contact lenses can get them at a discount from some local stores. It also raises money for charity. In April the Buffalo Grove lodge raised \$1,000 with Scotch Double bowling for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. It also raised \$700 for the girl in Half Day who lost her leg after an auto accident.

"FOP has a good reputation in Chicago and throughout the state because it gets local policeman involved in helping themselves. Unions like the Cook County Policemen's Association and Teamsters bring in outsiders to do the dealing," Bennett said. He added that the local FOP has negotiated salary raises with the Buffalo Grove village board but that he still doesn't consider the lodge a union, probably because it does not regard itself as an adversary of the village administrators.

"We keep a low profile and we have a good rapport with the village manager (Bill Balling). We do have the capability of having the national organization of FOP behind us, but we work on the local level with a more personal approach," Bennett said.

400 units at Wheeling, Palatine roads

11-13-80 Reminds

Two-town controversy brewing over complex

By SHARON GELTNER

Developer Alan B. Huvard believes he and his apartments are much maligned. No matter how many units he builds and no matter where he locates them, trouble seems to follow. His next project, Inwood Manor, is planned for Wheeling and Palatine roads.

To hear Huvard tell it, he is hounded by village officials, plagued by ungrateful tenants and persecuted by the press. But Huvard must be doing something right because he is a successful developer whose last project, when complete with 930 units, will be the largest apartment complex built in recent times in the Chicago suburban area.

His previous project was the Tree House Apartments of Schaumburg. Now Huvard is planning to build Inwood Manor, a complex with 400 apartments. However, neighboring residents and village officials from bordering Prospect Heights already have expressed their opposition to it.

Both groups became angry on Oct. 28 when the Wheeling zoning board endorsed a zoning variation allowing the buildings to be twice as high as all other area buildings. The area is now residential with some light industry.

"The height variation shouldn't be allowed," said Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf. It's not consistent with the character of the area when the maximum height on all four sides of the proposed apartments is 30 feet. The height will be doubled with the buildings at 58 feet."

Mayor Wolf added that the buildings are directly in the path of planes using Pal-Waukee airport and will probably need lights put on top to warn planes. Huvard and Wheeling officials say that the two buildings are nowhere near the flight path. They add that since Pal-Waukee is a private airport, the lights probably would not be required anyway.

Gerry Page, a leader of the neighborhood protesters who five years ago thwarted a Barrington developer who wanted to build apartments on the same land, thinks Inwood Manor will be even taller than most people suspect.

"In addition to the 58 feet, the builders want a 10 foot parking garage on top of a basic 2-1/2 foot foundation. Then they will call that the existing grade and the buildings will end up 72-foot high," Page



for the density and type of development of Inwood Manor and that, once the height is resolved, the results should be positive.

Similarly, the man who gives out the building permits, Thomas Fennell, says there is no way a developer can build 12 feet and then add another 53 feet on top of that. He adds that the definition of "finished grade" and "existing grade" will be clarified if necessary.

As for traffic density, he says Huvard, when he gets the approval of the county, will widen two-lane Wheeling Road with acceleration and deceleration lanes similar to the ones near shopping centers to allow easier movement of traffic. As for police and firemen having difficulty moving in their equipment through a single road leading to and from a building, Fennell has already asked both departments and neither have disapproved.

"People have also talked about the two buildings being in the flood plain. There is a flood area by Wheeling and Palatine roads but the developer will keep his buildings out of both the flood fringe and the flood way or they won't be approved," Fennell said.

Five years ago the Wheeling board turned down a similar proposed development called "Swan Lake" mostly because it was "too dense". But Fennell said Inwood Manor is different because it meets the density requirements of 10 units per acre. Because the apartments will probably have less than two people each, there will not be a sudden influx of 700 or 800 cars as opponents have estimated, he said.

In the meantime, before the board votes on Inwood Manor, Huvard will complete his plans and Page and his group will gear up for the next time the issue is formally discussed.

"It seems that the Wheeling zoning board would want to work together with our city on this. You can't tell where Wheeling ends and Prospect Heights begins. Our borders and communities intermingle, and we affect each other," Page said.

He has said that if nothing else works he and his neighbors will take the case to court. Prospect Heights plans to make a formal objection and turn the problem over to its attorney.

said.

Page added that when he told the zoning board it didn't seem to listen and Huvard told him he was being unfair and taking advantage of his 19 years of architectural experience to influence the board.

"The end of the meeting was almost a sham. The developer answered a list of questions about why there should be a zoning variation for Inwood Manor. When Mayor Wolf asked if he, as an opponent, could answer the questions, he was told he

would have to wait and make formal objections in writing," Page said.

"The meeting appeared all cut and dried. I'm not saying the board was greased, but this thing slid through so easy we were almost led to believe the people had talked it out before the meeting," Page said.

Wheeling officials aren't so angry about the proposed development. Wheeling Village Planner Richard Greenwood remarked that the area is already zoned

Washington budget cuts pull plug on Wheeling crime-fighter computer

By SHARON GELTNER

A move to balance the budget in Washington has probably cost the Wheeling police department a computerized crime analysis system.

When President Jimmy Carter told the Justice Department to trim its budget, police departments all over the nation had to tighten their belts. Most recently Wheeling felt the budget cut when its request of \$90,000 for a computer system to help modernize its record keeping was turned down. By the time it asked, federal funds for local police departments had already dried up and even the agency in charge of allotting the funds was being phased out.

It takes about \$200,000 to pay for the installation of a central computer, print-out reader, antennas, phone lines and maintenance. The \$90,000 in federal funds would have been combined with \$10,000 from Wheeling and \$10,000 from the nine other area police departments

(NORCOM). The more modern system would have enabled the police departments to file and retrieve data more quickly. Wheeling and Norcom have already had success in their shared radio system.

The catch is that the \$90,000 never existed, that sum being only what the entitlement agency thought it would have before the budget cutbacks began.

The agency was eliminated by the Justice Department because it got a bad name a few years ago when it spent a lot of money without any specific goal, except to 'reduce crime.' It was conceived during the 1960s riots, and suddenly small rural departments wanted massive equipment, like riot helicopters and 'James Bond' cars that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and were never used. Eventually the agency allotted money more carefully but the bad image lingered and police departments today are paying for it, said Margaret Lesley, of the Cook County

Commission on Criminal Justice.

"Now that the only federal agency that provided funds for anti-crime projects is gone, no police department is going to close down, but none of them will be able to start innovative programs either. Instead, police departments will find themselves down to the wire, spending money only on bare necessities," said Lesley, whose agency fought to keep the funds.

Wheeling Police Chief Ted Bracke is disappointed that the computer system

plan fell through.

"Sure I'm disappointed. Computers are new and they are going to get a lot bigger and more important for police. We want to get more modern and not have our record retrieval done by hand and through microfilm," he said.

In the meantime Wheeling remains on the Uniform Crime Reporting system, a state system which does not involve federal funds.



11-21-80

Boundary disputes hold up airport study

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Saying both towns first should resolve all their legal battles concerning Pal-Waukee Airport, Wheeling and Prospect Heights are blocking a consultant from finishing a \$120,000 study that will determine whether they should buy the airport.

But at the same time, state and federal officials are complaining the study should have been finished last month, and are threatening to set a deadline for the two towns to decide what to do.

Last month, Prospect Heights said it would abandon plans to buy the airport unless airport owner George Priester dropped a lawsuit to disconnect the southern half of the airport, which lies in Prospect Heights, from the city.

And Thursday, Wheeling Village Mgr. Thomas Markus called Prospect Heights' stand "totally proper," and called for a halt to the study until all

litigation involving the towns and the airport is resolved. That includes the disconnection suit as well as a court battle over who has the right to annex the northern half of the airport, which until this summer was in an unincorporated portion of Cook County.

PRIESTER VOLUNTARILY annexed to Wheeling after he learned Prospect Heights officials were circulating annexation petitions among residents near the airport to force Priester into the city. However, Prospect Heights is challenging the legality of Wheeling's annexation of the northern half of the airport, on what Wheeling Village Atty. David Epstein called a "technical defect."

In turn, Prospect Heights has filed in Cook County Circuit Court its petition to forcibly annex the northern half of the airport. Wheeling is objecting to that petition. No court action is expected at least until next month.

"We're all kind of running around

biting at each others' rear ends," Markus said. "Maybe it's time for both towns to sit down and decide what their boundaries are going to be."

Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said the city and Priester are "close" to reaching an agreement which would call for the airport to drop the disconnection suit in exchange for guarantees that the city will not impose curfews or other new restrictions on the airport until it actually becomes a municipal airport.

EPSTEIN, HOWEVER, said the dispute over who can legally lay claim to the northern half of the airport could go on for "two to three years. It could progress into a full-blown fight and wind up in the (state) supreme court."

However, Terry Schaddel, a planner with the state division of aeronautics, urged the two towns to resolve their boundary disputes quickly. "Some of the federal people are in a hurry to get some of these older projects cleaned

up," he said.

It was in September 1978 that the two towns authorized what was then

supposed to be a two-year study. However, the final phase of the study, designed to measure the impact of the

airport on the environment, will take several months to complete, the consultants said.

Pal-Waukee foes list complaints

A group of Wheeling and Prospect Heights residents who oppose plans by the towns to buy Pal-Waukee Airport have submitted their latest list of complaints to local officials, this time calling the airport consultant "a paid agent" of the Federal Aviation Administration.

In a letter to the Wheeling Village Board, the anti-airport group charges airport consultant Larry Donoghue receives the bulk of his funds to conduct the study from the FAA. Also, the consultant will be paid all study deficits by the FAA "only if he sells the airport to the communities. This fact alone invalidates the airport study to date and destroys any pretext of the consult-

ant's independence and impartiality," said Citizens Airport Activity Group president John Whitman.

The FAA is paying 90 percent of the \$120,000 study to determine if Wheeling and Prospect Heights can afford to buy the airport. Donoghue denied being unobjective in presenting his case to the two towns and said the residents had misunderstood how he will be reimbursed for the project.

His firm two months ago said it already had exceeded the \$120,000 allotted for the study, although the firm said it is nearly three-fourths complete. And although federal officials have said the consultant could recoup his costs by applying for a separate federal grant if the airport is purchased, Do-

noghue said his firm will "eat any additional costs — I've stated that publicly."

BUT THE FIRM also is preparing a list of services provided "outside the scope of the study" that so far amount to about \$5,000. The extra \$5,000 the consultant expects to receive should be cancelled out by a \$5,000 map that was supposed to be prepared as a part of the study, but was canceled.

Although the price of the airport has been tabbed at between \$35 million and \$78 million, the local share will come to between \$1.7 million and \$3.4 million, depending on the extent of state and federal grants the towns are able to obtain.

11-25-80

Building law targets pre-'40s structures

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials are considering using a 16-year-old law to get rid of or spruce up some of the older buildings along Milwaukee Avenue, the center of the village's downtown redevelopment effort.

That law requires that all buildings in Wheeling constructed before 1940 either conform with current building codes by Jan. 1 or be demolished, at the expense of the owner.

Village officials, however, are uncertain how many buildings fall into

that category, or how vigorously they want to enforce the ordinance. They also say there could be numerous exceptions, but Village Mgr. Thomas Markus said the law could be a "tool" for village officials to clean up the jumble of older, rundown buildings along Milwaukee Avenue.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said he and other members of the village community development department are starting an inventory of existing buildings to determine how many were built before 1940 and do not comply with various building codes, such as distance from the roadway or how much of the lot is left

open.

GREENWOOD SAID HE could not estimate the number of buildings in Wheeling that could be forced to move or undergo drastic remodeling, but said it could be "a lot."

In addition, the law also requires any "non-conforming" buildings constructed between 1940 and 1945 to comply with current village building laws by Jan. 1, 1985. All buildings constructed after 1945 have until the year 2003 to conform.

Greenwood said village officials also will be considering the "historical significance" of any buildings before they take any action to have them removed

or altered. He said he could not estimate how long the survey would take, but doubted it would be completed before the Jan. 1 deadline.

The Wheeling Park District currently is attempting to have four buildings, all built before 1930, placed on the National Register of Historic Places. They include the Old German Church and Wheeling's first village hall, both in Chamber Park, the "First Little Church" and the Chapel of St. Francis, at Childerley Park. If the park district's efforts are successful, those buildings would be eligible for federal funds for preservation and restoration.

Although surveying buildings for code violations and tracking down the date they were constructed sounds like a "horrendous task," Markus said it should be "somewhat obvious" what buildings would be targeted for removal or an overhaul. "Our major concern is upgrading the appearance of Milwaukee Avenue," he said.

MARKUS ADDED it is likely the owner of an older building would be entitled to apply for a "variance" from the conformance deadline. The guidelines that would enable an owner to qualify for an exemption have not been determined, he said.

The Milwaukee Avenue corridor, from Manchester Avenue to Lake-Cook Road, is the nucleus of the village's effort to redevelop the downtown area. Plans for the 25 acres along Milwaukee Avenue, between Dundee Road and Strong Avenue, include 100 rent-assisted apartments for the elderly, a center for senior citizens and handicapped persons and an emergency clinic.

The 10 acres on the western edge of Milwaukee Avenue are being considered for some type of commercial development. That stretch of road is predominantly filled by older, single-family houses.

City says no to chemicals near airport

Worried about water contamination and explosive accidents, Prospect Heights aldermen say they will fight plans for a mobile chemical processing operation near Pal-Waukee airport.

SET Liquid Waste Systems, Inc., has applied to the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals for permission to park a portable chemical distillation trailer at its office site near Sumac Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Company representatives say the filtering machine usually travels to local industries, but they want to build a concrete platform to park the trailer so barrels of chemicals can be brought to the site to be cleaned.

City council members said they will file an objection to the company's plans with the county, which means it will take a three-quarters vote of the county board, rather than a simple majority, to approve the request.

All Frank Meacham, 3rd, objected that, unlike large refineries, "there is absolutely no security for an accidental spill. And as long as they're human beings, they're going to have accidents."

"It seems it's awful close to the river," said Ald. Christina Carlson, 4th. "If they spilled this stuff, I would be a little hesitant about my own drinking water."

Carlson said she also is concerned that the truck would be parked next to the airport, where "the potential for having an accident is quite high."

SET vice president David Schuurman said there would be no odors or discharged chemicals from the processing truck, which cleans chemicals such as paint thinner or alcohol by injecting them with steam. He said solid wastes from the process would be taken to a landfill southwest of Chicago.

Wheeling officials also are considering protesting the company's plans. The two towns have until Dec. 15 to submit formal objections, then the county zoning board will make a recommendation to the county board of commissioners on SET's request.

Council move delays study of Palwaukee

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

THE THIRD PHASE in the feasibility study for Palwaukee Airport being conducted by the Technical Advisory Committee for the airport, has been delayed because of an amendment to a resolution adopted by the Prospect Heights City Council.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights initiated the study to determine if the airport is to become public, if it would best be owned and operated by Wheeling, Prospect Heights, both communities, Cook County or the state.

Palwaukee Airport is currently privately owned.

WHEELING PASSED a resolution in October indicating a willingness to go ahead with Phase 3 of the study. The Wheeling Village Board did so assuming that Prospect Heights had done the same. The City Council had, but later rescinded its resolution for another which included four conditions. They include the dropping of a disconnection suit by airport owner George Priester, definition of what federal funding will be available and clarification that there will be on-site recording done during the noise level study as part of the environmental impact to be done in Phase 3.

ACCORDING TO Stephen Sturgell, city administrator for Prospect Heights, all but one condition have been resolved.

The last one to be settled focuses on the disconnection suit. Priester filed that suit when Prospect Heights January 1976, incorporated in The city annexed half of the airport, something which Priester doesn't like.

There appears to be some progress in a settlement with Priester. Sturgell says city attorneys are "working on the language" of the matter, although he did not want to say when an agreement might be reached.

Esther Noffke, who works at the airport, told the committee "as a private resident" that the amended resolution adopted by the Prospect Heights City Council, "doesn't have any impact on the study. As long as Phase 1 and 2

have been finished, then it should be OK to go on to Phase 3 and finish the study."

SHE ADDED that the law suit between the city and Priester "has nothing to do with Phase 3."

Even though his village has cleared the way for Phase 3, Wheeling Village Manager Tom Markus agrees with the Prospect Heights move. Markus says it might be best to wait until the matter is cleared up so the committee has a "clear direction" in which to go. Markus also said if there is going to be joint ownership, it makes sense to have part of the airport in Wheeling.

AIRPORT CONSULTANT Larry Donoghue expressed concern to TAC that additional delays could mean additional costs. Donoghue's firm, Ralph Burke and Associates, will absorb some costs because the study is running behind schedule. A delay in Phase 3 could mean a higher price tag if the delay is brought on by public agencies and not Ralph Burke and Associates.

The committee also discussed the method in which noise readings near and around the airport would be taken for the environmental impact portion of Phase 3. Donoghue said a noise contour of the area would be made available through a computer printout based on information provided. Calling it the "state of the art," Donoghue said information to be used will include flight tracts, temperatures, the elevation of the airport, flight paths and the type of aircraft that flies in and out of Palwaukee.

TAC MEMBERS indicated they wanted on-site testing done to see what actual noise effects would be felt in various part of the area, especially on schools and residential areas.

Donoghue cautioned the committee about the study because an environmental impact study has a life "expectancy" of about five years. That, coupled with requirements for quieter aircraft, might have a future effect on the impact study.

The TAC is scheduled to have its next meeting at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Mount Prospect Village Hall.

Prospect Heights group pushes airport curfew

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

A group that opposes the public acquisition of Pal-Waukee Airport plans to renew a drive to impose an early-morning curfew on aircraft operations. Contending that Prospect Heights "has moved 180 degrees away from our original petition," Warren Sunde, a member of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, said the group will launch a petition drive asking the city to impose a ban on takeoffs and landings between midnight and 6 a.m. at the airport. Debate concerning an airport curfew surfaced after Prospect Heights officials said they would abandon plans to buy the airport with Wheeling unless airport owner George Priester dropped a lawsuit seeking to disconnect the southern half of the airport from the city. In turn, Priester said he would agree to do so but only if the city would agree not to impose any new restric-

tions on the airport, like a curfew. The two sides now have their attorneys working on an agreement. **THAT AGREEMENT MOST** likely would allow the airport to continue to function as it currently does unless the towns actually obtain control of it. Sunde accused the towns of considering only the financial implications of a curfew and not "whether or not the citizens want it." He added that he expects the volume of late night flights to increase. Sunde, a Prospect Heights resident, two years ago led a petition drive to put a curfew on the airport. The consultant making the \$120,000 study to determine if it is financially feasible for the towns to buy the airport has that said few businesses that base their jets at Pal-Waukee would be affected by the curfew but might be upset by the lack of "flexibility" and move elsewhere. However, Charles Priester, son of the owner and airport manager, said it

is "absolutely imperative" that the airport not have a curfew. He conceded that early morning flights constitute only about 2 percent of aircraft operations, but said that without having the option of using the airport at those hours, corporate users would take their business elsewhere. **"IF YOU HAD** a \$50,000 airplane and I told you you couldn't use it between midnight and 7 a.m., where would you go?" he said. Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf, however, said he is not convinced that an airport curfew would have the devastating effect on airport business Priester contends it would. However, he would not speculate on what the city would do if Priester demands there be no curfew at the airport in exchange for dropping the disconnection suit. "I don't like to go into all the if's and's or but's," he said. "We're still in the process of negotiating."

The week ahead

Approval expected for public building rezoning

Wheeling trustees tonight are expected to approve changes in local zoning laws that would make it easier for the Indian Trails Library District to sell its old library building. Under the proposal, vacated public buildings, like schools and libraries, could be used as office space for business or professional uses. However, library officials still must obtain a "special use" permit to have the building used for anything other than residential purposes. Library officials want to sell the old library, at 850 Jenkins Ct., to help pay for a new \$2.1 million library being constructed on Schoenbeck Road. The district obtained the special zoning to use the old library building, which was previously a church. The Wheeling Village Board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

start in early 1982. **A RECOMMENDATION** to close Ross and Sullivan schools in Prospect Heights Dist. 23 will be reviewed Wednesday by a citizens committee. That committee voted 9-to-1 with one abstention to recommend the closing of the two grade schools at 700 N. Schoenbeck Rd., Prospect Heights, next June because of declining enrollment. The administration offices in Sullivan would be moved to MacArthur

Junior High, also at 700 N. Schoenbeck Rd. Ross and Sullivan were named because they are the two oldest buildings and are considered the easiest to lease or sell as a result of their location along Palatine Road. Enrollment in Dist. 23 has dropped to 1,316 while capacity in the four grade schools and one junior high is 2,580. Sullivan has 102 students this year and Ross has 146. The committee will meet at 7:30

p.m. in Sullivan School. **ATTEMPTS TO** organize a 21-suburb cable television system will continue with two meetings this week. Attorneys representing each of the towns participating in the Northwest Municipal Conference effort will meet Thursday to hash out details of a proposed franchise contract with cable TV operators. Mayors, managers and trustees

from the 21 North and Northwest suburbs will meet on Saturday to discuss the attorneys' report as well as committee reports on what services should be expected from a cable system now and in the future. The towns have been working together for more than a year to evaluate and select a cable TV company

from among franchises in the area. The attorney Thursday in village hall, 1000 E. Dundee Rd. will have a public hearing on the franchise. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Wheeling Municipal Building, 200 E. Wood St.

ALMOST \$300,000 in improvements to Wheeling's water system are slated to be approved tonight by the Wheeling Village Board. The board is expected to accept the \$241,000 bid of Autocon Inc., a Minnesota firm, to install new "telemetric" equipment to monitor the flow and distribution of water throughout the village's water system. In addition, the village is slated to approve a bid of \$49,000 from Jetco Ltd., Prospect Heights, to paint two of the village's water towers. The village three years ago raised its water rates 80 percent in anticipation of borrowing \$2.5 million to finance improvements to the water system, including two new wells. The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall.

WHEELING OFFICIALS will maintain the private streets in Shadow Bend Condominiums under an agreement scheduled for approval tonight by the village board. In exchange for a one-time fee of \$200 per homeowner, the village, as it has done for other private developments, will sweep, plow snow and patch potholes in the complex. The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall.

A PROPOSED \$3.5 million contract for construction of a water pipeline to serve Arlington Heights, Palatine and Wheeling is expected to be approved when the Northwest Water Commission meets Wednesday night. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. at the Palatine Municipal Building, 200 E. Wood St. Consoer Townsend, a Chicago consulting engineering firm, is expected to be awarded the contract for the \$81 million pipeline, but the commission said it wanted to "tighten up" the contract to make the firm responsible for contractors' and subcontractors' work.

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SUPPORT LAW ON LITTERING

Wheeling's Village Board voted unanimously Monday night to support state legislation regulating returnable containers for beverages.

The resolution passed Monday night recommends the state adopt legislation that would control and decrease non-returnable containers.

Such legislation, if passed state-wide, would probably place a 5 cent return for cans and containers that currently are thrown away. Such a program, already instituted in Oregon, Vermont and Michigan, would attempt to reduce litter.

The only negative remarks were voiced by Village President William Hein. "A lot of establishments have storage problems. What kind of problems would develop with rodent and pest control?"

The board adopted the resolution after village staff received a letter from Evanston's Mayor James Lytle, asking for support.

THE BOARD ALSO passed unanimously a resolution opposing future rate increases for Commonwealth Edison, Illinois Bell Telephone and Northern Illinois Gas.

"The working stiff is having a heck of a time paying bills and this (rate hikes) has created a burden on people, including seniors," explained Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, who proposed the resolution. "I'm not asking for a decrease. Only that future rate hikes be looked at carefully."

"You can't compare (price hikes in business) because monopolies encourage at every corner to conserve. Historically, utility companies then turn around and penalize. They say they can't sell, so they want to sell at higher prices and that's ridiculous," commented Trustee John Cole.

There was some discussion among trustees about language in the resolution. Trustee Roger

Powers objected to a phase in the resolution referring to existing utility rates as "abnormally high."

However, other trustees did not object and the measure was passed.

"You can ask 99 out of 100 people, and they would say utility rates are abnormally high," added Trustee Charles Kerr.

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NORTHWEST WHEELING

Village board wrapup

Zoning law change to aid library sale

A change in village zoning laws that will make it easier for the Indian Trails Library District to sell the old library building was approved by the Wheeling Village Board.

The new law allows vacated public buildings like schools and libraries to be used by businesses for office purposes. The library district recently put its building at 850 Jenkins Ct. back on the market after failing to complete a sale with a Wheeling insurance firm. Library officials plan to move next spring into a new \$2.1 million facility on Schoenbeck Road.

Library officials still have to obtain a special use permit to sell the building to a business or a professional group, like lawyers or accountants. That request is slated to be heard this month by the village plan commission.

Village backs bottle deposit law

Wheeling trustees have voted to support the village of Evanston in its effort to persuade the state legislature to require beverages to be sold only in returnable containers.

The law Evanston is pushing would require a 5-cent deposit on all cans and bottles. Wheeling trustees support the measure unanimously, saying much of the litter on village streets is caused by non-returnable bottles.

Condo's road maintenance OK'd

An agreement for the village to maintain the private streets in Shadow Bend Condominiums was approved by the Wheeling Village Board.

As it has done for several other private complexes, the village will sweep, plow snow and patch potholes on the private roads in exchange for a one-time "impact fee" of \$200 per homeowner.

The homeowners, who initially had balked at the request, agreed to deed a 17-foot-wide strip of land to the village where the development borders Milwaukee Avenue. The village is attempting to obtain land rights along that road in an attempt to persuade the state to widen the roadway or install curbs and gutters.

ICC urged to halt rate hikes

A resolution asking the Illinois Commerce Commission not to grant public utilities more rate hikes was approved by the Wheeling Village Board.

The proposal was made by Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld who complained the rates charged by utility companies are "abnormally high," but the companies still have "millions of dollars to spend advertising on TV to tell us how good they are."

Firm hired to paint water towers

Wheeling trustees approved a \$49,980 contract with a Prospect Heights firm to paint two of the village's water towers and a storage tank.

The firm, Jetco Ltd., submitted the lowest of three bids on the work. Jetco will start next year painting the water tower at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street and the one on Old Willow Road, west of Wolf Road. The firm also has agreed to paint the storage tank on East Wayne Place, near the Dunhurst subdivision.

200 seek vote on airport buy

by Pamela Bailey Akers

Herald staff writer

Residents opposing public acquisition of Pal-Waukee Airport have submitted more than 200 signatures to Prospect Heights, calling for a vote on the issue during the April 7 city council elections.

"The people of Prospect Heights spoken" said Wayne Demel, a

would be concerned about subjecting such a complex issue to the "emotional" environment often prevalent in elections.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS and Wheeling are participating in a \$120,000 study of a possible joint purchase of the airport — a plan currently estimated to cost about \$34 million, with the local share ranging from \$1.7 million to \$3.4 million, depending on the amount the federal government is willing to chip in.

However, Prospect Heights officials have stopped progress on the study — airport owner George Priester filed a lawsuit seeking to disconnect the southern half of Pal-Waukee from the city. Priester has said he would agree to do so only if the city would agree not to impose any new restrictions on the airport, like a curfew. The

two sides now have their attorneys working on an agreement.

Fearing their concerns about the noise created by late-night flights would be sacrificed in the negotiating process, a group called the Citizens Airport Activity Group has launched a campaign asking the city to take immediate action to impose a curfew on landings and takeoffs.

"One of the most basic and precious rights that we have is the right to expect a good night's sleep," Warren Sunde, a leading member of the group, wrote to the city council.

Wolf said the group's call for a curfew would be "taken under advisement" by the council. However, Carlson said unless the city purchased the airport, she didn't think the town could legally impose such a restriction on Priester.

12-4-80 Reminder

Wheeling board blasts increases by utilities of service rates

Contrary to its advertising campaign, Bell Telephone does act like it's the only phone company in town and so do Northern Illinois Gas and Commonwealth Edison. Because they are powerful monopolies that supply necessary services, they can get away with raising their rates "abnormally high," says a Wheeling trustee.

Hugh Sommerfeld decided it was time to stop letting the monopolies take advantage of their privileged positions, so he introduced a resolution to the Wheeling board chiding the Big Three for their greed. After some discussion the board unanimously passed his resolution.

It reads in part, "Wheeling considers the existing rates charged by these utility companies abnormally high and, thus, they have a negative effect on curbing runaway inflation...Wheeling opposes future rate increases for Commonwealth

Edison Company, Illinois Bell Telephone Company and Northern Illinois Gas Company..."

The resolution will be sent to the Illinois Commerce Commission.

But is the board's resolution anything more than a futile gesture in the face of omnipotent utility companies? Sommerfeld doesn't think so.

"These companies have been taking advantage of the working stiffs for years. Someone has got to say something," he said.

Village attorney David Epstein was less optimistic about what the resolution will accomplish.

"We will go on record as a municipality in Illinois that opposes rate increases but the resolution probably will not have much effect on the commerce commission," he drily observed.

Jack Kimsey elected Omni-House president

JACK KIMSEY, of Wheeling, was elected president of Omni-House for a two year term. Katy McCarthy, was elected secretary for the same term.

Kimsey, a sergeant with the Wheeling Police Department, has been involved with youth activities in the Wheeling area for over 23 years in his capacity with the Wheeling Police Department, as a member of the Youth Committee of the Community Presbyterian Church, as a foster parent for the State of Illinois, and has been involved in the Youth Advocate Program.

McCarthy is a junior at Arlington High School. In addition to her extra

curricular activities with Omni-House, she is a member of the student council and involved with the Peer Counseling Program at the high school. Omni-House strives to have a representative group of directors from all areas of the community, including youth representation.

Omni-House is a community based, not-for-profit agency serving the young people and families of our communities through youth and family counseling, 24-hour crisis intervention, youth development activity groups, volunteer youth advocates, helpline (541-HELP), and linkage to scores of needed resources that Omni-House does not directly provide.

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NEWLY ELECTED President of Omni-House Jack Kimsey (right) is shown with Katy McCarthy who was elected secretary.

Stavros traffic charge dropped

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A traffic charge against Gregory Stavros has been dismissed, but Wheeling Village Mgr. Thomas Markus says he will continue investigating the manner in which police handled the incident.

Stavros, 25, of Prospect Heights, had been charged with improper lane usage in an incident on Nov. 1. Circuit Court Judge Nicholas Pomaro said Wednesday he dismissed the case because witnesses to the incident were unable to identify Stavros as the driver of the vehicle.

The driver of the other car involved in the incident told police he was east-bound on Dundee Road, near the Wickes Furniture Co., when a pickup truck swerved into his lane, forcing him off the road. The pickup truck then fled the scene, witnesses told police. A vehicle registration check led police to

Stavros' Prospect Heights home.

Markus' investigation began after Village Trustee Sheila Schultz said she was contacted by a Wheeling resident who said she heard the Stavros name mentioned while monitoring police radio broadcasts. She said she heard the matter should be handled "carefully" or "with kid gloves."

Stavros' uncle, James Stavros, is the former Wheeling Township committeeman convicted in 1974 of extorting bribes from developers. James Stavros was listed by police as the owner of the vehicle involved in the incident. But Alfred Stavros, Gregory's brother, says he purchased the vehicle from his uncle in September.

Markus Wednesday would say only that he is still "looking into it" and would not speculate on when he expects to conclude his investigation.

Wheeling waits for \$1.4 million

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Wheeling will have to wait for the \$1.4 million it wants from persons convicted in a 1974 bribery and extortion scheme because the next move is now up to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Further action in the Cook County Circuit Court is in limbo until the Supreme Court decides if it will hear arguments to dismiss James Stavros from the case. Stavros, who was not a public official at the time of the extortion, allegedly headed the operation to get money, goods and services from developers to ensure favorable zoning of their Wheeling properties.

The five developing companies are being sued by the village along with former Wheeling officials William Hart and William Bieber.

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Says call 'coincidence'

WHEELING—Village Attorney David Epstein says it was a "coincidence" that Gary Weintraub contacted the Wheeling Police Department the night Greg Stavros, nephew of former Wheeling Township Democratic Committeeman James Stavros was involved in a hit-and-run accident.

According to Epstein, Weintraub, who works for the law firm Jann, Carroll, Kruse, Sain and Dolan which is the village's legal counsel was at a friend of Stavros' home on Nov. 1 when

young Stavros was brought to the police station for processing.

Stavros allegedly called his friend to tell him what happened. That friend, according to Epstein, was not feeling well and asked Weintraub to call the police department to find out what had happened and how much bond was needed.

As of Tuesday Dec. 2, Weintraub was unavailable to talk with The LIFE despite repeated efforts to contact him at his office during the past two weeks.

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Says policeman Switches are not 'unusual'

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

THE SUPERVISORY OFFICER of the Investigations Division of the Wheeling Police Department says there was nothing unusual in the selection of officers moved into that division from others in the department.

Lt. Ron Nelson says selection procedures are done by a committee of supervisory personnel that carefully reviews each officer. Officers are rated on a scale of one to five in several key areas and the top officers are selected for various reassignments.

Nelson's clarifications come on the heels of charges by attorney Michael Wall that there were political overtones to the reassignment of several police officers, several of whom are involved in a lawsuit against the village. Wall is attorney for the policemen.

The lawsuit charges there were severe irregularities in the promotional policies of the department.

THE OFFICERS in question include Sgt. Mike Hermes, patrolmen Burt Kaminsky, Art Hochstader and Larry Parks, all of whom are plaintiffs in the suit against the village.

Wall contends that the naming of John Stone and Ed Theriault to investigations was done because of alleged connections with Wheeling Village President Bill Hein.

According to Nelson, Chief Ted Bracke wanted to move members of the department because many of them had been in the same assignment for three years.

"What happens then," says Nelson, "is a man begins to lose effectiveness after that much time." Nelson was one of the members of the department switched. He was previously head of the Service Division of the department.

"The chief thought the change was needed," says Nelson who admits that at first he was apprehensive about the move because he was head of the Service Division for so long.

NELSON ADDS that the selection of both Theriault and Stone to investigation followed the same procedures used for all other officers, by review.

Once the review is completed by supervisory officers in the department, their recommendations are turned over to Bracke, who, according to Nelson, always "picks the top man."

In his concerns about assignment of members of the police department, Wall said that Theriault was moved out of traffic to patrol and then to investigations.

Nelson explains that when Theriault was in the department's traffic division there was a personality problem between the policemen and Armando Pizzi. Nelson says he thinks this might have arisen because both men are patrolmen, but Pizzi was head of the unit.

"THEY CAME TO me last spring," says Nelson, "and told me there was a problem. I asked them to see if they could work it out until Lt. (Bill) Ralston got back."

Ralston was attending a school at the time and Nelson did not want to make any personnel changes in an area not under his jurisdiction. Ralston heads field operations for the Police Department.

Nelson says things worked out well, but when the problem arose again, it was decided to have Theriault go on patrol.

Pizzi, Nelson says, remains in the traffic department because of his concentrated efforts in developing and receiving funding for the traffic unit.

AS FOR CHARGES that he was moved to investigations because of close ties with Bracke, Nelson says that he and Bracke had a long, close friendship, both professionally and personally.

Nelson expressed concern that some items might have been kept off the police log, possibly because of the nature of the incidents.

Two items that were allegedly not available to members of the media involved the serving of minors at Hein's Pub, a tavern owned and operated by members of Village President William Hein's family.

Nelson said problems of that nature are turned over to the liquor commission which has the power to reprimand a tavern owner, or if there are repeated offenses, suspend a liquor serving establishment's license for a period of time. As village President, Hein is head of the village's liquor commission. State law requires the top elected official to serve as liquor commissioner in a community.

Nelson said he was not aware of any politics involved in the operations of the department and credited Bracke with keeping it out of the department.

"It's the chief's job to keep politics not only out of the department, but to keep political pressure off of us," Nelson says.

Hein declined to comment because of the suit against the village.

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Court ruling a 'dream' for parched northwest

By JOHN SLANIA

Monday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that will allow more Lake Michigan water to be piped to more Illinois residents has arrived like an answered prayer, according to many suburban officials.

Suburban communities may now move forward in their plans to construct pipelines to the lake, bringing to a close more than 20 years of work.

The decision ends almost five years of litigation between the great lakes states, and will bring lake water to about 1.5 million more people.

The suburbs began efforts to get lake water beginning in the late 1950s, but court delays slowed progress toward construction of pipelines.

The main issue in the court battles was whether Illinois had the right to withdraw lake water for domestic purposes. Six great lake states filed their first suit against Illinois in 1959, forcing the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The nation's highest court ruled in favor of Illinois in 1966, saying that 3,200 cubic feet of water per second could be removed for drinking water.

But when more suburbs began asking for lake water, Illinois was back in court asking for a more relaxed system of measurement.

Monday's high court ruling allows the Illinois Department of Transportation

(IDOT) to measure water flow from the lake over a 40 year period, which officials anticipate will make more water available.

The Supreme Court previously said adjustments in water flow would be

determined by taking 5-year averages, but heavy rains and dry spells greatly influenced the figures. The 40-year average is considered to be more consistent.

Officials from the northwest suburbs

were especially happy about the ruling, as they continue plans to get Lake Michigan water from Chicago and Evanston. Charles Willis, chairman of the Northwest Suburban Water System, said (Continued on page 7)

Increases in utility rates are opposed by village

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WHEELING—The Village Board decided to take on Commonwealth Edison, Illinois Bell Telephone and Northern Illinois Gas Company — all with one swoop of a resolution.

What the Village Board did at its meeting Monday, Dec. 1, was adopt a resolution opposing proposed rate hikes by all three.

The adoption of the resolution provides that a copy will be sent to the Interstate Commerce Commission which approves or rejects rate hikes by utility companies.

TRUSTEE HUGH Sommerfeld, who sponsored the resolution, said it was an attempt by a public agency of the residents to act "as a voice against unjustified increases by utility companies."

Sommerfeld said that even with rate increases, "you don't see any cut-back in their advertising." He also said that even with Illinois Bell's rate hike the company is "still going into the retail business." The phone company has recently opened a number of outlet stores in shopping centers which not only offer phone services, but sell telephones as well.

The only objection to part of the resolution came from Trustee Roger Powers. Powers said he wasn't against the resolution, only the phrasing which called the rates "abnormally high."

Powers said that in "the financial community they are not considered high in the rate of return."

Sommerfeld said financial experts might not consider the rates high, "but the people paying the bills say it is." He said the rate hikes hit all utility users, especially, he added, senior citizens.

Trustee John Cole said two points had to be considered. One, he said, is that two of the companies (Commonwealth Edison and Illinois Bell Telephone) are monopolies. Cole also said that Commonwealth Edison "tells us to conserve and then penalizes us for doing it because they say they have to charge more for selling less."

When all was said and done, however, the resolution was adopted by a 7-0 vote (Board President Bill Hein voting on this issue) with the words "abnormally high" in tact.

THE VILLAGE BOARD was also keeping an eye on the cost of three new cars recommended for purchase by the village staff.

The staff recommended the village buy three Ford Escorts, front wheel drive cars manufactured by the Ford Motor Company.

Trustee Charles Kerr noted that the cost of the Escorts was \$183 higher than the lowest bid for three Chevrolet Chevettes.

Kerr was told the selection of the

Escorts was because the vehicles are front wheel drive and seemed to be the best car for money.

Kerr, however, questioned how a car, on the market for only about three months, could be judged to be the "best car."

Projected gas mileage and handling, he was told, seemed to be worth the extra money. The purchase was approved 5-1.

IN OTHER ACTION

• The Board approved final takeover of private streets in the Shadow Bend housing development.

• Adopted a resolution urging the passage of legislation that would regulate the sale of beverages in returnable containers. It is hoped that passage of this will eliminate unnecessary litter along streets and highways. Cole expressed concern about places that sell beverages out of vending machines but won't take bottles back for deposit refund while Hein raised concerns about potential problems resulting from storage.

Guns, drugs trigger arrest on lawn of Wheeling home

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A Wheeling police officer held three men at gunpoint on the front lawn of a home while inside a woman hid, surrounded by a cache of drugs. All four were arrested.

Sherry A. LeBowie of 294 Sixth St., warned police over the phone that three men were outside her house attempting to steal her Corvette. She later said one of them had a gun drawn.

The men were on the lawn when the police officer arrived and he immediately searched them all. The first, identified as Geno K. Tazioli, 31, of Lake Bluff, had a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson which police said had been stolen from Jackson, Miss. The second, identified as William G. Bock, 36, of Diamond Lake, had a .38 revolver tucked into the waistband of his pants. The third, William Derdelinhem, 24 of Diamond Lake, had a concealed 9 mm Smith and Wesson automatic pistol. The officer held them at gunpoint and called for reinforcement.

The men told police they hadn't meant to "cause trouble" and had just come to collect a \$3,500 debt owed to them. After

the men were arrested, the officer reported he thought the woman inside the home might be in danger. However, when he knocked on the door no one answered.

He then went to the rear of the house and knocked, again with no response. Finally he forced open a window in the kitchen door and got into the house.

Once inside, he found LeBowie lying on the floor in her bedroom, partially hidden in the closet. He reported in plain sight were a quantity of drugs and drug paraphernalia including a dish containing cocaine and bottles full of white powder. Police learned LeBowie had an outstanding warrant in Wheeling for theft and she was also arrested.

Tazioli, Bock and Derdelinhem were all charged with unlawful possession of firearms. Tazioli and Derdelinhem were also charged with possession of a controlled substance after police found 1200 grams of qualudes on Derdelinhem. Derdelinhem, who is wanted in New York, is being held for extradition.

Court date is Dec. 22.

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FOUR FEET DEEP in water, Mr. Ken Gaborek [left], of the Wheeling Fire Department, inspects an electrical outlet. The theatre was flooded on

Nov. 20 when a water main burst and filled it with water. Mr. Jack Van Es and Mr. Donald Brumm, custodians, prepare to pump the water

into a sewer. Mr. Brumm commented, "Those pipes are 17 years old; they just wore out." [Photos by Chris Blyth]

Pipes burst

Little Theatre drowns

by Michael Anderson

Rushing from a broken water main, 5,000 gallons of water transformed the Little Theatre into a swimming pool on Nov. 20.

A pipe which connects to fire hoses for emergency use burst and forced water above the stage in the Little Theatre where it poured into the room, according to Mr. Ken Gaborek of the Wheeling Fire Department.

"THE PRESSURE forced the water above the stage where it leaked into the theatre," stated Mr. Gaborek. "The water was about four feet deep and went up to the ninth or tenth row (of the theatre)."

According to Mr. Gaborek, the water was shut off by the Village of Wheeling water works.

Neither the school or the fire department was able to shut off the water, so a water works employee had to come to the school and shut it off.

Age caused the pipe to burst.

"Those pipes are 17 years old. They just wore out," commented Mr. Donald Brumm, custodian. "This type of thing has never happened before."

BEING THE LOWEST area of the school, the Little Theatre was the likely place for a flood noted Mr. Howland Werling, assistant principal. Water filled the auditorium during fourth and fifth hours and was stopped sometime sixth hour. The theatre was the only area affected.

"After the water is drained out of the theatre

and everything dries, there shouldn't be much damage," observed Mr. Brumm. "There are some electrical sockets in the (orchestra) pit that might be damaged as well as some damage to the carpeting."

Three hours were required to remove the water from the flooded theatre. No classes or theatre productions were affected by the flood.

AFTER MINIMAL repairs, the Little Theatre has been returned to normal, noted Dr. Thomas Shirley, in a Nov. 26 bulletin. Fans were used in drying out the carpeting, and no water damage occurred. Gym classes used the theatre on Nov. 26 and the theatre company plans to continue rehearsals for an upcoming play.

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Wheeling's heritage — a glimpse at the past

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s the line of new houses continues to replace the rows of corn that border WHS to the west, it becomes increasingly evident that the past is being replaced by the future faster than ever before.

Wheeling's past is being forgotten too. Now just one of a never-ending string of suburbs, at times Wheeling seems like a carbon copy of every other neighboring town. However, Wheeling's past is interesting and colorful with Indians, pioneers, and events that distinguish it from other cities' heritages.

Rolling prairie grass taller than a man on horseback still covered the Midwest when the first white man visited the area known as Wheeling Township. Home to Indians and wildlife, the area was inhabited by Pottawatomie tribes until 1833 when the first white man settled in Wheeling. Signed on Sept. 26, 1833, the Pottawatomie Treaty was meant as an agreement with the Indians that their land be sold to the U.S. government to be settled by white men. The \$16,000 a year and other services promised to the Indians were ceased when the government broke the treaty and forced the Pottawatomie west of the Mississippi River.

A Mr. Sweet was the first white man in the area in 1833. By building his log cabin within present Wheeling boundaries, Mr. Sweet became Wheeling's first resident. In 1835, Wheeling's one citizen could have voted in the first ballot box in Wheeling Township.

Mr. Joseph Filkins joined Mr. Sweet in 1834 as he was the

second settler to build his home in Wheeling. His house was modern for the time and, therefore, was Wheeling's first house rather than a log cabin. Two years after Filkins moved in, he established Wheeling's first post office with himself as postmaster in 1836. He then erected the town's first hotel in 1837, the first in a long line of roadhouses and restaurants that sprang up in Wheeling to accommodate travelers of the first post route from Chicago to Green Bay which is now Milwaukee Avenue.

Mr. Ascher G. Skinner, along with a Mr. Shepart, opened the first two blacksmith shops in 1838. A second hotel was built in 1840 by Mr. James Parker, and the following year Mr. John Rothschild opened Wheeling's first shoe store.

After the Pottawatomie Treaty was signed, settlers started staking claims in the area of Wheeling Township in



large numbers. By 1850, the townspeople of Wheeling, consisting mainly of immigrants from Germany and France, as well as from the New England states, felt a need to organize Wheeling Township. The area was organized in 1850 into a township, but Wheeling was not incorporated into the township until 1898.

Jewel food store on Dundee Road now occupies the spot where Wheeling's first church stood. Construction was completed on Nov. 2, 1864. The church was the only one in the area until 1868 when the first Lutheran church was completed for a cost of \$1,500. By the year 1868, Wheeling was home to two general stores, three hotels, two blacksmith shops, one wagon shop, two shoe stores, one brewery and one physician, all serving the town's 200 inhabitants.

In 1871, Wheeling's progress was slowed by a depressed economy as a result of the Great Chicago Fire that crippled Chicago and the area's economy. It has been noted that on that fateful October night, a newspaper could be read in Wheeling at midnight the blaze was so brilliant.

As Chicago recovered from the devastating fire that killed 250 and caused millions of dollars worth of damage, Wheeling's growth continued. In 1890, the population of the town had risen to 811, and hotels and restaurants continued to line Milwaukee Avenue. Wheeling's main industry in its early years was the accommodation of travelers north along Milwaukee Avenue and west to settle beyond the Mississippi.

Located in Heritage Park on South Wolf Road in Wheeling is the original Village Hall. Rapid expansion of Wheeling and the need for a governing body prompted the

building of the hall in 1897. The building has been moved from its original spot, but the land it was built on was purchased by the village for \$150. Building costs for the single-story wooden building was \$43.13. After the building was completed, certain necessities were provided by the village for its new hall, including bunk beds at a cost of \$1.50, \$9 for four blankets to cover the bunks, installation of cell doors for \$1 and 50 cents paid to a local seamstress for sewing the mattresses for the bunks.

Along with Wheeling's growth came the need for fire protection, and on Sept. 11, 1896, the town received its first horse-drawn fire engine. Arriving via the Wisconsin Railroad, now the Soo Line, the bright and shining engine was the pride of the town. Earlier that year, in June, the Wheeling Fire Department was formed. These added services meant taxes.

Residents needed to supply salaries for city officials as well as funds for fire protection and other public services. Unlike today's extravagant city budgets, Wheeling collected only \$600 from its residents in 1896. Bills for that year were much higher than the village collected from taxpayers: streets and bridges required \$350, street lighting \$60, \$700 was needed to support the fire department, salaries for village officials included: marshal, \$360; attorney, 150; all other officers, \$200.

Bars and restaurants were full of celebrating Wheelingites on New Year's Eve 1899. At the turn of the century, things were looking good for an expanding Wheeling. In September of 1900 the first telephones were installed in the Village Hall

② 12-5-80 Wheeling N.S.



Around the turn of the century, Wheeling's main industry was its restaurants and hotels. Le Francais [left], world famous for its French cuisine, is Wheeling's most well-known restaurant. Erected in 1897, Wheeling's first village hall is now a historical landmark located in Heritage Park, the structure was dedicated on Oct. 20, 1968. Pottowatomie Indians once occupied the banks of the Des Plaines River in Wheeling's early years. Trees and wild expanses, like those found in Wheeling's forest preserves, once covered the area now occupied by Wheeling. [Photos by Michael Anderson]

and firehouse. Use of these phones was free, and the telephone soon became as popular as the fire engine was. That same year, the village enacted an ordinance stating that telephone poles could not be erected in roadways on sidewalks or in alleys.

Recreation was different from today. Perhaps the biggest event of the year in Wheeling in the 1900s was the fire department's 4th of July picnic. Everyone in town turned out for food, baseball and a good time. Prices were lower in 1903 as illustrated by this bill for the 4th of July picnic that year: 25 loaves of bread — \$1, one baseball bat — 10 cents, one box of peaches — \$1.25, one box of plums \$1.50, four dozen oranges — 96 cents, nine bunches of bananas \$3, eight pounds of ham — \$1.44, nine cases of quarts of soda — \$6.75, 25 gallons of ice cream — \$18.75, two cases of Cracker Jack — \$6, 30 pounds of peanuts — \$2.25, 24 packages of chocolate — 75 cents, and one box of gum — 55 cents.

Wheeling's history is a story of the settling of the West and the successes and failures that go along with taming a frontier. As the future pushes us along, the past becomes lost in the blur of progress. Yesterday's events have made today possible. For this reason, the past must be preserved. Spending an hour in 20th century Wheeling is a glimpse at our heritage and it is interesting, amusing and valuable to reflect every once in a while on the past.

by Michael Anderson

⁺ Cable TV firm says 120 channels possible

12-5-80 Herald

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

When cable television finally is installed in the Northwest suburbs, subscribers may have 120 different channels to choose from, a top-rated cable company announced Thursday.

At a meeting with local government officials, executives of Cablenet, one of 14 cable firms competing for the suburbs' business, said they will install a system with 120 channels if they are awarded franchises for an area including at least 30,000 homes, or about three mid-sized suburbs.

The highest number of channels previously proposed in the area was 54, but Israel Switzer, Cablenet's engineering consultant, said the system can be "stretched" to a maximum of 120 by putting 60 channels over each cable and stringing two cables into each home.

DESPITE THE expansion, Cablenet Vice Pres. Walter Wechers said the charge to subscribers will remain at the same level proposed a year ago to the Northwest Municipal Conference for at least three years after the system is installed.

Wechers said the 80 percent expansion in the cost of building the system — up to \$65 million if all 21 suburbs of the municipal conference are included — is possible because profits from

cable TV will be even greater than originally anticipated.

At Cablenet's new system in suburban St. Louis and at other systems, he said more households than expected are signing up for cable and many subscribers are ordering more than one of the optional services such as movie or sports channels. Each of those options adds about \$8 a month to the basic monthly charge, which Cablenet has set at \$5.95 and ranges from \$4.50 to \$10 with different companies.

Wechers said he expects Cablenet's rates to increase only about 12 percent after the first three years.

WITH PROGRAMMING now available for 73 channels — including 11 left open for community and educational access — Switzer said it will be about four years before all 120 channels are filled.

And he admitted that the weekly program listing will be bulky and time consuming.

"We build a very stupid system," he said, speaking of the cable industry as a whole. "If we've got to provide one channel for one person we've got to put it through the entire community. It's clumsy and inefficient, but we really now have no other way to do it. We've got to put all 120 channels into your home."

Switzer, the consulting engineer,

predicted cable TV will be improved in about 10 years to narrow the number of channels coming into the home to the ones that home needs. But as long as all cable channels are carried together, he said, 120 is the maximum that is physically possible.

Cablenet officials also announced they will provide a two-way polling device that lets viewers respond to certain shows.

WECHERS, THE Cablenet executive, admitted the development is an attempt to "counteract" Warner-Amex Cable Corp., the first company to propose a two-way system. Warner and Cablenet were the two firms most highly rated out of a field of 14 by the municipal conference's cable consultants.

Each of the suburbs in the conference now is trying to decide which cable company will get its franchise and Wechers said his company is "very upset" at Palatine's decision to jump ahead of the conference schedule and name Warner as its choice. But rather than counter with "hard-sell" tactics, he said, "We are doing our best to provide the best system possible."

In addition to the optional polling device for \$2 a month — the same cost Warner quoted — Cablenet will offer a \$4.95 per month computer hookup that allows home and small business computers to "talk" to each other.

Deadline set for cable TV picks

12-7-80 Herald

by Paul Gores

Herald staff writer

Officials of the North and Northwest suburbs Saturday agreed to narrow the field of contenders for a regional cable television franchise by submitting names of their favorite cable firms to the Northwest Municipal Conference by Jan. 17.

By the deadline, officials from each of the 21 municipalities cooperating in the venture must nominate the top two or three cable firms that they believe have the kind of money, technology, programming and commitment to begin a successful cable system here.

During a conference meeting Saturday monitored by representatives of at least seven cable firms, municipal officials

decided that the deadline would give towns still conducting public hearings with the cable firms enough time to make judgments about which ones were most qualified. Five of the 21 municipalities involved already have submitted their nominees.

ALTHOUGH THE group decided that lower-ranking firms would be eliminated from competition at the Jan. 17 meeting, they voted not to choose a method for designating finalists until that date.

The conference already has received a consultant's report rating the 14 cable firms that have applied for a Northwest suburban cable franchise. Several of the suburban representatives said they would be basing their

choices on the results of that report. Others, however, have chosen to conduct public hearings in their communities.

Officials were given "worksheet" evaluation forms by the conference director, William Grams, to help the undecided communities pick two or three top choices. The evaluation forms recommend that firms be ranked according to their financial strength; their proposed services and capability of implementing them; the benefits of their system to the city and cable subscribers; and the overall impression they create.

Last April, a consulting firm hired by the conference, Malarkey Taylor & Associates of Washington, D.C., re-

leased its evaluation of specific proposals submitted to the conference by 14 cable companies. Warner-Amex Cable Corp. of New York and Cablenet, a Canadian-based company, were most highly rated.

Palatine already has announced plans to grant its franchise to Warner-Amex and is hoping surrounding communities will do likewise. One company may be awarded the franchise for the entire conference, or sub-regions consisting of several communities could group together and award a franchise. Town-by-town franchising is difficult because cable companies require commitments of certain amounts of subscribers that suburbs with relatively small populations cannot meet on their own.

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Sommerfeld picks up petitions to form slate

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld has picked up nominating petitions to form a slate of candidates for the April village board elections.

However, Sommerfeld, considered by many political observers as a logical choice to challenge Village Pres. William Hein for his post, refused Monday to say if he plans to run against Hein, or even if he intends to try to retain his seat as a trustee.

Sommerfeld, 49, one of Hein's chief rivals on the board, would say only that he is meeting with "10 to 15 distinguished citizens of the village" to form a slate, and that "my position, if any, on that slate has not been determined."

The terms of Hein, Sommerfeld, Trustees Roger Powers and Robert Ross and Village Clerk Alberta Klocke expire next year. All five ran on the same slate four years ago, but Sommerfeld and Mrs. Klocke have since split with Hein.

SOMMERFELD TWO YEARS ago endorsed the slate of trustees including John Cole, Charles Kerr and Sheila Schultz, who defeated the Hein-backed forces led by former Trustee Dolores Dahm.

Sommerfeld said the members of his political group, whom he declined to name, should be deciding what candidates will run "hopefully within the next two weeks." Whether he runs or not, Sommerfeld said he "will be actively supporting the candidates that are selected."

Hein, 40, said he hasn't decided whether to run again, but added, "Let's put it this way — there are a lot of things I still want to complete." He cited as examples the village's efforts to obtain Lake Michigan water, its downtown redevelopment program and deliberations on whether the village, with Prospect Heights, should buy Pal-Waukee Airport.

"We should be making a formal announcement within the next few weeks," said Hein, a trustee since 1971 and village president since 1977. He



Hubert Sommerfeld

Village Mgr. Terry Zerkle, who was under pressure by Hein and his allies to hire Ted Bracke as police chief. Zerkle refused and was fired over the protests of Cole and Kerr, who then were a minority on the board. Sommerfeld was out of the country at the time of Zerkle's firing and was angered at his running mates for acting without consulting him.

In 1979, Wheeling's village manager again became an issue. During their campaign, Cole, Kerr and Schultz urged the firing of Zerkle's successor, Carsten Leikvold, who they contended was controlled by Hein.

Leikvold resigned a few months later, but only after Sommerfeld said he shared some of the complaints voiced by the three trustees about Leikvold. In May, Thomas Markus, formerly an assistant manager in Wheeling, became Wheeling's fourth manager in the last five years.

acknowledged he has heard Sommerfeld's name mentioned as a possible opponent, but said he "wouldn't want to second-guess anybody" on whether Sommerfeld intends to run.

THE SOMMERFELD-HEIN RIFT surfaced over the 1977 firing of former

Anti-airport slate proposed to run in April elections

12-10-80 Herald

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

Unhappy with the failure of Wheeling and Prospect Heights to abandon plans to buy Pal-Waukee Airport, a group of residents opposing public acquisition of the airport say they may run their own slates in local elections next April.

Warren Sunde, a Prospect Heights resident and a leader of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, said his group has not determined who those candidates might be nor have they picked up nominating petitions in either town to get candidates placed on the ballot.

If the plan to form a slate of airport foes is unsuccessful, Sunde said his group wants "to ask some of the incumbents to isolate themselves on the (airport) issue. We are looking for people that are for the improvement of our future."

He said the airport group "at a minimum" would want to endorse candidates who oppose the towns' taking over the airport.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights have both chipped in \$3,000 toward a \$120,000 study to determine if they can afford to buy the airport. That study, now more than two years old, has been delayed while the city and airport owner George Priester attempt to negotiate a settlement over Priester's lawsuit to disannex the southern half of the airport from Prospect Heights. Wheeling, too, wants to end all the legal challenges to its annexation of the northern half of the airport last summer.

ALTHOUGH THE consultant says the study is only three-fourths completed, Sunde said there is enough information for prospective candidates to determine that the airport would be

they will not use property taxes to pay for the local share of buying the airport, estimated at at least \$1.7 million. Federal and state grants are expected to cover the balance of the \$34 million purchase price.

The consultant is proposing a loan, which would be repaid with airport revenues, to cover the local share. Bonds are expected to be purchased by the corporations using Pal-Waukee and possibly commercial airlines at O'Hare Airport.

But Sunde said the estimated profit margin at a public Pal-Waukee is relatively small — only about \$24,000 a year. "A couple of good snowstorms could wipe that out," he said. Then, he added, the towns might have to draw on property taxes to make up the deficit.

In addition, the municipalities would have to encourage greater use of the airport, which would add more noise and pose a greater chance for accidents, he said.

BUT PROSPECT HEIGHTS Mayor Richard Wolf, who is not up for reelection until 1983, questioned the accuracy of the numbers being used by the airport foes. "There's a lot of numbers being thrown around and they're claiming a lot of hidden costs. I say those numbers they are using have not been substantiated," he said. "That's why we're recommending continuing with the study."

He also said the anti-airport group's plan to slate candidates was unwise because there is not nearly enough data to determine whether the airport should come under municipal ownership.

"I sense that people with an axe to grind could do more detriment to the municipalities," he said, adding once a single-issue candidate "killed the air-

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Wickes Furniture

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Since many signs were made illegal after the ordinance was passed in 1979, quite a few non-conforming signs remain on Wheeling business properties. However, they can't be taken down because their owners had legal permits for them years ago. The Wickes Furniture sign is set back at a proper distance from the road but it is too tall, according to Wheeling Community Development workers. The Lynn Plaza and Country Dairy signs are typical of many outdoor shopping plaza signs, because they serve as directories for the stores inside. The Wheeling Nursery sign is considered too big. (Staff photos by Lee Urban)

Wheeling sees no beauty in signs

It has to be a sign of the times. Billboards, posters tacked on telephone poles, and oversized directories in front of shopping centers are no more. Or at least they will have disappeared from the face of Wheeling by the end of 1981.

The Wheeling board was appalled at the rundown appearance of Dundee and Milwaukee streets and passed an ordinance requiring neater, smaller signs in 1979 for all streets. However the junky appearance of many lots and shops did not change. So, a commission was dispatched to methodically inspect every sign on every street to see if it met the ordinance's standards. Most of them did not.

The first signs to go on Dundee and Milwaukee were those that were not registered for permits. Billboards were the most obvious victim. Other signs to go quickly were those put on public property or set too close to the right of way of different

streets. The committee has now completely canvassed Milwaukee and Dundee and is now working on Wolf Road.

Owners of unregistered, illegal signs are notified by registered mail to get rid of their old signs. They can replace signs with new ones, or not replace them at all.

Charlie King of community development said there has been a marked improvement in Wheeling's appearance because most sign owners have been cooperative about changing their signs.

The sign owners are less anxious to go along with the change when they've invested thousands of dollars in large signs and cannot afford new ones. As long as those owners have put up the sign under a legal permit; the sign can stand as is. However, if part of it breaks off, or if it blows down, the owners cannot put the same sign up again. Over the years that sort of attrition should help the city lose its unsightly signs, King says.

Drop Stavros charges *Life*

12-11-80

WHEELING—Charges against Gregory Stavros, 25, nephew of former Wheeling Democratic Committeeman James Stavros, were dropped in his case involving an auto accident.

Following a Nov. 1 accident, Stavros was charged by Wheeling Police with improper lane usage. Witnesses took a license number which led to Stavros' arrest, but in traffic court none of the witnesses could positively identify Stavros or say if it was his vehicle that might have forced a car off the road.

The accident which led to Stavros' arrest occurred on Dundee Road just west of the Wheeling Village Hall. A car was reportedly forced off the road and its occupants injured in that accident.

According to Wheeling Police, Stavros was not charged with leaving the scene of an accident because there was no collision involved.

Village Manager Tom Markus is looking into the accident because of alleged radio transmissions by some Wheeling Police officers advising the officers to carefully handle the accident, apparently because the Stavros name was involved.

Markus said Tuesday that he is still looking into the matter. He did not indicate if there were any new developments.



Dynamic duo

WHEELING VILLAGE MANAGER Tom Markus (seated) is shown with Bob Fialkowski, assistant to the village manager. Fialkowski joined the Wheeling managerial team last month after a stint with the Northwest Municipal Conference. Both have their offices at the Wheeling Village Hall. (Photo by Steve Donisch)



Getting ready

ALBERTA KLOCKE MAKES some final preparations on some gifts for the residents of the Addolorata Villa. The gifts will be presented at the Villa as part of its annual holiday party that will be held Saturday, Dec. 13. The party will be highlighted by a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, after which they will go to Lollipop Lane in Chamber Park. Lollipop Lane will be open week nights and on weekends until Dec. 21. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

Judge upholds officer's firing

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

The firing of Wheeling Police Lt. Thomas Conte, dismissed from the department for using excessive force during an arrest, was upheld Thursday by a Cook County judge.

In a written opinion, Circuit Court Judge James Murray said an "overwhelming weight of evidence" supported firing Conte, who stuck a cocked and loaded handgun into the mouth of a 20-year-old Wheeling man he was arresting.

Conte, 43, was a second in command to Police Chief Ted Bracke last March when he responded to a report of what police originally thought was a bank robbery at Hoyne Savings and Loan on Dundee Road.

A woman reported that two men were assembling a shotgun in the bank's parking lot. Later they told police they had just purchased the gun and were only inspecting it.

TWO OFFICERS who also responded to the call told Wheeling's fire and police commission the driver already had been removed from the car and handcuffed when Conte arrived. A third officer said Conte's gun was pointed at the passenger, Eugene Grassmuck.

The other officers said they had the situation under control, and one of them said he had holstered his weapon when he saw Grassmuck's shotgun lying unassembled and covered by a plastic wrapper between the bucket seats of the car. But Conte leaned into the car, stuck his gun into Grassmuck's mouth and told him to "suck on it," threatening to "blow his brains all over



Thomas Conte

the car," one of the officers testified.

In May, the police board fired Conte, saying he projected "an image of brutality to the community," and "set a bad example for younger police officers."

Conte, who had served on the force for more than 16 years, appealed that decision a few weeks later. But Murray rejected Conte's argument that the other officers and bystanders could have been harmed if Grassmuck had made a sudden move.

Conte had testified that he was a "crack shot" — something Murray said was "inconsistent with testimony that the only way to subdue the suspect was to put a gun in his mouth."

John Broihier, an attorney representing the fire and police commission, called Murray's decision to uphold the firing "justified. I can't think of anything more deserving of dismissal."

12-17-80 Herald

Pal-Waukee officials push for end to study — or else

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Pal-Waukee Airport officials are giving Wheeling and Prospect Heights until Dec. 31 to authorize completion of a long-overdue airport study before owners of the airfield start looking for new prospective buyers.

In a letter to village and city officials, airport manager Charles Priester says he can "no longer tolerate the indecisions and delays associated with the completion of the study," and unless the deadline is met "we must be relieved of our obligation to refrain from negotiations with other buyers."

Charles Priester, son of airport owner George Priester said Tuesday the other buyers range from "a couple of major developers" to other towns that have expressed an interest in keeping the airport open. He refused to name either the developers or communities.

"Our inclination would be to go to

another sponsor to pick up the study," he said. "We're not asking for a decision to buy the airport, we're just saying, 'Finish the study that's already under way.'"

THE \$120,000 study, authorized in September 1978, was supposed to be completed in two years, but has been described by the consultant as only three-fourths complete. A requirement of the federal grant that covered 90 percent of the study cost calls for Wheeling and Prospect Heights to authorize the consultant to complete the third and final phase of the study.

But Prospect Heights officials say they won't do that until Priester drops a suit seeking to disconnect the southern half of the airport from the city. And as far as meeting Priester's deadline, Mayor Richard Wolf said it is unlikely because the city council does not meet again this year.

Wolf said if Priester wants to sell the airport to someone else, "We can't hold him up if that's what he wishes to do."

However, both Wolf and Priester confirmed that both sides are still working on a settlement in the disconnection suit. Priester has agreed to drop the suit if the city agrees it will not impose any new regulations on the airport, like the early-morning curfew on airport operations that has been demanded by nearby residents.

DESPITE WHAT Priester called "philosophical agreement" on the terms of the settlement, he said the council should have a special meeting to authorize completion of the study even if a lawsuit settlement is not reached by the end of the year.

If Prospect Heights doesn't meet Priester's deadline, that could leave Wheeling as sole sponsor of the airport study. But some village trustees were angered by what they said amounted to an ultimatum from Priester to continue the study alone.

"There is no way the village is going to be pushed into this thing. I just don't like somebody throwing ultimatums at us," said Wheeling Trustee John Cole,

who joined Trustee Charles Kerr in voting not to even respond to Priester's letter.

"He (Priester) very well knows the village's position," Cole said.

THE VILLAGE in October authorized the consultant to complete the study, with no stipulations. However, Village Mgr. Thomas Markus has said he would like to see all legal action involving the airport and the two towns resolved before the study is finished. Prospect Heights is in court challenging Wheeling's annexation last summer of the northern half of the airport.

However, Cole said he would not be opposed to the village completing the study on its own. "If you're talking about buying it alone, that's an entirely different matter," he said.

The airport consultant has said it will cost at least \$34 million to buy Pal-Waukee, with the local share ranging from \$1.7 million to \$3.4 million, depending on the amount of federal aid that is available.



12-18-80 Life

SANTA seems to be intently listening to the Christmas request of this resident.



WELL, LITTLE TOMMIE, what would you like for Christmas? Village Manager Tom Markus smiles as he thinks of Christmas, while Mrs. Claus gives him a hug.

Schultz to run for Village President

Trustee forms new party

By JOANNE KANTER
Managing Editor

WHEELING—Trustee Sheila Schultz will head a slate for the April election that includes former Trustee William A. Rogers, Plan Comr. Joseph Ratajczak and James E. Goetch, who was defeated in a previous bid for office four years ago.

Also running on the slate is Elizabeth L. Hartman, who will try for the position of Village Clerk.

Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld, whom it was rumored would make the race for the presidency of the village, has decided to retire. Sommerfeld told *The LIFE* Tuesday, Dec. 16, that he feels with the economy the way it is, he should not divert so much time from his business. Sommerfeld was elected to office in 1979, along with Village President William Hein and Trustees Roger Powers, Robert Ross and Dolores Dahm.

SCHULTZ DEFEATED Dahm in her bid for re-election two years ago.

Sommerfeld had already defected from the Hein team after the firing of former Village Manager Terry Zerkle in August 1977.

Village Clerk Alberta Klocke, who like Sommerfeld ran with Hein and defected from his side, has chosen not to run for re-election.

Schultz will head the Wheeling Upward Party slate.

"Our common goal is to work together for a government more responsive to its citizens," Schultz said Wednesday, when making the announcement. "We are proud of the direction Wheeling is taking and hope to see it continue."

Rogers was appointed a trustee in 1976 to take the place of Gilbert Monson, who resigned when he was indicted on charges of bribery and attempted bribery. He was never tried on the charges. Rogers was defeated in his attempt to retain his seat on the Village Board in 1979. He has remained interested in village government and has continued his watchdog approach to



SHEILA SCHULTZ

the possible purchase of Palwaukee Airport by Wheeling and/or Prospect Heights.

GOETCH WAS the village's representative to Nortran and was defeated with Rogers on a slate headed by former Trustee Otis (Skip) Hedlund four years ago.

Schultz was active in government long before she became a trustee two years ago. She was instrumental in formation of a recall ordinance committee as a result of Zerkle's firing and served on the committee until it successfully passed a referendum backing passage of a recall ordinance by the Village Board. The ordinance was the first of its kind passed in the state.

She also served on the committee to study home rule, which was passed by residents of the village in 1977.

Village President William Hein has not yet announced whether he will seek re-election.

Officials praise water decision

WITH LONG-AWAITED allocation of Lake Michigan water a reality, village officials in Wheeling and Buffalo Grove are looking toward the future.

Even though neither village got exactly what they wanted, officials from both said if future growth merits it, they'll contact the state to modify the figures.

"It's good news," says Wheeling Village Board President William Hein. "It's really going to help the water situation and help the whole area."

VERNA CLAYTON, Buffalo Grove village president echoed Hein's sentiments adding that her village is looking forward to moving ahead with the project, while reaffirming the village's commitment to continue with the Northwest Suburban Water Venture.

Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling said conservation guidelines set by the state "are obtainable" and that Buffalo Grove is almost at the specified 8 percent level of unaccounted for water.

Balling added that the allocation will mean not only a better quality of water for residents, but a more dependable water system for the village.

WHEELING VILLAGE Manager Tom Markus says the 1984 allocation granted by the state fits into the village's and the Northwest Water Commission's plans for bringing lake water to the area.

As for the state's population forecast for his village, Markus says "if our figures (population) prove to be correct, we will contact the state for an adjustment."

Neither Markus or Balling have any idea what residents will be paying for lake water when the system is finally complete.

In Wheeling, progress is being made to account for the difference between the water that is pumped into the village's system and what is billed.

Bob Gray, director of operations and maintenance for Wheeling, says water meters are being replaced

throughout the village and with fire hydrants recently flushed to check for problems, he's hoping to have a "handle on how much unaccounted for water there might be in the village within six months."

The hearing process for lake water allocations covered a 48-day period that began May 12 and ended September 30.

While most of the testimony was "routine," some was a little more unusual. According to one IDOT representative, the conflict between the villages of Buffalo Grove and Lincolnshire surrounding the Santucci property was one of the more hotly contested ones mentioned at the hearings.

The spokesman said conflict between villages over a parcel of land are "not unusual," adding that it was the intensity of the Santucci dispute that surprised him.

The spokesman said that IDOT allocates water for communities, not individual pieces of property.

He also says that it was "very odd and peculiar" for a county to testify against a community. During one of the allocation hearings, representatives from Lake County testified against the validity of Buffalo Grove's requested allocation.

Hire attorney to investigate police

AN ATTORNEY has been retained by the village to investigate the police department's handling of the Nov. 1 accident involving Greg Stavros, nephew of James Stavros, former Wheeling Township Democratic Committeeman.

The attorney, Robert DiLeonardi, was hired at the request of Village Manager Tom Markus.

According to Markus, DiLeonardi was hired because "I believe it is important to have a separate investigator look into it."

Markus says DiLeonardi will be working with the officers involved in

the accident.

Those officers are patrolman Thomas Lorenz who was the responding officer to the accident and filed the report and Armando Pizzi who was division commander of the police department's traffic division at the time of the accident.

Because of recent assignment changes, Pizzi is no longer division commander. Sgt. Jack Kimsey heads up that unit.

"I WASN'T on duty at the time," says Pizzi, "But I suppose since I was

division commander I have to be called in." Lorenz, says Pizzi, is on vacation and was unavailable for comment.

DiLeonardi says he will be looking into circumstances surrounding the handling of the accident.

DiLeonardi says he is not sure what will result from his investigation. "It is very important to understand that there has not been an allegation of wrong doing," he says. "This is just a purpose of reporting to Mr. Markus." DiLeonardi did add however, that it was "not to say that the investigation might not lead to it (allegations)."

Standing-room-only crowd at hearing 12-18-80 - Reminder Don't cut schedule, riders tell RTA board

By DAVE HOEKSTRA

Take a number please:

That could have been the theme of the RTA public hearing held in Des Plaines last week. An army of northwest suburban residents showed up to complain about proposed cuts in service, while only a legion griped about proposed fare increases.

Nearly 300 people crammed into the medium-sized Des Plaines city hall chambers. The overflow crowd had to empty into the hallway for most of the four-hour hearing.

About 85 residents, representing government, business, and themselves, testified for three minutes each how the cuts and increases would affect them.

Des Plaines RTA board member Phil Raffe listened to the sometimes boisterous audience.

In one of his few comments of the evening, toward the end of the hearing Raffe promised, "I will go on the record tonight that I will vote against any service cuts."

The Des Plaines hearing was one of 11 hearings in the RTA area where board members heard how residents felt about the methods chosen to eliminate an estimated \$150 million deficit this fiscal year.

"I think you have your supply and demands mixed up," said Fred Goetz, an

Elk Grove Village resident.

"What you demand, we supply."

G.E. Van Wissink, a Mt. Prospect resident, and an employee of Roosevelt University in Arlington Heights gave one of the more moving testimonies of the night.

"The RTA is screwing reverse commuters, night students, people who like cultural events, and night workers...First of all, it is the RTA's duty to impose fiscal responsibility and practices on themselves. Their offices take up three floors and they employ 400 people," he said.

Van Wissink then asked if any state legislators were in the audience.

No one answered.

"No guts," said Van Wissink. He also promised to file for the legislature himself.

James Ryan, village president of Arlington Heights, said he understood the RTA's dilemma because of inflation and a 43 per cent increase in fuel costs.

"But the cuts that are made should be made on an honest and fair basis. The RTA has lived up to none of our dreams," said Ryan.

"About seventy per cent of our tax dollars go to fund the CTA, and it's unfair for people in the suburbs to take the short end of the cuts. We get one half the service the city receives and pay twice as much for what we get," he added.

Ryan suggested that suburban residents

be elected to the RTA board.

"We need to become masters of our own destination," Ryan said.

Halfway through the meeting Raffe asked the audience to make a choice between a slight fare increase and a cut in service. The increase was greeted with cheers, while people booed at the thought of a cut in service.

"I just didn't have any idea how many people would be here. I will report this back to the board. I'm here for your input," said Raffe.

Peggy Kent, manager of public information for the RTA, Friday talked about the input the agency received.

"The people certainly were vociferous—all the way from service cuts to fare increases. People were aware that inflation has forced costs to go up. But the people said they can't take away our bus," said Kent.

She said there were two complaints RTA board members heard "loud and clear" at the 11 hearings.

"It was loud and clear they wouldn't accept the CTA cuts announced Wednesday and wouldn't take cuts in their rail schedule," said Kent.

What happens next?

"Wednesday (yesterday) there will be a finance committee meeting; and the board must vote on the budget by Dec. 31. We hope they vote on it by Friday," said Kent.

She said the RTA board will look at

"where they stand, how much money they have, and what is needed to keep service going on."

Kent said fare increases must be decided by Dec. 31, while they have until March 1 to implement any service cuts. The fare increase cannot be any more than 33 per cent. Kent said there will be "some urging" that the increase will be lower.

Kent admitted there was "some chance" the RTA would go back on some of the proposed route cuts.

"There is a chance of the board going back, but of course we hope the state will act. If they don't act by March 1, then we will have to make the cuts in routes, and that was the purpose of the hearings," said Kent.

Kent said she knew of no state legislators who attended the 11 hearings.

"There were mayors sprinkled all over the place, and groups such as the League of Woman Voters. We even had certain (transportation) groups that travelled from meeting to meeting," said Kent.

The entire evening in Des Plaines might have been personified by a Des Plaines resident who appeared as if she just got off the train.

Clutching folded newspapers, a briefcase, and a purse, Patricia Windhoff testified she was a daily commuter and said, "the only reason I'm here is I don't want to go down without a fight."

Airport owner told to cool his jets on hurried Pal-Waukee sale

The owner of Pal-Waukee airport tried to turn the tables on the Wheeling board Monday night, but the board decided to turn the other cheek.

Both Wheeling and Prospect Heights, bordering the airport, have been studying the benefits and drawbacks of acquiring Pal-Waukee. After two and a half years, only two-thirds of the study has been completed, with trustees still discussing whether the airport will be safe or profitable.

But Charles Priester has grown impatient.

In a written ultimatum delivered to

Wheeling and the mayor of Prospect Heights, he said, "...if approval for the completion of the study is not made by midnight December 31, 1980, we must be relieved of our obligation to refrain from negotiations with other prospective purchasers and free to take whatever steps are the best interest of our company."

Trustee William Kerr said the board had acted to help Priester when he originally wanted to sell the airport and if he wanted to go ahead and find another buyer, then more power to him.

But other board members outvoted him

when they decided to have Village President Bill Hein answer Priester in another letter, which would remind him that Wheeling has already formally approved completing the study.

The elder George Priester has said in the past that the village boards of Prospect Heights and Wheeling are taking too long on deciding whether to buy the airport and he wants them to stop "dragging their feet."

Prospect Heights has not yet approved continuing the study to the end, possibly because they want the Priester to drop a suit pending against their village.

George Priester does not seem reassured by Wheeling's formal commitment as long as Prospect Heights, who will oversee half the airport, has not yet decided. He won't say if the ultimatum still stands until he actually receives the village president's letter. He also is keeping mum about potential buyers for the airport.

In the past Glenview, which has a naval air station, has expressed interest in the airport. Many nearby corporations appreciate the convenience of Pal-Waukee, but none of them have formally offered to buy.



MRS. CLAUS takes a moment to present this resident of Addolorati Villa a gift and to engage in a little conversation.

12-18-80 Life

Area communities to get lake water

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

LAKE MICHIGAN water will become a reality to area communities starting in 1984.

Following months of hearings and testimony, the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Water Resources announced that 86 communities, primarily in the northeastern area of Illinois, including Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, will receive an allocation of Lake Michigan water.

Although state officials hail the allocation as a solution to an argument with other Lake Michigan dependent states that goes back to 1913, local officials are glad of just one thing — the villages will have lake water.

Both Wheeling and Buffalo Grove were granted the full allocation requested until the year 2000. The amount both villages were seeking after that time (until 2020 since the allocations are for a 40-year period) is less than what they had hoped for because both villages' population estimates are greater than those shown by several surveys prepared for the state.

UNDER THE ALLOCATION plan, the use of water will be phased out during the next 40 years, enabling residents to use solely lake water while giving deep and shallow water aquifers a chance to replenish.

According to one state official, Illinois is the only Lake Michigan state that is restricted on the intake amount of lake water.

This is because in 1913, the flow of the Chicago River was reversed so that no water would flow into the lake, polluting it in the process.

Other states, including Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota and the United States government, have been concerned about water levels in the lake.

On Dec. 1, these states and the U.S. government along with Illinois, entered into an agreement that changes the accounting procedure the state uses in tabulating the amount of lake water it uses.

THE CHANGE in that procedure makes available an additional 92 million gallons of water a day. During water allocation hearings, there were several key considerations taken into account by the state as to the needs of individual villages.

The most important was if the primary use of the lake water was going to be for residential use and if the deep aquifer supply was dwindling.

State Transportation Secretary John Kramer said the 40 year allocations will not only provide quality water, but should enable communities to obtain revenue bonding to finance system upgrading which will handle delivery of lake water.

Delivery of lake water, he said, is a local government adding that the state will not have funds available to cover the cost of system upgrade.

Because of the interest in Lake Michigan water, communities the northwestern suburbs have created a number of consortiums to bring the water to the area.

WHEELING IS part of the Northwest Water Commission, formerly known as DMAP while Buffalo Grove is part of the Northwest Suburban Water Venture.

The two main plants for supplying water to the area are likely to be the City of Evanston's water plant or a Chicago water plant located near O'Hare International Airport.

Neither water consortium has decided which route it will take and both may have some consideration following the 53 percent escalation in water rates by the city of Chicago.

A MAJOR POINT of emphasis by the state is conservation. The state announced that there are three main areas of concentration for communities given a lake water allocation. They are:

- The installation of water-efficient fixtures in new construction and in major remodeling.

- The installation of water meters in new construction or during major remodeling.

- The maintenance of water system so that the maximum amount of water that is unaccounted for through leakage, is no more than 8 percent by 1986.

Officials from both Wheeling and Buffalo Grove expressed confidence that there will be no problem with these conservation guidelines (see related article).

In addition to the change in the actual water residents will be receiving, there are other benefits from having Lake Michigan water, says Kramer.

He says water softeners will not be needed as they are now for communities with shallow and/or deep well water. Lake water, he adds, should also lower the rate of repair on major water-using appliances, such as dishwashers and washing machines.

There was some discussion about gaining access to water from other sources, besides Lake Michigan, but IDOT officials say the only water they "control" is that from Lake Michigan.

Officials from area communities, including Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, are hoping plans to bring the water out to the area can begin as soon as possible.

12-18-80 Remembrance
Com Ed campaign can't blunt protest

By SHARON GELTNER

The Wheeling village board surprised Commonwealth Edison by anticipating their public relations campaign to soften northwest suburban communities to their next rate hike.

At the Dec. 1 Wheeling board meeting, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld urged the board to send a formal letter criticizing the corporation for its latest round of rate hikes. At the time, other trustees predicted the village protest would be a futile gesture which would probably go unanswered. To their surprise, the protest resolution was answered just two days later.

Wheeling's letter had crossed in the mail with the letter from Commonwealth Edison. The power company had decided to launch a general public relations campaign to persuade business and community leaders that they weren't all bad.

The letter the corporation sent Village President Bill Hein was polite, but firm. "...We observed much public misunderstanding...and the often intentional misrepresentation to the public of data and events by those with axes to grind for whatever reasons." Commonwealth Edison District Supl. Gordy Baer wrote.

Baer later said that letters, along with company advertisements, were sent in early December to mayors and village presidents and prominent people in the business community to "provide additional information about rate increases in advance of the general public."

"We send out a general mailing to

certain people because we want to be the good guys," Baer said. "We want to explain that we have to increase our rates because our costs keep going up."

Baer said he didn't "anticipate any negative response from the mailing" and is surprised that Wheeling has protested the rate hike, especially because the village had not yet received his letter.

But the corporation is still on people's minds because Commonwealth Edison is now receiving an interim rate hike "to give the company financial relief," Baer said. The company is now working on more testimony to present to the Illinois Commerce Commission to get a permanent rate hike, scheduled for April.

As far as Baer knows, Wheeling has been the only village in the northwest area to formally criticize the rate hike, whether before or after the public relations campaign.

Baer did not anticipate copies of Wheeling's protest letter being sent to the Illinois Commerce Commission. Another copy was sent to the examiners assigned to the pending rate cases of Commonwealth Edison and Illinois Bell. So far, Wheeling has not gotten an answer from the commission.

Few of the board members were impressed by the Commonwealth Edison ads that were sent in the campaign. The three advertisements Baer sent have appeared in newspapers and magazines earlier this year. According to Baer, one of them "appeared coincidentally with our rate filing in August."

One ad pictures a woman standing in front of the Three Mile Island towers and writes that "the effect of the release at Three Mile Island would be quite small."

12-18-80 Remembrance
Fired policeman loses appeal

A high-ranking, 17-year veteran of the Wheeling police force will not get back his old job now that his firing has been upheld by a Cook County judge.

Police Lt. Thomas Conte, second-in-command of the force in March, was dismissed after he held a loaded gun in the mouth of a Wheeling man he was arresting.

At the time he justified his action, saying, "Difficult situations require extraordinary measures." Circuit Court Judge James Murray rejected that argument when he said Conte probably endangered bystanders and other policemen if the suspect had made a sudden move.

In March, a woman had reported that

two men in the parking lot of Hoynes Savings and Loan on Dundee were assembling a shotgun. Two officers responded to the call and removed the driver from the car and handcuffed him by the time Conte arrived. It turned out that the two men had just bought a gun and were only inspecting it, so the original officers thought they had the situation under control.

But Conte leaned into the car, stuck his gun into a man's mouth and told him to "suck on it," and threatened to "blow his brains all over the car," one of the policemen testified.

Conte was fired in May, after the police board said he gave "an image of brutality to the community."

Schultz attempts to unseat Hein

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Trustee Sheila Schultz, a longtime political rival of Village Pres. William Hein, announced Wednesday that she will try to unseat Hein in the April 7 election.

Schultz, 50, of 393 S. Meadowbrook Ln., said she will be running with four other candidates for the three trustee positions and village clerk on the Wheeling Upward Party label.

The other trustee candidates are former Trustee William Rogers, 54, 146 S. Wolf Rd., Planning Cmr. Joseph Ratajczak, 39, 312 Renee Ter., and James Goetsch, 50, of 382 Sunset Ln., an unsuccessful candidate for the village board four years ago. The candidate for clerk, Elizabeth Hartman, 49, of 159 St. Armand Ln., is a political newcomer.

Hein, who talks like a candidate but says he is undecided about seeking a second term, said he "somewhat anticipated" Schultz's entry into the contest for village president. The nominating petitions for Schultz and her slate were taken out last week by Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, but Hein said he knew that was "some kind of a smokescreen."

If she wins the presidency, Schultz would resign her position as trustee, and the new village board would appoint another trustee to serve the two years remaining in that term. If her bid fails, she said she will finish the two years remaining in her trustee term.

SHE OPENED HER campaign Wednesday with a few jabs at Hein, who she says has had "some clear conflicts" in his role as the village's liquor commissioner. Schultz also said Hein has been trying to control the day-to-day affairs at village hall, rather than leaving them to the village manager.

She said she is considering removing the office space in village hall that is used by the village president if she is elected. "I think for too long the position of village president has been operating as a personal control seat," she said. "With that office there, one feels



Sheila Schultz

that it's the village president who controls the employees."

Hein denied the charge he has meddled in the administrative affairs of the village, saying, "I don't know who's being hired and fired and I don't really want to know."

The charges that Hein should not be liquor commissioner date back four years ago to his first campaign for village president, when his opponents charged that he should not have a say in the granting or revocation of liquor licenses because his parents own two taverns.

THE ISSUE surfaced most recently when Hein began building a shopping center called Riverside Plaza at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue, where one of the tenants would need a liquor license.

But Hein said Wednesday that has sold "all interest" in the shopping center to "a group of people," whom he declined to name. The new owners, he said, "are not members of my immediate family."

Before the 1979 election, when Hein controlled a majority of the board, he rejected a proposal by Sommerfeld that all trustees make decisions on liquor licenses. After that election, Hein, now in the minority, said he was not opposed to stepping down as liquor commissioner, but Schultz, the chairman of the committee handling it, said it needed more study.

That stand-off came at a time when

Sommerfeld, Klocke end their careers in politics

Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld and Village Clerk Alberta Klocke announced Wednesday they are ending their political careers, Sommerfeld because of business interests and Klocke for health reasons.

However, Sommerfeld, viewed by some political observers as a logical opponent to Village Pres. William Hein, said he would "thoroughly endorse and strongly support" the slate headed by Trustee Sheila Schultz.

Sommerfeld was elected to his first term four years ago on a slate headed by Hein but bolted party ranks after disagreeing with Hein over the firing of former Village Mgr. Terry Zerkle a few months after the slate took office.

Zerkle was fired following a dispute with Hein and his supporters over the selection of Ted Bracke as police chief.

Sommerfeld cited Wednesday the "political overtones" of that firing as one of the reasons he supports Schultz. "I strongly feel the political influence has no place in the council-manager form of government," he said, adding that Schultz will "continue to espouse the strong council-manager form of government."

SOMMERFELD, WHO owns three shoe stores, said his businesses "are taking up too much of my time to devote the kind of time I would like to serving as a trustee." He acknowledged that he picked up petitions that will be circulated by the Schultz slate mainly to throw Hein off balance.

Klocke also was elected to her first term as village clerk on the slate that included Hein and Sommerfeld. She has been hospitalized several times during her tenure because of a heart condition and other ailments.

She said she was asked to run with



Alberta Klocke



Hubert Sommerfeld

Schultz, but said, "Let's face it, I've been sick for almost the whole four years. If I can't come in and do my job, it's really not fair to the job."

Although she, like Sommerfeld, has split with Hein politically, she said it is unlikely she will endorse Schultz or Hein, if he chooses to run.

"I'm still going to be running the election, so it's not really fair to be endorsing any slates," she said.

an official of the Illinois Liquor Commission was warning that, if someone filed a complaint, Hein could be forced to divest himself of any interest in the shopping center or resign as village president.

Hein now says that his rivals "were

getting ready for the campaign" by failing to act on the new liquor license code that would have let him off the hook.

Hein said he should be making a formal announcement of his political intentions "by the first of the year."

Despite costs, village revives plan to take over state roads

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials are reviving a plan to take over maintenance of state roads that run through the village — an idea rejected almost two years ago because it would cost too much.

Robert Fialkowski, village administrative assistant, says he has asked the Illinois Dept. of Transportation to prepare a proposal detailing how much the state would reimburse the village for maintaining Dundee, Wolf and Elmhurst roads and Milwaukee Avenue.

Wheeling rejected a similar state plan after the January 1979 blizzard. Village officials were seeking to maintain Dundee Road in conjunction with Buffalo Grove. The village also was considering plowing snow, patching potholes and performing routine main-

tenance on Wolf Road and Milwaukee Avenue on its own, and Buffalo Grove also was considering taking over maintenance of Arlington Heights Road.

BUT OFFICIALS from those two towns said it would cost the villages between three and four times the amount the state was willing to reimburse them for their efforts.

Fialkowski, who started working for Wheeling about one month ago, said he was unaware that a similar plan for maintaining the state roads had been rejected, and added he expected the state reimbursement would not match the village's costs.

However, he added things may have changed in the past two years. State officials might be more eager to relieve their workload, he believes, because they have more roads to maintain and the state's costs of getting crews on the road are steadily increas-

ing.

Bill Virmond, an IDOT maintenance manager, said "the assumption is correct in that we periodically update our figures based on the inflation rate, not necessarily because we want them to take (the state roads)." He said the state level of reimbursement has increased slightly less than 10 percent since Wheeling made its last request for a state street takeover contract.

Fialkowski also said the village may be more inclined this time to seek only a "snow and ice" contract, which means the village would be responsible only for plowing snow from the state roads. All other maintenance chores would still be performed by the state, he said.

Virmond said he expects to submit the state's offer for how much it will pay the village to maintain the state roads within the next two weeks.

Quaint downtown in store for village, planners say

12-19-80 Herald

by Gordon Walek

Herald staff writer

It was the closest thing Wheeling had to a downtown. The police and fire stations were there and residents in nearby farmhouses could walk to the row of shops and get their shoes repaired, clothes cleaned and a bite to eat.

The intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road was the village's hub, where merchants offered service to both village residents and weary motorists making the trip from Chicago to Milwaukee.

But while changing times and driving habits spawned giant, regional shopping centers like Woodfield and Northbrook Court, downtown Wheeling went to seed. Many of the old buildings lining Milwaukee Avenue, which still evoke images of the past, are in shambles now, and it's been years since the area had any commercial allure.

The shoe repair shop, the dry cleaners, the flower store and the gas stations are still there, sitting next to the highway for maximum visibility, but business isn't what it used to be.

WHEELING OFFICIALS for the last seven years have been studying how to revive the area, and during the past year, construction on a shopping center, an outpatient clinic and a senior citizens home has begun. Some planners contend that by carefully restoring some of the older buildings on the street, the area could be transformed into a quaint shopping area.

But despite the studies and the construction, some local businessmen are skeptical that downtown Wheeling will ever be more than a modest crossroads.

"I hear all kinds of wild ideas they have for this area," said Erwin Dreiske, who has been selling flowers at the Wheeling Flower Shop for more than 20 years. "But I really don't know what to say. Business has been good for us, but I've heard a lot of talk about restricting frontage on Milwaukee and that doesn't make any sense."



Herald photo

CAN THIS nondescript intersection be transformed into its former glory as Wheeling's downtown? Village planners for years have been asking themselves that question, and construction began near Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road earlier this year as part of a restoration program. But local merchants are skeptical about any dramatic change in scenery within the next few years.

Dreiske moved to a small house near his flower store more than 30 years ago, when only about 500 persons lived in the village. And although more than 22,000 people live in Wheeling today, Dreiske continues to grow orchids and sell flowers much as he did in the past. Downtown redevelopment doesn't particularly interest him.

"I DON'T like people coming and

messing in my business," he said. "And I never go to city hall anymore. They're a rascally bunch and will have their way anyway."

And Ernie Brueggemann, who operates the Wheeling Auto Clinic on Milwaukee Avenue, says restoring some of the older buildings to their original splendor is a nice idea but probably won't be done for several

more years. And even if it is, he says that's no guarantee the character of the area will change.

"If you can blend the past with the present it would be fine," he said. "But you can't just sit there. It's not a museum. I haven't been following things lately, but nothing's really been done since the first meeting I went to two years ago."

But Leonard Schlangen, a Wheeling real estate agent for the last 23 years with offices at 115 S. Milwaukee Av., says modernization is just what his neighborhood needs. "The tendency is to remove the old people and rebuild, and I think that's good," he said.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS hope to upgrade property by using a 16-year-old law which requires that all buildings constructed before 1940 either conform with current building codes by Jan. 1 or be demolished.

"But some people have been here a long time and you can't simply go

against the establishment," Schlangen said. "A lot of them can't afford to upgrade their property and that law will create a financial burden for them."

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said he and other members of the village community development department are trying to determine which buildings fall into that category. "And we're trying to identify structures we want to preserve and those that have no historical significance and are beyond repair," he said.

"We would like to see development in the character of 'old Wheeling,' like Don Roth's restaurant and the old Union Hotel," Greenwood said. "But we're not going to the point of saying that's the only thing we will permit, like some other towns have. We're just trying to pull it together."

Perhaps the person who is trying hardest to "pull it together," and who would have the most to gain by a revitalized downtown Wheeling, is Village Pres. William Hein.

Hein has already begun construction

of a shopping center on Milwaukee Avenue just south of Dundee Road and thinks that the strip needs a facelift to better serve the public.

"IF THE OWNERS of older buildings want them to be preserved, they should be," Hein said. "But some of those older structures were built over 40 years ago and there's no parking because they are too close to the road. That makes it awful hard for the shopper to have to drive from one place to another."

Hein acknowledged that some owners would be unable to afford improvements on older buildings, but that incentives — including tax breaks — could make it desirable for merchants to stay.

"I want to see the historical qualities preserved," Hein said. "It may be a long process, but you lose that heritage if everything is torn down, and all of a sudden there's no feeling there. It might be more expensive, but it's important and can really make downtown

High court appeal sought by Stavros in bribe case

Attorneys for former Wheeling Township Democratic Committeeman James Stavros have asked the Illinois Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling that cleared the way for the Village of Wheeling to sue Stavros and two former village officials for \$1.4 million in connection with a 1974 bribery scandal.

The village is seeking \$1 million in damages and recovery of \$400,000 in bribes allegedly collected by Stavros and two former village officials in exchange for building and zoning favors

in the early 1970s. Stavros pleaded guilty in 1974 to extorting \$92,000 in bribes from developers.

Also named in the lawsuit are former building director William Bieber, former Trustee William Hart, Zale Construction Co. and Wickes Corp.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Donald O'Brien has set a status hearing on the case for Wednesday, and said it is likely the setting of a trial date will again be delayed. Stephen Gorman, the attorney now handling

Stavros' defense, said it should be "several weeks" before the high court decides if it will hear the appeal.

LAST YEAR, a circuit court judge had dropped Stavros, a former Wheeling Township Democratic committeeman, from the suit on the grounds that he was not a village official and that it hadn't been proven that he paid money to village officials.

But that ruling was overturned in September by the Illinois Appellate Court, which ordered that Stavros remain a party to the village's lawsuit.

Stavros served two years of a four-year prison term for his role in the zoning scandal. Bieber pleaded guilty to extortion, perjury and tax charges and served one year in prison. Hart pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit extortion. He was sentenced to one year of probation.

A fourth Wheeling official, former Trustee Michael Valenza, also was convicted in the shakedown scheme. He was dropped from Wheeling's lawsuit following his death in 1976.

6 new firmen bring force to full staff

Six new firefighters were sworn in Monday, fully staffing Wheeling's two fire stations.

The new firefighters, in addition to three firefighters who started work last week, are part of Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen's requested 29 percent budget hike to hire enough firefighters to staff the new branch fire station, at Hintz and Wheeling roads, and the new fire station at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

Koeppen had warned that without the additional firefighters overtime costs could triple to \$150,000 and homeowners could receive at least a 15 percent increase in house insurance costs without the additional manpower.

The Insurance Service Organization, an agency hired by insurance companies to rate the quality of municipal fire protection, last month re-evaluated Wheeling for the first time since 1967. The village then received a rating on a 10-point scale that was one point away from making a 15-percent difference in the amount homeowners pay on their insurance premiums.

Koeppen said the results of the latest testing won't be known until February or March.

THE SIX firefighters now will attend training school and will report for duty early next year. They are: Tom Allen, 25, of Fox River Grove; Gary Brunke, 24, Palatine; Charles Gallant, 25, Woodstock; Robert Leipzig, 21, Des

Plaines; William Steward, 29, Wheeling; and Daniel Suerth, 21, Rolling Meadows.

The other three firefighters who started working for the village last week are Wheeling's second female

firefighter, Rebecca Taylor, 25, Palatine; James Gran, 26, of Waukegan; and Jeffrey Suzuki, 25, of Skokie.

Village seniors plan reclamation

A group of Wheeling senior citizens is planning to run a temporary metal recycling center next spring to help raise funds for the village's proposed center for the elderly and handicapped.

Along with two area residents who run a scrap business and will provide equipment and some of the manpower, the Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission plans to hold a one-day reclamation drive, probably sometime in May,

said Bernard Nathan, commission chairman.

The senior group will receive 20 percent of the profits, which will be used to defray the cost of buying furniture for the senior center, scheduled to be constructed by 1982 near the corner of Milwaukee and Strong avenues.

"We'll try it for one day, and if it works out, we might consider doing it every three months or so if it works out in Wheeling," Nathan said.

Daryl Frazin, of Wheeling, said he and his partner in the scrap metal business will provide the truck to haul the scrap metal away and provide a scale for persons who bring scrap metal to the location. Persons donating the metal will be paid on the spot, and any kind of "non-ferrous" metal, such as aluminum, copper or brass, will be accepted, he said.

HOW MUCH the persons hauling

scrap metal to the site will receive depends on the going rate for scrap metal when the reclamation center is started next year. Right now, he added, scrap metal pays about 25 cents per pound.

"There's a lot of different things you could bring in — aluminum cans, old screen doors, pots and pans, hub caps, pipes — anything that doesn't have any iron in it," he said.

The senior group, pending approval of the village board, plans to set up the

operation in the parking lot at village hall, Nathan said.

He said he was uncertain how many residents would be willing to save up their scrap metal and cart it down to village hall, but added that area businesses could be asked to contribute to the reclamation project as a civic gesture.

"THERE'S QUITE an industrial area to draw on in Wheeling," he said.

Airport plans should not end yet: candidate

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Village board candidate William Rogers, an outspoken critic of Pal-Waukee Airport, says plans to buy the airport should not be abandoned prior to village elections April 7, as some anti-airport residents have urged.

Rogers, 54, is a member of the Wheeling Upward Party, headed by Trustee Sheila Schultz. The slate is seeking the offices of village president, three trustee seats and the position of village clerk, which expire next year.

Rogers, who lives at 146 S. Wolf Rd., not too far from the airport, is perhaps best known as the "thorn in the side" of its owner, George Priester. His battles with the airport have ranged from letter-writing campaigns asking the Federal Aviation Administration to reduce the length of the 5,000-foot runway at Pal-Waukee to opposing Priester at a U.S. Senate subcommittee meeting in Washington, D.C., when Priester was attempting to secure federal funds for airport improvements.

BUT DESPITE his long-standing feud with the airport, Rogers said Monday it would be foolish for any candidate to take a stand on the plan by Wheeling and Prospect Heights to buy Pal-Waukee, at a cost estimated at at least \$34 million. The two towns more than two years ago hired a consultant to determine if the public acquisition of the airport was financially feasible. The airport study is about three-quarters complete.

The Citizens Airport Activity Group, an organization that opposes public acquisition of the airport, has said it may slate candidates to run in Prospect Heights and Wheeling elections. If they are unable to find candidates, the group at least plans to endorse candidates willing to take an anti-airport stand. In addition, the group is attempting to have a referendum on the airport issue placed on the April 7 ballot.

"I look at the airport issue as something that's going to go on for at least another year," Rogers said. "The so-called final report is going to require at least that much time to digest."

"I'M NOT opposed to buying the airport, but when and if we do, I want to make damned sure the village is getting the best deal possible." Right now, he added, "the village is operating in a vacuum. We don't know nearly enough about the airport to make an intelligent decision."

In spite of his outspokenness on the airport issue, Rogers added he hoped he "won't be regarded as a one-issue candidate. There's a lot of other issues in the town."

One of his primary concerns, he said,



William Rogers

is Wheeling's "environment. We've had a lot of industrial development, but there's been no planning to make any accommodations for the increased traffic. I'll bet Wheeling hasn't had a road widened in 10 years," he said.

A former village trustee, Rogers

was twice an unsuccessful candidate for the village board, first in 1975. In 1977, he was beaten when he tried to regain the seat to which he had been appointed following the bribery indictment of former Trustee Gilbert Monson.

ROGERS, WHEELING Plan Comr. Joseph Ratajczak and James Goetsch, who ran unsuccessfully for the village board four years ago, are seeking the three trustee terms which expire next year. Schultz, elected a trustee two years ago, is running for village president, and Elizabeth Hartman is seeking the village clerk's post.

No other candidates have formally announced their intentions. Village Pres. William Hein and Trustees Roger Powers and Robert Ross say they will be deciding within the next few weeks. Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld and Village Clerk Alberta Klocke say they will not seek re-election.

The year in review

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New year, old issues

The year 1980 was the first of a brand new decade, but the northwest suburbs spent the year wrangling with age-old issues. Wheeling continued its drive to clean-up its image. The village made big plans to redevelop Milwaukee Avenue and Village Manager Tom Markus continued to introduce large and modern development projects for Wheeling. But even as Wheeling was in the process of revitalizing, it suffered a setback. This time, a lengthy police brutality case smeared its image. Buffalo Grove's too had its share of controversy. Unlike Wheeling, the younger Buffalo Grove didn't concentrate on renovating what was already in the suburb, but planned to expand into rural areas. A planned development in Lake County fell through, but undaunted village officials were already making plans for developing a downtown in what is now a cornfield. Despite their different approaches to development, both suburbs were encouraged in their goals when their requests for Lake Michigan water were granted for the next two decades.

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Schultz sees president as board chairman

By SHARON GELTNER

Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld is out of the running. Village President Bill Hein refuses to say whether he will run or not. But Trustee Sheila Schultz has formally announced her candidacy for village president and has formed the "Wheeling Upward Party".

Schultz said she wants her new party to avoid repeating the mistakes of political parties on past Wheeling boards. She wants party members to vote as individuals and not as blocs.

"Bloc voting has been a big problem, although in the past year it hasn't been as obvious with the opposition," Schultz said. She is dead set against a village president gaining the kind of power that a mayor would have. Instead, she prefers to see the village president acting only as a chairman of the village board.

"For many years the village president had an inordinate amount of power by acting as a tie-breaker for two evenly split factions," she said.

When the village president runs the board and the board begins to get involved in aspects of village government where it doesn't belong, trouble starts, Schultz said.

"I want to see the board limited to policy making and legislation. We will depend on a strong village manager and a competent staff to administrate the village," Schultz said.

Schultz believes that Wheeling is already headed in the direction of stable politics and administration, but wants to see that trend "firmed up."

"We have to change the image of the position of village president," she said. "Over the years it has been seen as a

powerful position, like that of mayor. But a village president is not a unilateral decision maker and the office is not a law unto itself," Schultz said.

She added present Village President Bill Hein "has not done anything to discourage that image."

Hein has said he will avoid discussing the election until he makes an announcement later this week.

Running with Schultz for trustee positions on the Wheeling Upward Party slate are: James Goetch, J. W. Ratajczak and Bill Rogers. Running for village clerk is Elizabeth Hartman.

Hartman has served as an election judge and was active with Citizens for Responsible Government in the mid-1970's.

Ratajczak is now on the Wheeling Plan Commission. He is also knowledgeable about school board politics, where his wife is District 21 board member.

Rogers served on the board in 1973 when he was appointed to fill an unexpired term. He ran unsuccessfully for trustee in 1974 and 1976. He is currently active in the citizen's group organized to fight the acquisition of Pal-Waukee airport, and Schultz says he is probably one of the most knowledgeable people in the area about the subject.

Goetch also ran unsuccessfully for board election in 1976. More recently he has served as a Nortran representative. He is now employed at Allstate insurance where he works with drivers' education training.

Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld said he'll be campaigning for Sheila Schultz's party. He said that he decided not to run because of business reasons and is retired from politics, "for the time being."

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Did clout win acquittal for driver?

Police use 'kid gloves' in hit and run probe

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By SHARON GELTNER

The Neri family was on the way home. Antonio and Lucy Neri were in the front seat while their two daughters laughed and chattered in the back. They were heading east on Dundee when a pick-up truck started to swerve into their lane. Quickly, Antonio Neri turned the wheel hard, and ended up in a ditch at the side of the road. The next thing he knew, his wife was moaning and his two daughters were screaming. The pick-up truck was gone.

A Palatine woman, travelling behind, witnessed the accident. She followed the pick-up truck past Wolf Road, finally stopped it in a side street, and told the driver what had happened. When he refused to return to the scene, she took down his license plate number.

Police traced the number and found the plates belonged to a pickup truck owned by James Stavros. They immediately decided to use extreme caution in the handling of the case, according to tape recordings of the police radio dispatch.

"Handle this with kid gloves," one officer said over the police radio. "Do you get my drift?"

The other officer didn't acknowledge, but, according to other police, he knew exactly what the message meant.

What the policemen knew is that "Stavros" is a big name in Wheeling politics. James Stavros is a former Wheeling Township Democratic committeeman who pleaded guilty in 1974 to extorting \$92,000 from Wheeling developers and to filing a false income tax return. He served two years in jail. Numerous members of the Stavros family have held government posts.

Police contacted Gregory Stavros, the 25-year-old nephew of James Stavros, 40 minutes after the accident at his Prospect Heights home. They were familiar enough with the Stavros family to go to the Prospect Heights address, even though the truck's registration address was listed in Northbrook.

At Stavros' home, police reported they observed that Gregory Stavros seemed to have been drinking. Policemen later told Antonio Neri their observations and Officer Thomas Lorenz duly noted Stavros' condition on his police report. A breathalyzer test was not administered.

After talking with Stavros, police told him to come to the station where he was charged with improper lane usage. He was not charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

Antonio Neri can't say if Stavros had already been drinking when he allegedly ran him off the road. He isn't even sure if Gregory Stavros was the one driving the truck. At the time, he was more worried about getting his daughters home and seeing to his wife's injuries.

Daughters Christine and Linda were uninjured from the accident. But their

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Antonio and Lucy Neri are recovering psychologically and physically from a hit and run accident in which the man accused of driving the other car was acquitted. Village officials have investigated the alleged use of political clout in the initial police probe of the accident. (Staff photo by Lee Urban)

Skeptical court turns witness' distrust to disgust

By SHARON GELTNER

"I tried to be a Good Samaritan and it got me nowhere. You don't mind helping someone if you can accomplish something, but this family wasn't helped," says Marilyn Scott. Scott was the Palatine woman travelling directly behind the Neris when their car ran off the road.

"After the big joke and waste of time that court case was, I refuse to get involved again," Scott says.

Scott didn't enter the courtroom as trustingly as Antonio Neri, but she was just as appalled as he when the charge against Greg Stavros was dropped.

"There's no ifs ands or buts or two ways about it. I have no doubt that Stavros did it. I'd swear it on my life, he did it!" Scott says. She feels like the effort she made to get to court wasn't worth it. Scott often works nights, and the day she had to appear in court she hadn't slept. After waiting for her turn to recount what happened, she felt the court made a fool of her by implying she didn't know what she saw.

Right after the accident, Scott told the court she had thought maybe the driver didn't know he had hit someone. But she had no doubt he knew it after she laid on the horn and blinked her lights at him for several miles. She says he was trying to lose her but she kept right behind him.

"I finally cut him off in a side street from Wolf. He had a girl with him and he seemed drunk or high. Either that or the kid is dingy and never acts normal," she said.

Scott says that after she stopped the man she said she knows is Greg Stavros, she told him he had a lot of nerve leaving the scene of an accident when someone was hurt. She says he refused to return. She then took down his license number and returned to the accident. She was later subpoenaed.

"They asked me if I ever lost sight of him and I said never! How could I when I was always behind him?"

Scott says she was always a little cynical about government before, but after the verdict her distrust turned to disgust.

"It's sad and pitiful that (he) got away with it. The woman who was hurt could have been paralyzed the rest of her life. As it is, back injuries always stay with you," Scott said.

She feels the verdict forced her to come to a bitter conclusion.

"This country is built not on what you know, but who you know."

She states flatly, "And if you don't know the right people you fall by the wayside."

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mother, Lucy Neri, was taken to Holy Family Hospital with neck and back injuries. She spent 11 days there. Once released, she was unable to go to her assembly line job for seven weeks. Instead she stayed home and took medication which relieved some of the back pain but hurt her stomach.

Though the accident occurred Nov. 1, Lucy Neri still visits her doctor for medication, and still undergoes exercise therapy at the swimming pool. Hospital bills and car repair charges have reached almost \$2,000.

Fifty five-year-old Antonio Neri was unharmed by the accident physically. But he still relives the night of the wreck and sometimes gets so upset about the accident that he can hardly speak of it. His wife avoids mentioning it to him.

When he hears about the accident his voice chokes, and his heavy Italian accent becomes even thicker. The Neris have lived in Wheeling 12 years, but both speak with a sing-song accent. Antonio Neri says his accent made it impossible for him to tell what he knew when he went to court against Stavros Dec. 2.

"I didn't have a lawyer, but Stavros did. The lawyer asked me the color of the truck, which I knew, and my daughters could have told him so easily, but I couldn't say it. I don't understand English good," Neri said later.

Stavros' lawyer then proceeded to grill Neri on the specific make of the car. Was it a jeep, a truck, a van? By that time Neri was so confused and rattled that he wasn't speaking clearly at all and could not identify the truck or the driver which he says ran him off the road.

Then Marilyn Scott, who was sequestered during Neri's testimony, took the stand. She was the Palatine woman who took down the license plate number at the accident. She said she saw the truck "tap" Neri's car. She said she chased the truck until she could pull over and block it off. She told the court she talked face to face with Greg Stavros and could identify him absolutely.

Because her testimony conflicted with Neri's doubtful recognition, the judge was unconvinced. He turned to Stavros and told him if he was really guilty then he would know and would have to live with his conscience. He then gave his decision.

The charge against Greg Stavros was dismissed.

Antonio Neri didn't know what had hit him. He went home to his wife and they began figuring out how much insurance coverage they would need to pay off the bills.

"I don't know what happened," Antonio Neri said later. "In court I tell the truth and the witness did, and we still have to pay."

Neri's neighbors have advised him to get a lawyer, but he's not sure what he should do.

"I don't want to sue. I work. My company can pay a little, but not enough. I

just want to get all those bills paid off," Antonio Neri said.

Neri pauses, "The other guy got off with nothing. That's not right."

Neri is still disappointed with the court's decision, but he doesn't hold a grudge against the police who handled the case. However, another Wheeling resident does. He was monitoring police radio transmissions when he heard the "kid glove" warning. He told Trustee Sheila Schultz, who got Village Manager Tom Markus to start an investigation.

Instead of an internal investigation being conducted by the police, the investigation has been turned over to the village. Schultz and Markus have said they will stay out of it. Bob DiLeonardi, who represents the village board of fire and police commissioners, is the attorney Markus chose to conduct the investigation. He has interviewed Officer Thomas Lorenz and Sgt. Armando Pizzi, the officer who reviewed Lorenz's accident report. No charges against the police have been filed.

Though no one in the police department will comment on what happened during the interviews, some policemen readily admit they are puzzled about what the fuss is all about.

"This case was handled just like any other case. Absolutely. I have no doubt in my mind about that," said Lt. Ronald Nelson.

He added that the overheard dispatch is not outrageous when you consider whom the police were dealing with.

"These people (the Stavroses) have a lot of money. You don't go dragging them in by the nape of the neck if you don't have anything on them," Nelson said.

Stavros had admitted to police he was driving in the area around the time of the accident, but said he was not involved in any accident.

Because no one saw Stavros drinking while he was driving, and because he could have started drinking after he got home, police could not charge him with "driving while intoxicated." So, a breathalyzer test was unnecessary.

Greg Stavros's father thinks the whole investigation is unnecessary.

"I think it's some kind of vendetta against the family. Usually they don't bother me and I don't want to bother them, but I get tired of hearing them bring Jim (James Stavros) into everything. Jim had nothing to do with it. He paid his debt to society a long time ago. The truck was bought a long time ago for my oldest son and now people want to book him for drunken driving or for not having a license," Stavros said. He suggested that Schultz has it in for his family.

Meanwhile the investigation of the police goes on, while the victims of the accident go uncompensated.

Lucy Neri isn't too hopeful that hiring a lawyer will right the wrong she feels her family has suffered. Instead she talks about being well enough to return to work by the second week in January.

Police and force

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"Suck on this, or I'll blow your brains out," the second-in-command of the Wheeling police force told an armed robbery suspect in March, 1980. It turned out the armed robbery suspect was only a young man who had just bought a gun at a nearby store and was assembling it in the Hoyle Savings and Loan parking lot. A police commission that investigated the case said that Lt. Thomas Conte had used "excessive force" in the subduing of the suspect. Conte appealed to get his job back but after prolonged wrangling throughout the year over the decision, Conte's opportunity of getting a job back on the force was denied in December.

In July, 1980, Wheeling annexed part of Pal-Waukee airport and made it interest in the aviation business official. The village made the move after the airport's owner, George Priester, requested the annexation. He said he preferred Wheeling over bordering Prospect Heights because that suburb didn't have police and fire stations which could benefit his airport. But citizens against the airport criticized the owner of Pal-Waukee and he, in turn, grew impatient over Wheeling's inability to decide to buy. The chummy relationship with Priester ended as discussion over the benefits and drawbacks of acquiring the airport wore on throughout the year. By the end of 1980, Wheeling trustees were still far from deciding whether the village should buy the world's busiest private airport. Priester delivered an ultimatum that both Prospect Heights and Wheeling should make a final decision on the purchase by Dec. 31. The Wheeling board told him to wait a little longer.

Because of what some Lake County officials call Buffalo Grove's ravenous appetite for expansion, tensions mounted through the summer between the village and its neighbors to the north. The Vernon Area Government

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Hein plans decision soon

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the race for village president.

ALTHOUGH HE HASN'T officially announced his plans, Hein has already lodged some charges at the Schultz slate.

"I was surprised by a couple of the candidates," Hein says. He expressed the most surprise about the candidacy of Goetch. "He ran four years ago," says Hein. "It's interesting how he might get interested in the village every four years. He hasn't been interested in the village since the last election."

Schultz's decision to run for village president "doesn't surprise me," Hein says. "She's had aspirations of running for that position since she has been on the board."

Schultz says that is not the case. She says her decision to run was based

on the fact that "things are moving in the right direction." Schultz is eyeing the continuation of planning for the redevelopment and rehabilitation of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road as a major concern "as long as it, and all planning is done properly."

As for Klocke, she cites health reasons for her decision not to run. Despite the fact that she is not running for a public office, Klocke says she will most likely remain active in the community.

"I DON'T HAVE any plans to run for another public office. After 26 years I think it's time to stay home and mind my P's and Q's," Klocke says. That, however, doesn't mean the board has seen the last of her. "If I don't like what's going on I'll be at a board meeting."

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

WITH ONE SLATE of candidates announced, the decision to run or not by incumbents William Hein, village president, Roger Powers and Robert Ross, trustees, could be announced by the first week of January. At least according to Hein.

The first announced slate is headed up by current Trustee Sheila Schultz. She is running for Hein's post. Her running mates include William Rogers, Joseph Ratajczak and James Goetch for the trustee openings and Elizabeth Hartman for the village clerk's post.

Current Village Clerk, Alberta Klocke, has decided not to see re-election. Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld, whose term ends in 1981, has also decided not to seek re-election. He had been seen as the most likely challenger to Hein in

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police department, but fire department as well.

The proposal went to committee in September and so far no new proposal has been made, nor has there been any action on the original plan.

AND THEN THERE is Palwaukee Airport. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Palwaukee Airport continued with its study on the feasibility of public ownership by Prospect Heights and Wheeling.

That study has reached the Phase 3 point, but only Wheeling has approved the continuation of the study. Prospect Heights, which had originally agreed to continue the study, withdrew that action at a later City Council meeting.

Airport owner George Priester is getting anxious and wants an answer from the communities by Dec. 31.

Taking no chances at the possibility of losing the airport as a village entity, the village annexed the airport northern portion of the airport. The rest of the airport is annexed to Prospect Heights. Priester said at the time that the airport should be "equal" between the two communities.

Another major project in the village has been development of the Milwaukee Avenue area. The first step in that effort came in September when Holy Family Hospital broke ground for its ambulatory care center. The village is planning a senior center, senior housing and future commercial development in the area.

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Pipe study has suburbs reviewing Chicago link

By SHARON GELTNER

A major report has stated that Buffalo Grove would be better off joining the northwest suburbs in building their own pipeline to get Lake Michigan water, rather than buying from Chicago at new, higher rates. The report conflicts with Buffalo Grove's current policy because the village is a member of VENTURE, an organization which aims to obtain its water from Chicago. Village officials aren't too happy with the contradiction but say their ultimate decision is "still fluid."

The study, prepared for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), by Keifer Engineering, projects water would be cheaper in the long run if the northwest suburbs planning to purchase Chicago water switched to the proposed system. The water line would start in Glencoe and would cost more than \$345 million, the report said.

The report came a few days after IDOT announced that 86 additional suburbs would be able to draw water from Lake Michigan. Earlier this month, Chicago raised its drinking water rates by 51 per cent.

According to the Keifer plan, after the water was pumped from Lake Michigan near the Lake-Cook County line, it would head southwest to a treatment plant just north of Des Plaines. From there the water would have several destinations, one of them being Buffalo Grove. Though the pipeline appears to go through Wheeling, the report does not list that suburb as benefitting from the proposed pipeline.

Some Buffalo Grove officials have speculated that's because Buffalo Grove further to the north on the border of less-developed Lake County, is still a growing suburb. But they have not decided whether the proposed pipeline is feasible for the village.

"We're still sifting through the report. It's a big project," said Buffalo Grove Village Manager Bill Balling.

"Buffalo Grove develops its water policy according to water economics," Balling said, adding the village had already anticipated that Chicago would raise its rates.

The village manager said Buffalo Grove has also looked at 13 other water routes, but so far Chicago seems to be the best alternative.

"We do have a long range interest in getting our water from Chicago, through VENTURE," Balling said. He added that when rate adjustments are made in studies, it's like "repairing a watch with a sledge hammer."

Still, the village may decide the new report's findings may cause a change of policy, but according to Balling, that could be a long deliberation.

The chairman of VENTURE, Elk Grove Village Manager Charles Willis, is equally cautious. He said the study was "significant," but added making the plan into reality is still a long way off.

If the plan is ever approved by the northwest suburbs, construction of the pipeline is expected to take four years.

Airport owner impatient with Prospect Heights

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Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said Tuesday. "I think if it looks like we can reach some amicable agreement on the disconnection suit soon, we'll go ahead and ask the state to put off that deadline."

But an irate Priestler said as far as he's concerned, the city has stalled long enough.

"HELL, IF THEY can't make up their minds by now, I'll listen to other people," he said last week. "I told them [Wheeling and Prospect Heights] two years ago I wouldn't do anything until they came back and told me what their intentions were."

"Well, I've certainly lived up to my part of the bargain," Priestler, 72, said. "But I'm getting too old to worry about all this now. I've been more than patient, but if Prospect Heights can't make up its mind, then I've got a lot of other people interested."

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Priester said others interested in the airport ranged from corporations to other towns, but he declined to name them.

GLENVIEW VILLAGE Manager Robert van Deusen said Tuesday that that village hadn't been approached about annexing the airport if Priestler's suit to disannex from Prospect Heights is successful. A municipality only could buy the airport if it were within the municipality's boundaries.

Glenview and Northbrook are the only municipalities that could conceivably annex the southern half of the airport if it's disannexed from Prospect Heights, Northbrook officials couldn't be reached for comment Tuesday.

"I don't know if we'd be interested. The only way he could get contiguity would be if Prospect Heights pulled back. They come all the way over to Sanders Road. I suppose if the people on the east side of Sanders would be willing to be annexed, it would be possible, but it's pretty far-fetched. Anyway, he's never talked to me about it."

WOLF SAID last week that Prospect Heights is still interested in buying the airport, but it won't try to stop Priestler if he wants to sell to someone else.

"We've never extracted any obligation from him," Wolf said. "He's always been free to do whatever he wants. He made a public commitment to wait until the study was done, but we're committed not to go ahead until we can settle the suit."

Wheeling officials wouldn't say what they'll do if Prospect Heights drops out.

"We've done as much as we can up to this point," Village Manager Thomas Markus said. "We'll wait and see what happens. I can't speculate what the village board might decide."

Village President Bill Hein said the board could decide as early as Monday what it will do if Prospect Heights doesn't meet the state's deadline.

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ELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

Selected decisions from the village board meetings of Dec. 1 and 15.

						
	Cole	Kerr	Powers	Ross	Schultz	Sommerfeld
To approve an ordinance allowing vacated schools and libraries to be used for business offices. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES
To approve building plans for a six-flat apartment complex to be built at 9th Street and Strong Avenue. (Passed 4-2)	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
To approve an agreement with Cook County for obtaining a \$75,000 federal grant to provide low-interest loans for home improvements. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES



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Female firefighter faces job challenge, acceptance

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

The first year, Rebecca Taylor recalls, was the toughest.

Two years ago, she and another woman were two of the Northwest suburbs' first female firefighters, working for the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District.

And the resentment was there, Taylor says, coming from the men who did not cotton to a woman doing a traditionally male-only job. It took the form mainly of verbal jabs.

"I was told more than once I wasn't going to last," she says. And when her only female colleague quit to take a job with a private firefighting service, one firefighter walked up to Taylor, she says, and told her, "We got rid of one, now there's one to go."

Taylor eventually did leave, but only to move on to a full-time firefighting career. She began her latest job in mid-November, becoming Wheeling's second female firefighter.

SHE INITIALLY intended to enter the medical field, but became "hooked" on firefighting about four years ago when she was shown how to use a hose while she was working with an Ohio fire rescue squad. She also taught emergency medicine to firefighters in Roselle.

"I guess I liked it because it was a little bit of a challenge," she says. "And I like working outdoors and not just sitting at a desk. It's a job that has to be done."

She says she expects some animosity from her male co-workers. "Anytime you put females in previously all-male jobs, people have to adapt," she says. "That's true in any industry."

In Elk Grove Township, it usually took the form of minor irritations — if someone needed to borrow a piece of gear, it would invariably be Taylor's, almost as if because it belonged to a woman it could be treated casually.

And there was criticism from her co-workers, some of which Taylor expected because she was new and just learning the job. "Some of them were very critical," she says. "But everyone makes mistakes and nobody would hear about them unless they were gross. If I did the smallest mistake, I knew I was going to hear about it."

"THE HARDEST part is when you think you're going 100 percent and then to get kicked down," she says.

Most of the hostility seemed to come from the younger, part-time firefighters, Taylor says. However, she praised in particular Fire Chief Gary Jensen and Deputy Chief David Wolf. "They were very supportive. Without them I might not have stuck it out."

The 25-year-old Palatine Township resident says she would "prefer not to dwell on what happened (in Elk Grove Township). I'm happy here (in Wheeling) and I'm working with a tremendous bunch of guys."

Those guys, says Wheeling Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen, have had plenty of time to get used to having a woman around the fire station. In September, 1979 Wheeling became the first municipality in the Northwest suburbs to hire a full-time female firefighter.

And while there have been some uncomfortable moments, Koeppen admitted, he added, "You've got to remember these women are stepping into a guy's world — it's going to be a little different for everyone."

CATHY STRONG, Wheeling's pioneer female firefighter, spent her last day on the job last week, but she is



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ONE OF THE first female firefighters in the Northwest suburbs, 25-year-old Rebecca Taylor began her career with the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District two years ago. She recently became Wheeling's second female firefighter.

leaving only to move on to another firefighting job in Des Plaines.

Of her one-year stint in Wheeling, Strong says, "I've been happy with Wheeling. There weren't any problems or anything. We all got along pretty

well." She's heading for Des Plaines to work for a "bigger department with more training and educational opportunities."

However, she acknowledges she was treated slightly different than other firefighters by her male co-workers.

"If they'd cuss in front of me, they'd apologize," she says. Or some firefighters would open doors for her.

She didn't mind in the least. "I still like being treated like a lady," she says.

3 more towns pick top cable TV choices, list needs

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by Anna Madryzk

Herald staff writer

Three more villages have joined the ranks of municipalities that have settled on their favorite cable television firms, while officials of the North and Northwest suburbs Saturday agreed on a final "shopping list" of features the suburbs want in a cable system.

Representatives of Hanover Park, Streamwood and Bartlett Friday selected Cablenet as their top preference, followed by Centel Communications Co. and Warner-Amex Cable Corp.

This choice will be submitted to the Northwest Municipal Conference committee studying cable television, which is slated to narrow the field of contenders to four or five finalists Jan. 17.

BY THAT time, officials from each of the 21 municipalities cooperating in the venture will have submitted the top two or three cable firms they believe would deliver the best cable TV system. Though each town will grant a franchise on its own, many members of the conference hope much of the area can agree on one cable firm.

The decision on a single cable firm, or possibly two firms, should be made by the end of January or first week in February, said William Grams, executive director of the Northwest Municipal Conference.

Two of the firms chosen Friday by the tri-village officials, Cablenet and Warner-Amex, received the top ratings from the Washington-based consulting firm that evaluated 14 firms compet-

ing for the suburbs' business.

So far, only Palatine has made a firm decision on a cable franchise, choosing Warner-Amex, the New York firm with a system that allows viewers to "talk back" to their sets. Rolling Meadows has also chosen Warner-Amex, but not ruled out Cablevision and Metrovision, which also received high ratings from the consulting firm.

SCHAUMBURG HAS selected Cablenet, but finds Warner-Amex and Cablevision "acceptable." Mount Prospect's preference is Metrovision, followed by Cablenet and Cablevision. Hoffman Estates and Buffalo Grove have narrowed the field to Warner-Amex, Cablenet, Cablevision and Metrovision, but did not rank the firms.

As a step toward making a final selection, two committees of the Northwest Municipal Conference met Saturday to list what characteristics the suburbs want in a cable system. These include:

- Programming along municipal boundary lines, giving local officials more control over service in their communities. Eventually, the system would be able to cablecast programs to a just a small segment of subscribers, for example, those enrolled in a community college course.

- A "lockout" device on individual sets so, for example, parents could prevent their children from viewing R-

rated fare.

- A two-way capability that can be used for polling and burglar alarms, plus measures to protect the privacy of anyone who participates in a poll.

- A "state-of-the-art" clause in the franchise agreement to make sure that the firm keeps up with technological changes once the franchise is granted.
- The ability to connect with other cable TV systems in the area.

PLANS ARE to allocate channels to hospitals and public libraries, community colleges, high schools, elementary and junior high schools, and park districts and other local agencies interested in programming.

The committee agreed that there should be a separate cable for municipalities, police departments and other institutional users. An advisory board composed primarily of users will be formed to work out a rate structure for this service.

There should also be a system-wide advisory committee made up of top officials from the participating villages, the committee agreed.

The 13 companies still vying for the area cable franchise have been invited to give brief presentations at a meeting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave.

Village may take state's road deal

1-5-81 Herald

State highway officials are proposing to do about \$150,000 worth of work to improvements planned for a half-mile stretch of McHenry Road in Wheeling.

But in exchange for the road widening, resurfacing, traffic signal "modernization" and installation of new curbs and gutters, village officials must agree to take over the maintenance responsibilities and agree to foot the additional costs if the total cost runs over \$350,000 — the current esti-

mate is about \$341,000.

The village board is slated to vote on the proposal at 8 p.m. today, and Village Mgr. Thomas Markus has recommended approval.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS would have the right to reject the project, if the bids from contractors come in too high, said Robert Fialkowski, village administrative assistant. He added that he did not know how much more than \$350,000 would be considered ex-

cessive.

Fialkowski said it would make sense for the village to assume control of the roadway because McHenry Road is one of the last roads on the state's priority list. "We have to maintain it anyway," he said. "The village ought to get something out of it."

Fialkowski added that the state initially proposed making only "cosmetic" repairs to the stretch of McHenry Road between Dundee and Elmhurst

roads. Also, Larry Oppenheimer, community development director, noted that "it would be a very advantageous opportunity to get additional improvements such as street lights and trees installed at a cost saving through the use of a single contract."

Because the road is low on the state's priority list, Fialkowski said, many of the routine maintenance chores, like snow plowing, are being performed by the village anyway.

The week ahead \$2,500 water impact study is considered

1-5-81 Herald

Wheeling trustees tonight are expected to approve a \$2,500 study that will measure the impact on the village's and private water supplies of a proposed annexation of a 203-acre parcel just north of the village.

The village is working with landowner William Johnson to prepare an annexation agreement for the parcel northwest of Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Johnson, whose 110-acre parcel immediately south of Lake-Cook Road was annexed to the village more than a year ago, says he will pay for the water study, to be made by PRC Cosner Townsend Inc., Chicago.

The study, proposed to be completed within 45 days, will indicate to village officials what improvements to Johnson property wells must be made to get the water quality up to village and state environmental standards. Also the study is expected to determine the impact the annexation would have on existing water supplies.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

A \$610,000 low-interest loan that would enable a Des Plaines firm to build a new plant in Wheeling is slated for final approval by the village board tonight.

By issuing industrial revenue bonds, the King-Fisher Co. would be able to build a new plant on Foster Avenue, near Camp McDonald Road. The firm, now located in Des Plaines, manufactures fire protection equipment such as alarms.

Although the village issues the bonds, the company is responsible for repaying the bond holders. Because the bonds bear the village's name, investors are willing to settle for a lower rate of return since they do not have to pay federal income tax on their earnings. The savings then is passed on to the firm, which is able to borrow money at about 2 points less than conventional lending rates.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

PUBLIC INTERVIEWS of all 13 cable television companies applying to do business in the Northwest suburbs will be conducted Saturday in Arlington Heights.

The interviews are sponsored by the Northwest Municipal Conference, a coalition of 21 suburbs that has been studying cable for more than a year. Officials from all of the member towns have been invited to participate.

Many of the local councils and village boards already have interviewed all or some of the cable firms on their own, but municipal conference officials said they set up the joint screenings so all the towns won't have to hold interviews.

Saturday's interviews originally were scheduled by the Arlington Heights village board, which had selected five companies to interview, so those five firms will be first on the agenda.

Each suburb will grant a franchise on its own, but many conference members are hopeful much of the area can choose the same cable company. A large, area-wide cable system, they believe, would give the towns more bargaining power for lower prices and more services.

The conference has asked each suburb to name its choice or choices by Jan. 15, so the field can be narrowed at a Jan. 17 meeting.

The interviews Saturday begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave.

Hein picks up election petitions

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Inching closer toward declaring his candidacy for a second term, Wheeling Village Pres. William Hein has picked up petitions to form a slate of candidates for the April 7 election.

Hein, however, still would not comment Tuesday on his re-election plans, saying only that he is calling a press conference next Monday to discuss his political future.

Village Clerk Alberta Klocke confirmed that Hein picked up the petitions following Monday night's village board meeting, paving the way for a showdown between Hein and his long-time political foe, Trustee Sheila Schultz.

Schultz, elected a trustee two years

ago, announced her candidacy for president last month. She joins four other candidates who are seeking the three trustee positions and the office of village clerk on the Wheeling Upward Party label.

HEIN, 40, OF 138 Berkshire Ln., was first appointed to the village board in 1971. He was elected to his first full term in 1973 and four years later captured the village president's seat.

When last asked about his political future, Hein said he was undecided, but said "there are a lot of things I still want to complete."

His two remaining allies on the village board, trustees Robert Ross and Roger Powers, also could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Powers

has said he "tentatively" plans to run again, and Ross has said he is undecided about his political future. Both were elected on a ticket headed by Hein in 1977.

Two other former Hein allies, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld and Klocke, are not seeking re-election — Sommerfeld because of business interests and Klocke for health reasons.

KLOCKE AND SOMMERFELD also ran with Hein four years ago, but have split with him on a variety of issues, mainly over the 1977 firing of former Village Mgr. Terry Zerkle.

Zerkle was fired after he refused to appoint as police chief Ted Bracke, a political ally of Hein. Sommerfeld and Klocke were angered by the firing, calling it politically motivated. Zerkle



William Hein

was replaced by Carsten Leikvold, who resigned under pressure from the anti-Hein faction in 1979.

Prospect Hts. to sue over annexation

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

In a continuing struggle for control of Pal-Waukee Airport, Prospect Heights is going to court to challenge Wheeling's annexation of the northern half of the airport.

But Prospect Heights officials have agreed to go ahead with a study of purchasing the airport, backing down from earlier demands that the study be delayed until their legal differences with the airport owner are resolved.

The city has held up the final phase of the \$120,000 airport study for two months, demanding that owner George Priester first drop a lawsuit aimed at disconnecting the southern half of his

airport from Prospect Heights.

Mayor Richard Wolf said the city council has "conceded to the Illinois Dept. of Transportation's deadline" in proceeding with the study although the lawsuit still is pending. The state transportation officials, who are administering the federally funded study on whether Wheeling and Prospect Heights should buy the airport, had given Prospect Heights until Jan. 15 to authorize completion of the study or be excluded from the possible future ownership of the airport.

WOLF SAID ATTORNEYS for the city and Priester still are trying to work out an agreement for Priester to drop his suit in exchange for a guarantee that the city would not impose any

unusual restrictions on the airport.

But that settlement won't be resolved by Jan. 15, Wolf said, and the latest proposal from Priester's attorneys is unacceptable because it asks the city to drop all objections to Wheeling's annexation of the northern half before Priester will agree to let the southern half remain in Prospect Heights.

Until now, Prospect Heights officials have said all objections to the northern annexation technically have come from a group of residents west of the airport who had wanted to annex their subdivision to Prospect Heights but were cut off from the city borders by the Wheeling annexation.

But now, Wolf said, the city has

found a legal basis to "question the validity" of Wheeling's annexation. He said the annexation petition should have been signed by the owners of all portions of the airport, but was signed only by Priester and Waukee Realty, not by a third owner, Motel Land Corp.

WHEELING VILLAGE ATTY. David Epstein said the officers of Motel Land Corp. are Priester and members of his family and they had signed the petition for Waukee Realty.

At any rate, he said, Motel Land Corp. owns less than half an acre of the property. He called Prospect Heights' challenge "a very technical allegation. The very worst that could happen is that the court could declare the half acre is not legally annexed."

SCHULTZ SEEKS HEIN POST

Sommerfeld Won't Run; Hein Yet To Announce

Promising a "more responsive and individualistic government," Wheeling Village Board Trustee Sheila Schultz has announced her candidacy for village president.

Representing Wheeling Upward Party, (WUP) Schultz said she hopes the days of bloc decisions by village board members have passed. Support for her views will be backed by 4 persons whom she has announced as members of her slate for positions on village board and as village clerk.

In April, her Party ballot will include James E. Goetch, 50, 382 S. Sunset Lane, J.W. Ratajczak, 39, 312 Renee Terr., and William A. Rogers, 54, 146 S. Wolf Rd. for village board and Elizabeth L. Hartman, 49, 159 St. Armand Ct., who is running for village clerk.

"WE (HER SUPPORTERS) feel the board has been governed by a bloc vote and it has hurt board unity, especially during the first 2 years of Mr. Hein's (current Village President William Hein) term in office," Schultz said. She cited the firing of Village Manager Terry Zerkle (in 1977) because of his refusal to support a board bloc vote that would have expedited the hiring of a new village police chief.

"Zerkle wanted to go thru board policies in hiring a new chief, but he was pressured by Hein and others to vote with them," Schultz stated. "When he voted on the matter as an individual, he was fired."

Schultz said one board trustee

who aided Hein in forming bloc decisions was Hubert Sommerfeld. He frequently voted with Hein who then cast the deciding vote. The pair often turned 3-3 vote into 4-2 decisions.

Sommerfeld also considered running for president but decided against filing his petition last week. Due date for petitions is Jan. 26.

Schultz added that another reason she is running for the position is to correct public understanding of its image.

"The old concept of village president is very evident to me, and it is a false one. The public largely views the job as that of a mayor, but the positions are not the same," Schultz said. "This wrong concept of the office will remain as long as Mr. Hein is in it."

The WUP candidate added she is somewhat concerned about the fact that Hein is village president and local liquor commissioner. Hein's parents have a village liquor license and own Hein's Pub & Liquor Store, 141 S. Milwaukee Ave.

"I just don't see how Mr. Hein can be totally objective over liquor," stated Schultz, in reference to the fact that Hein's role as liquor commissioner gives him authority to grant, suspend or revoke liquor licenses in the village.

Schultz said she has been most pleased with WUP's work with Citizens for Responsible Government. Several years ago the alliance initiated adoption of

a recall ordinance, giving voters the right to vote elected officials from office before their terms expire. The ordinance is the 1st of its kind in the state, the WUP candidate claimed.

"The recall procedure is not something voters should take lightly, however. There's a lot of work involved, such as getting a substantial amount of signatures (exact amount she couldn't recall) and notifying the official in question. I am proud to say no village official has yet to be voted out of office by the ordinance."

HEIN, IN AN interview last Friday, said he had not made a decision on his candidacy in April's election. He said his decision would be announced "sometime this week." He said his term in office has proved positive.

"We have not only accomplished the goals we set out to achieve, but exceeded them," said Hein.

"I think the public's image of the village board is very favorable. We have done a lot for the community."

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Study to measure annexation impact

A \$2,500 study that will measure the impact of a proposed annexation on the village's and private water systems was approved by the Wheeling Village Board.

The village is working with landowner William Johnson to prepare an annexation agreement for the 208-acre parcel northwest of Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Johnson's 110-acre tract, immediately south of Lake-Cook Road, was annexed by the village more than a year ago. Johnson has agreed to pay for the study by PRC Consoer Townsend, Chicago.

The study is scheduled to be completed within 45 days and will indicate to village officials what improvements must be made to the private well system that serves the Johnson property. Also, the study is expected to determine the impact the annexation would have on existing village water supplies that may be needed to serve the area.

Village joins pipeline group

Wheeling officially has become a member of the Northwest Water Commission, the consortium seeking to obtain Lake Michigan water from Evanston.

Although the village has been attending the lake water meetings, Wheeling technically was not allowed to join a water group until it had secured a lake water allocation. The village, along with 191 other suburbs, recently was given the right to obtain lake water by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

Police get unused vacation pay

Wheeling police sergeants will be receiving more than \$6,500 in back pay for holidays they worked and vacation time they have not used since they have been on the force.

A similar "buy back" arrangement was approved when the village board earlier this year set salaries for patrolmen.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said it would be unfair to exclude sergeants from being eligible to recoup pay for the hours they worked. However, Peters said in the future sergeants will be subject to the same regulations that apply to patrolmen and will not be allowed to be reimbursed for unused vacation time for more than one year.

Officials look over 1981

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

LOOKING AHEAD TO a new year is like a blind date. You're skeptical about what lies ahead and you often regret what you've been through when it's over.

For both Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, the blind date with 1981 has already begun. A week old, the new year according to the village managers of both communities hold promises of expansion, change and improvement in the general quality of life.

WHEELING

Village Manager Tom Markus eyes moving ahead with the development of the village's senior center and related development in the area in the northeast portion of Wheeling as one of the big areas during 1981. be a big part of the new year. Markus is hoping for improvements along Dundee Road that will feature several intersections being widened. Additional crossings along the Soo Line Railroad tracks could also be in the cards for 1981, according to Markus. He would also like to see another crossing on Commercial drive.

OF COURSE capital improvements within the village might also play a major role in Wheeling '81. Markus is looking to make as many as possible, depending on available funds.

Markus also hopes the study being done for Wheeling and its southern neighbor, Prospect Heights, to determine the feasibility of public ownership of Palwaukee Airport will be finished during 1981. The study has been stalled at the start of its third and final phase because of disagreements between Prospect Heights and airport owner George Priester.

As with almost every northwest suburban community, water will be on tap for 1981. And a lot more than residents have been used to in a long time. That's because 86 communities recently received their first allocation of Lake Michigan water.

Even though allocations don't go in to effect immediately, planning will be in high gear by local communities pertaining to delivery of the water. Wheeling is a member of the Northwest Water Commission (formerly known as DMAP).

There are likely to be some changes in the village come April when elections for trustees and village president are held.

BUFFALO GROVE

Village Manager William Balling sees 1981 as a year of considerable change in Buffalo Grove. Balling says there are a number of systems that might be finalized or implemented during the year. Balling says he "anticipates" a cable television franchise to be approved and constructed during the year.

Like Wheeling, Buffalo Grove will move toward a final design for delivery of its allocation of Lake Michigan water. The village will begin receiving lake water in 1984.

FINAL DESIGN and construction on a basin being constructed by the Metropolitan Sanitary District on Lake County Forest Preserve land is expected during '81 as are traffic signals at Route 83 and Checker Road.

The village will have operation of a full-time fire department in 1981 and

the new fire station on Busch Road is expected to be completed by July 1.

Road construction always seems to be a topic in Buffalo Grove and 1981 shouldn't prove to be any different. The extension of Buffalo Grove Road and the possible widening of Route 83 through the village are two road projects that should be discussed considerably during 1981.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

will not let up during 1981. Balling is hoping for more planning on the proposed Town Center commercial development along with the Buffalo Grove Commerce Center and Buffalo Grove Business Park. Both centers will bring in additional tax revenue to the village. As for residential development, Balling says that will depend on the level of the prime interest rate during 1981.

Changes in the village government? Balling didn't expect any from his side. Still, there are municipal elections in April and the makeup of the Village Board could change.

All anyone can do now, though, is sit back and enjoy the year.

Johnson family to pay for study of water system on 200 acres

WHEELING—A study on the water system on the Johnson property is going to be done for the village. It will, however, be paid for by the Johnson family.

The study, to be done by PRC Consoer Townsend, Inc., consulting engineers, will consist of five part according to the firm.

The study will:

- Examine the Chevy Chase well and make recommendations to bring into conformance with Village of Wheeling and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency standards.

- Consider proposed zoning and its effect on the water system.

- Evaluate the present as well as the proposed future water system's ability to meet the projected maximum usage demands from the viewpoint of supply and transmission of the proposed annexation area.

- Evaluate storage requirements for the proposed annexation area.

- Summarize findings in a report along with recommendations.

The cost of the study is \$2,500 and will be paid entirely by the Johnson family.

The resolution adopted by the Village Board at its Jan. 5 meeting was amended so that not only does it call for the cost of the study to be paid for by the Johnson family, but calls for the

money to be forwarded to Village Manager Tom Markus before the study begins.

The study is expected to take 45 days.

The site being studied is approximately 200 acres that runs from the Des Plaines River west to the Buffalo Grove boundry.

The property stretches north from Lake Cook Road to the Inverarry housing development.

The water system on the Johnson property serves Chevy Chase Country Club which is owned and operated by the Wheeling Park District.

IT IS POSSIBLE that if Wheeling

annexes the property, there will be objections from the villages of Buffalo Grove and Lincolnshire and Lake County.

The Johnson family had petitioned Buffalo Grove for annexation in 1978, but the petition, according to Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling "fizzled" in January of 1979 for various reasons.

According to Wheeling Village Manager Tom Markus, negotiations are underway for annexation of the property into Wheeling.

"We are working with them on petitions, but beyond that there is nothing going on."

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Of health clubs ^{1-8-81 Life} Delay OK

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

WHEELING RESIDENTS WHO are planning to get the shape of tomorrow starting today will have to wait awhile.

A proposed ordinance that would permit private health clubs in certain zoning areas of the village was tabled following some objections by trustees at a meeting of the Village Board Monday, Jan. 5.

The proposal, forwarded to the board by the plan commission and community development department, outlined a number of requirements for privately operated health clubs in the village.

The proposal presented to the board would require a private health club to have at least one of the following: swimming pool, gymnasium with permanent hardwood floor at least one-half size of a regulation basketball court; permanent tennis, racquetball or squash court of regulation size; a weight room with equipment to accommodate at least 10 people simultaneously and a running track of at least 1/4 of a mile. The track, according to the proposal, would have to be tartan, wood, asphalt or similar surface.

ALSO REQUIRED by the ordinance would be ~~at least one of the following~~ facilities and at least three showers.

This requirement upset Trustee Charles Kerr who said that if a private health club is going to serve both men and women, then separate facilities are needed.

The proposed ordinance also stipulates that a private health club could also provide facilities for steam bathing, sauna and whirlpool.

Trustee John Cole also opposed the ordinance, not because it dealt with private health clubs, but because of its contents. "I don't have any problems with private health clubs, just the way it (the ordinance) is written."

It was suggested that if an ordinance providing for private health clubs was adopted by the board, that it might call for a special use permit, regardless of the zoning of the site.

THE MATTER of private health clubs was brought to the attention of the village by Nautilus Health Club

which is apparently seeking an OK to open a club in Wheeling.

Village Manager Tom Markus told the board that when the village received the request officials looked over the ordinances and didn't find anything regulating health clubs.

The board is expected to discuss the matter at an upcoming workshop meeting.

The board also decided to proceed with plans to improve McHenry Road between Dundee Road and Route 83. The improvement plan is scheduled to include widening and resurfacing of the road, curb and gutter and an enclosed drainage system, repair and redecking of the "structure" over the Wheeling Drainage Ditch.

ALSO INCLUDED in the program is the modernization of traffic signals at Dundee and McHenry Road and at Route 83 and McHenry Road.

Cole said he was concerned about the state's idea of modernization of traffic signals. "Most of the times it has been a matter of installing three times as many lights as there were at an intersection before." Cole called such actions by the state a "waste of energy." He added that there was no reason to have "six or eight lights at an intersection." He cited one example where there are more than 20 lights at an intersection on Lake Avenue near Glenbrook South High School.

Maintenance of state roads turned over to local municipalities is, in essence, "a hidden tax" said Cole.

The state has been turning over maintenance of some of its roads to local municipalities in an effort to reduce costs. What happens, trustees contend, is the state doesn't lower its tax rate. The extra costs to local governments, however, often result in an increase in local tax rates.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Appointed Gary Dobbe to the Youth Commission.

- Approved an agreement with AM-VETS Post 66 for enforcement of traffic regulations on that site. Trustee Cole objected to a private club entering an agreement with the village, but Village Attorney David Epstein said the location would be treated like a shopping center, as spelled out by state statutes.

1-8-81 Life Hein looks as if he's a candidate

WHEELING—Village Board President William Hein is planning a press conference on Monday, Jan. 12, presumably to announce his plans to run for re-election.

Hein has picked up a petition from the village clerk's office, generally a sure-fire sign that a person plans on running for office.

He did, however, fail to confirm with The LIFE that he had in fact picked up a petition, or if he had picked it up for someone else.

Hein remained mum on whether

he will run for a second term as the village president.

ALREADY IN THE contest for village president is Trustee Sheila Schultz. She and her slate, which includes William Rogers, Joseph Rajczak and James Goetsch as trustee candidates, announced their intentions late in December. Rounding off the slate is Elizabeth Hartman who is running for village clerk.

Two current officials have decided not to run for re-election. They include village clerk Alberta Klocke and Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld.

It was Sommerfeld who many observers thought would challenge incumbent Hein for the top spot. Sommerfeld, however, cited the desire to spend more time with his business as a main reason for not running again.

THE OTHER SPOTS up for re-election are trustee posts held by Roger A. Powers and Robert Ross.

Both have told The LIFE that they plan to make their decisions known by the end of the week. Both men ran on Hein's slate four years ago. Hein's 1977 slate also included Klocke and Sommerfeld.

Trustees who still have two years left on their terms include Schultz, John Cole and Charles Kerr. Traditionally, those three have formed opposition to Hein's group. That changed a little a few years ago when Sommerfeld split from Hein's group.



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THE DAILY HERALD

Wheeling officials to see cable firms

Wheeling officials will meet Saturday with representatives of the 13 cable television companies seeking to do business in the Northwest suburbs, and then by Monday are expected to recommend three firms they consider most qualified to install a system in the village.

It will be the first time the village board has interviewed any of the cable television firms. The village has held off because it wants to select a cable company on a regional basis, as the consulting firm hired by the Northwest Municipal Conference has recommended.

Trustee Roger Powers, the village's cable television representative to the conference, said there is "still nothing significant to indicate that there should be any deviation from the Malarkey-Taylor report." That report suggests the towns choose one or two companies to serve all of the Northwest and North Shore suburbs, which would give the towns more bargaining

power for lower rates and better services.

AFTER THE board makes its recommendations to Powers, he is expected to pass them along to the conference by Jan. 15. Ultimately, the village alone will pick the cable television firm that will serve Wheeling, but a conference committee is expected to recommend a firm for the entire area.

Another reason Wheeling has not conducted interviews, said village Finance Director Gregory Peters, is a fear by some conference officials that the towns could be accused of playing favorites. "You've got some towns that have conducted interviews and some that haven't," he said. "Most of the towns have interviewed only some of the companies."

By attending Saturday's meeting, he said, board members will get a chance to listen to all companies seeking a franchise. He said, though, that some of the firms which received less favorable ratings may not attend the interview sessions.

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Merit given to police suit

A UNITED STATES District Court judge has given some merit to a charge by 11 Wheeling police officers in their suit against the village.

Judge Charles P. Kocoras' opinion indicates that the 11 officers' complaints of political discrimination in promotion practices and alleged due process violations are "good".

The opinion, issued Dec. 27, leaves the door open for more legal fisticuffs in the suit that was filed in 1979.

Police officers filing the suit contend there were promotional irregularities in the department.

Attorney Michael Wall, representing the police officers, says the judge's opinion indicates to him that the "judge feels we've stated a valid complaint."

THE VILLAGE has 20 days from

the issuance of Kocoras' opinion to respond. His opinion also denies the village's motion to remove the allegation from the case.

"We plan some additional discoveries and to possibly take some depositions and renew our motions," says Village Attorney David Epstein.

Epstein says he "doesn't agree with the judge's opinion." He contends that there is no specific village ordinance or state statute requiring a village to take the top candidate for promotion. "The state law says that any one of the top three candidates can be promoted," Epstein says.

He adds that it is "not enough to say that a village always pick the number one candidate unless there is a formal decision stating that."

Epstein says the opinion, as he

sees it, tells the police plaintiffs to "let them prove there is policy of automatically promoting the number one candidate."

Epstein says he is not sure how it can be proven because there is nothing binding by the police and fire commission, village or state law.

WHILE THE VILLAGE'S answer to the opinion is due within 20 days, the next court hearing is scheduled for Feb. 23. "That will be a hearing on the injunction," says Wall. He says the plaintiffs are seeking a preliminary injunction that will prevent any promotions during the duration of the suit.

The village is currently under a temporary restraining order preventing promotions until there is a full hearing.

Approve industrial bond issue

WHEELING—The issuance of \$610,000 industrial development revenue bonds for the King-Fisher Company was approved by the Wheeling Village Board Monday, Jan. 5, despite strong opposition by Trustee John Cole.

Cole's objections came because of the way the bond issue was written by the village's legal counsel.

In his proposal to the village board and Village Manager Tom Markus, Village Attorney David A. Epstein ex-

plained that the company's principals desired the bond issue financing be structured so that a land trust would be the principal "obligor responsible for paying the principal interest of the bonds."

EPSTEIN INDICATED that this was being done "for tax purposes." Which is what got Cole upset.

"Maybe I'm in left field, but it seems to me that we are helping two individuals get a tax break," Cole said.

He added that if there is a tax "loophole" it would not be right for a municipality to help individuals.

Epstein said he saw nothing wrong with a municipality "helping out with that goal as long as it doesn't do any public harm."

Cole retorted that he doesn't have "a problem when the benefits go to a company, it is only when the benefits go to individuals do I become concerned."

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Ex-Wheeling cop appeals ruling

By Eddy McNeil

A FORMER WHEELING policeman, who was fired last year for placing a loaded revolver in the mouth of a suspect, is appealing a Cook County Circuit Court ruling that upheld his dismissal.

Stanley Jakala, a Berwyn attorney representing former Lt. Thomas Conte, a 17-year veteran of the department, said Thursday he filed a notice of appeal with the 1st District Illinois Appellate Court, Chicago, earlier this week. Jakala has maintained throughout the proceedings, which began in May, that his client's actions weren't excessive considering the situation.

During his hearing before the Wheeling Board of Fire and Police Commissioners last year, Conte said he put the gun into the mouth of an armed robbery suspect outside a savings and loan because he thought it would fake drastic action to bring the situation under control.

CONTE AND THREE patrolmen answered a call that an armed robbery was about to be committed at the savings and loan. The patrolmen, who testified at Conte's hearing, said they had arrived before Conte, had one suspect out of the car and handcuffed, and were about to remove the second when Conte arrived.

Although they testified that they had the

situation well under control when Conte arrived, Jakala said his client couldn't be sure that was the case.

"As far as I'm concerned there were two guys in a car in a parking lot with a gun, and [one of them] sitting on the passenger side with a concealed weapon and nothing was done until Conte got there," Jakala said.

POLICE LATER found that the two had just bought a shotgun at a local store and were inspecting the weapon when someone saw them and called the police. The gun, which was dismantled, wasn't loaded, and no ammunition was found in the car. One of the suspects, in whose pocket police found a pocketknife, said the two had no intention of robbing the savings and loan.

Conte said Thursday that he had no comment on the appeal.

In upholding the police and fire board's decision that dismissing Conte was the "only proper remedy" for the situation, Judge James C. Murray, Cook County Circuit Court, Chicago, said Conte's actions "flew in the face of every responsible and traditional police procedure."

"Because of his rank and experience, he was to be an example for other officers," Murray said in his written opinion. "By his conduct, he adversely affected his credibility as a leader capable of keeping his head in a dangerous situation."

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Ex-policeman to appeal firing

Former Wheeling police Lt. Thomas Conte, fired last May for using excessive force in making an arrest, is planning to appeal his firing to the Illinois Appellate Court.

Conte's attorney, Stanley Jakala, has notified the Cook County Circuit Court that he will contest a decision by Judge James Murray to uphold Conte's dismissal from the force. Jakala was unavailable for comment Friday.

Conte, a 17-year veteran, was a sec-

ond in command to Police Chief Ted Bracke last March when he responded to what police originally thought was a robbery attempt at Hoyne Savings and Loan, on Dundee Road.

A woman had reported that she saw two men assembling a shotgun in a car parked outside the bank. Police later determined the men had recently purchased the gun and were only inspecting it. The gun was found unassembled and covered by a plastic wrapper be-

tween the bucket seats of the car.

Three officers later testified before the village fire and police commission that one of the suspects already was handcuffed by two of the officers and a third policeman had his gun pointed at the passenger, when Conte arrived.

THE POLICEMEN said Conte leaned into the car, stuck a cocked and loaded revolver into man's mouth and forced him to slide out of the car. One

officer testified that Conte told the man to "suck on it" and threatened to "blow his brains all over the car."

Testifying in his own defense, Conte said the other officers did not truly have the situation under control.

But the police board fired Conte, saying he projected an "image of brutality to the community." Conte appealed that decision, but Murray said an "overwhelming weight of evidence" supported the firing of Conte.

1-9-81 Herald

Road rerouting near airport unnecessary?

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

Airport experts are saying it might not be necessary to reroute the Hintz-Wolf Road intersection in Wheeling, a move that could knock \$10 million off the cost of Pal-Waukee Airport and spare demolition of nearby homes.

By prohibiting landing aircraft from using the first 350 feet of Pal-Waukee's 5,000-foot runway, which comes closer to the roadways than Federal Aviation Administration standards allow, officials say they will not have to tamper with the intersection as they had initially feared. By eliminating the road project, officials could lower the cost of acquiring the airport to a minimum of \$24 million. Wheeling and Prospect Heights are considering jointly buying Pal-Waukee with the help of federal grants.

are taking off would be permitted to use the entire 5,000 feet of the runway. That is essential, he said, because airplanes loaded with fuel need the extra runway length more than a plane that is landing and has consumed most of its fuel.

Asked what would keep a pilot from using all of the runway to land a plane, Donoghue said pilots could lose their licenses for such a violation. And those violations, he said, are "easily documented. It's just not the kind of thing a pilot's going to ignore."

However, FAA official David Welhouse said some federal airport regulations have recently been modified and those modifications may include whether airplanes attempting to depart are affected. Also, he said, such an arrangement is supposed to be only temporary, and the "obstructions" — which affect the usable length of a runway — should be removed.

Also, shortening the usable length of the runway would eliminate the need to reroute traffic for more than a year from one of Wheeling's major intersections and also the need to tear down 11 homes that would block the path of the road relocation project.

"I'M NOT SO sure that (rerouting the Hintz-Wolf Road intersection) would be a bad thing to consider doing 20 years down the road," said Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell, who joined other local officials in saying that leaving the intersection intact could make the prospect of a municipal takeover far more acceptable.

"It certainly removes much of the trauma and a tremendous amount of the expense," airport consultant Larry Donoghue said Thursday. Donoghue was hired by the two towns to make the \$120,000 study.

Welhouse said he would try to have an opinion from the FAA on whether Donoghue's plan for saving the intersection could work by the time airport planners and local officials meet some time next month.

HOWEVER, AIRPORT planners will have to know the effect of restricting the area in which planes may land. Forcing pilots to land further down the runway would ensure that they would be at least 17 feet above the intersection, a requirement of the FAA. The runway's surface would not be altered.

Donoghue said shortening the runway's length should apply only to airplanes that are landing. Planes that

1-10-81 Herald

Suburbs focusing in on four cable firms

by Susan Duerksen
Herald staff writer

The field of contenders for cable television business in the Northwest suburbs has been narrowed from 14 original applicants to four finalists.

Local officials for the most part are closely following the advice of their Washington-based cable TV consultants — Markey, Taylor and Associates — as they approach a final decision on which company or companies will build and operate cable systems in the area.

Companies other than the top four recommended by the consultants have been all but eliminated from the competition, while most local votes of confidence are going to the two firms topping the consultants' list — Warner-Amex Cable Corp. and Cablenet Ltd.

But so far it seems unlikely the suburbs will heed the recommendation that all 21 towns in the Northwest Municipal Conference join together in granting a cable TV franchise to one company.

IF FRANCHISES are awarded to more than one firm, cable executives say the different systems can be conceived so that school districts, for example, can send programming across municipal borders. But some say that interconnection may carry an extra cost.

And others predict continual subscriber complaints about the differences in programming and monthly rates between neighboring towns.

In hopes of setting up a cooperative connected cable system throughout the area, the Northwest Municipal Conference has asked its 21 member suburbs to list their preferences from the 14 applicants. Representatives of the towns will meet next Saturday to discuss the finalists.

So far, Cablenet, a Canadian firm now building cable systems in subur-

ban St. Louis, holds a slight edge over the other companies. With decisions in from 14 suburbs, four have decided on Cablenet as their first choice and another five say it is among several equally qualified first choices.

Cablevision and MetroVision officials see no problems in dividing the municipal conference area into separate but connected cable systems run by two or three companies.

METROVISION VICE President Bob Behringer said "institutional" programming — from libraries, schools and other agencies — would be beamed between systems on microwave transmitters. He said any one company serving the entire 21-town area would have to use such transmitters anyway because cables can carry a TV signal only seven or eight miles in any direction.

But Warner-Amex Vice President Douglas Beach, still hoping to persuade all 21 suburbs to select his firm, said connections between different companies' systems, although possible, might require that additional receiving towers be built and would take much cooperation between the competing cable firms.

And besides the problems with connecting an "institutional" network, Beach said more than one company operating in the area would mean different rate structures, optional services and entertainment programming from one town to the next. Alan Kraus, of Cablevision, said that comparison might cause changes to the viewers' advantage, but Beach said it would merely lead to dissatisfaction.

TOWN BY TOWN, the cable TV selection results so far are:

- Palatine chose Warner-Amex on Oct. 28, becoming the first and still the only area suburb to make what it says is a final decision.
- Rolling Meadows named Warner-

Amex as its top choice last month, but also would accept either Cablevision or MetroVision.

- Schaumburg has decided on Cablenet, with Warner and Cablevision equally ranked as second choices.

- A joint committee from Hanover Park, Streamwood and Bartlett also selected Cablenet, listing Warner and Central Communications Co. in second place. The Streamwood Village Board has approved the choice, and ratification from the other two villages is expected by Thursday.

- The Hoffman Estates Village Board said any of the four top firms would be acceptable.

- Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines and Barrington each narrowed the choice to Warner, Cablenet or Cablevision, but did not rank them.

- Mount Prospect selected MetroVision, with Cablenet and Cablevision in second place.

- The Prospect Heights City Council said Cablevision and Warner are its first choices, but MetroVision and Cablenet also are acceptable.

- An Elk Grove Village committee has recommended either Warner or MetroVision, and the village board is expected to choose one on Tuesday.

- A meeting is scheduled for Monday to select three finalists for Wheeling.

- The Arlington Heights Village Board plans to interview all four front-runners and make a decision Monday or Wednesday.

- Park Ridge would be happy with any of the top four firms or Northern Illinois Cablevision, a division of Sorer Broadcasting.

- A decision from Niles is expected Tuesday after municipal conference interviews of all the companies today.

- Six North Shore suburbs have asked each company to answer a list of questions by Monday, and plan to make their decision by Wednesday.



Rickey Ament



Judith Abruscato



Marilyn Minter



Roger Powers

Pres. Hein to seek second term

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Saying he has fulfilled nearly every campaign promise he made four years ago, Wheeling Village Pres. William Hein announced Monday he will seek a second term in office.

Hein, 40, who will face long-time political foe Sheila Schultz April 7, also announced the formation of his Pro Wheeling Party. The slate includes four residents seeking three four-year terms as trustee and the village clerk's position.

Seeking the trustee seats are incumbent Trustee Roger Powers, 36, of 897 Rose Ln., Plan Comr. Rickey Ament, 33, of 392 Elm Dr., and Marilyn Minter, 50, 953 Wilshire Dr., chairman of Wheeling's appearance commission. Judith Abruscato, 46, of 125 W. Wayne

Pl., is a political newcomer seeking the village clerk's job.

The formation of the slate marks the end of the political career of Trustee Robert Ross, who said he will not seek re-election but was at Hein's press conference to lend his support to Hein's ticket.

Hein, whose political career started with his appointment to the village board in 1971, pledged to run a campaign in which "we are going to talk about all the pro things about Wheeling. Looking over the past four years, we've accomplished quite a bit. Our record is going to speak for itself."

HEIN CITED Wheeling's improved financial condition, construction of new wells and a new fire station on the village's west side and plans by Holy Family Hospital to build an emergency clinic at Milwaukee and Strong ave-

nues as some of the accomplishments of his administration.

He said the group has yet to determine what issues will be raised during the campaign, but added a party platform should be devised within the next few weeks.

Hein said, though, he will not be running a "mudslinging" campaign, and encouraged his campaign rivals to "stick to the issues" rather than make any personal attacks on his business interests. Hein already has been criticized by Schultz for holding the liquor commissioner post while his parents own two liquor licenses in the village.

Ament, a local attorney, said he joined Hein's campaign because he was "very disappointed" in the caliber of trustee candidates on Schultz's ticket, known as the Wheeling United Party.

PRESIDENT OF the Harmony Village Condominiums Homeowners Assn., Ament said condominium residents are not being adequately represented on the village board. He also complained that none of the other party's candidates "represent the business interests in Wheeling. None of those people are self-employed."

Ross, who like Powers was elected on Hein's slate four years ago, has been beset by numerous financial problems, including having a local bank start foreclosure procedures against his home for failure to repay a business loan. He said Monday his personal business woes have nothing to do with his decision to drop out of village politics. Ross said he wants to attend school at nights to study anthropology and archeology.

WUP meeting set tonight

The Wheeling Upward Party, headed Sheila Schultz, candidate for village president, will meet with residents at 7:30 p.m. today at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Rd.

Schultz said her party will attempt to get additional signatures for the slate's nominating petitions. The group also plans to discuss some of the issues of the upcoming campaign before deciding on its platform, she said.

Former Trustee William Rogers, Plan Comr. Joseph Ratajczak and James Goetsch, an unsuccessful candidate for the village board four years ago, are seeking four year terms on the village board. Elizabeth Hartman, a political newcomer, is WUP's candidate for village clerk.



TALKING TO a group of supporters at a Monday press conference, Wheeling Village Pres. William Hein said he'll be seeking a second term.

2 villages make cable picks

Hanover Park Trustees Monday night said they would recommend Cablenet Ltd. of Canada as their choice for cable television while trustees in Wheeling informally agreed to pick one of the top four firms vying for business in the Northwest suburbs.

Wheeling trustees did not state any preference or rank the four firms rated best qualified by cable TV consultants Malarkey, Taylor and Associates — Warner-Amex Cable Corp., Cablenet Ltd., Cablevision and MetroVision.

However, Trustee Sheila Schultz said she doesn't want to consider granting a franchise to Warner because she said the company has reneged on a promise to keep X-rated material off the air waves.

She said the firm has presented "inaccurate" reports "saying that they

do not show X-rated movies and that they are in fact showing movies they called 'A' (for adults) rated."

Schultz presented other board members with a list of programs that were offered on Warner's "QUBE" cable TV program guide in Columbus, Ohio. The list included "Young Lady Chatterly," "Erotic Delights" and "Cherry, Harry and Racquel," a Russ Meyer film.

SCHULTZ LIKENED THE situation to allowing an X-rated book store or movie theater in Wheeling and said many residents she had talked to say they object to seeing any pornography on cable TV.

Other village board members disagreed, however. "I'm not about to put myself in the position of censor for this community," said Trustee John Cole.

"We're talking about cable that we

have voluntarily asked them to put there. With cable TV you have to physically bring it into your home."

Other trustees noted that some of the questionable films Schultz was objecting to would have to be requested by the viewer.

In conjunction with the villages of Bartlett and Streamwood, Hanover Park Trustee James Strawn, chairman of the village's cable television task force committee, said that Cablenet was selected over Centel Communications Co., Warner-Amex Cable Corp., Metrovision and Cablevision because it offers more programming, and a two-way communications system that enables viewers to participate in polls.

"They were all close, but Cablenet was also very heavy on school programming. They offer just about everything we wanted," he said.

SCHAUMBURG AND Streamwood have also decided on Cablenet, and Bartlett officials are expected also to recommend Cablenet by Thursday's deadline.

Strawn also said that Cablenet was selected because of the relatively short construction periods.

"They're talking about a nine- to 18-month construction time, which was lower than average," he said.

Cablenet also offers a five-year franchise agreement, Strawn said, 10 years less than other firms.

Strawn said that Hanover Park officials will discuss with Bartlett and Streamwood whether they agree to go along with the final company selected by the Northwest Municipal Conference "or go on a tri-village system."

Formal board action is expected at Thursday night's board meeting.

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HEIN WILL RUN; TAPS HIS SLATE

By JIM PETERS

Asserting his 12 years experience on Wheeling Village Board would prove beneficial to the "Village Corporation," incumbent Village President William Hein announced Monday his intention to seek re-election to the post.

In a press conference at a Wheeling restaurant, Hein said he will continue to run the village in a "non-profit" capacity, should he be reelected for a 2d term.

"I treat Wheeling as a big corporation run by a top official. I don't believe in running the board on a 'surplus.' I think excess revenue should be given back to the taxpayers," stated Hein.

OTHER MEMBERS Hein announced on his Pro Wheeling Party slate are, Roger A. Powers, 897 Rose Lane.; Rickey J. Ament, 392 Elm Dr.; Marilyn H. Minter, 963 Wilshire Dr.; board trustees and Judith G. Abruscato, 125 W. Wayne Pl., village clerk. All are Wheeling residents. Hein and his Pro Wheeling Party candidates have a total of 28 years experience on village office posts.

Hein and Powers both expressed total disagreement with the concept of board member individuality, which Wheeling Upward Party (WUP) village president hopeful Sheila Schultz promised to establish, if elected. She maintained that former village manager Terry Zerke was fired in 1977 for his refusal to support a board consensus to appoint Ted Bracken Wheeling police chief.

"The village manager has a responsibility to go with the general feeling of the board if it wants something done. It's not his job to judge it. If the village manager alone tries to block board action and won't vote with us, we'll find someone who will," said Hein.

'INDIVIDUALITY (among board members) should only come in the board acting as a whole," added Powers. "Sheila's idea will lead to chaos on the board. If we were to have a board member present at every committee meeting to make criticisms of what they do, what purpose would the committees serve?"

The 41-year-old Hein further dismissed Schultz' concern about his possible lack of job objectivity as "campaign publicity." Schultz said last week she didn't see how Hein could be fair in assessing liquor licenses of village merchants while serving as village president.

"Sheila had her chance to do something about it at a committee meeting about 4 months ago, when (trustee Hubert) Sommerfeld brought up the ordinance. She didn't say anything tho," Hein said.

"Besides, Title 2 of the village's enforcing code and Illinois Statutes also make the village president local liquor commissioner."

IF ELECTED, Hein said he hopes to finalize installation plans for a Lake Michigan water distribution system in Wheeling, further upgrade village police and fire services and establish a downtown redevelopment program that would "open new avenues for new businesses."

"I don't understand why Sheila said I haven't initiated anything as village president," Hein concluded, in reference to an assertion the WUP candidate made last week. "Some things I got accomplished during my term, such as building a 2d fire station, were things the board and myself went out and did. Past boards only talked about doing them."

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Wheeling GOP slates newcomers

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

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After a skirmish between party regulars and incumbent office holders, the Wheeling Township Republican Organization Tuesday slated nine candidates for the April 7 election.

The list included mostly political newcomers but Wheeling Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, who recently announced his retirement from village politics, won the organization's backing for township trustee.

Heading the party-backed slate is Phil Rogers, 1223 Woodford Pl., Arlington Heights, a candidate for township supervisor. Seeking the village clerk's post is Paula Ulreich, 1432 N. Mitchell, Arlington Heights.

Harley Cannon, 8 N. Louis, Mount Prospect, got the party nod for township collector and Tom Gillis, 1011 N. Harvard, Arlington Heights, will run for highway commissioner.

AND THE FOUR township trustee positions are being sought by Sommerfeld, 227 Fletcher, Wheeling; John Ayres, 403 Indian Hill Dr., Buffalo Grove; Byron Jackson, 233 Palmgren Ct., Buffalo Grove, and Lou Muno, 1806 Basswood, Mount Prospect.

Completing the organization-backed ticket Dolores Stephan, 122 W. Suffield

Dr., Arlington Heights, a candidate for deputy assessor. Stephan was formerly deputy assessor under the late Marshall Theroux.

Stephan, who is committeewoman for the township organization and closely allied with committeeman Eloise Canfield, leader of the conservative wing of the party, applied for that office last year after the death of Theroux. She was snubbed however, by party moderates in favor of the present assessor Frened Yonkers.

Yonkers, who fired Stephan shortly after taking office, and some of his supporters attended the Tuesday caucus to protest the selection process. Six of the nine incumbents bolted party ranks in protest several weeks ago after Canfield proposed limiting participation in the caucus only to Republicans who had paid \$5 in party dues. They refused to attend any of the screening sessions conducted by Canfield's workers.

HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH only a small group turned out to support the incumbents, even fewer were allowed to talk Tuesday night despite a last

minute change in caucus rules by Canfield's precinct captains earlier in the evening.

That rule change permitted all registered township Republicans to vote on the candidates and nominate from the floor. But Republicans attending the caucus also had to sign an affidavit promising not to participate in "more than one convention, caucus or meeting to make a nomination for the same office."

"That's absolutely incredible," said Yonkers, whose supporters tried to suspend those rules but were substantially voted down. "You mean to tell me by imposing the rule on Dec. 7 that they are telling us on the night of the caucus that it's open to all Republicans, that's ridiculous."

But Douglas Cannon, an Arlington Heights trustee and legal adviser to the Republican organization, said allowing any supporter who signed petitions or participated in the meetings with the maverick Republicans — who call themselves "Government of the People" — would constitute "vote fraud. You cannot just walk into a primary and say 'give me a Democratic and a Republican ballot.'"

That is in essence what the GOP supporters would be trying to do by participating in Tuesday's caucus, he said.



Vows to run on his record

Bill Hein will run for second term

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WILLIAM HEIN

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

SAYING THAT HE'S going to run on his record, Wheeling Village Board President William H. Hein announced his intentions to run for a second term.

Hein's team this time, however, won't be the same as it was when he was first elected four years ago.

The only member of his slate running for re-election is Trustee Roger A. Powers. The other three members, Hugh Sommerfeld, Robert Ross and Alberta Klocke have decided not to run for various reasons.

The new members of the Pro-Wheeling Party, which Hein affectionately calls the "pro-team," include trustee candidates Rickey Ament and Marilyn Minter and village clerk candidate Judith Abruscato.

"I'M VERY PROUD of each and every one of them," he told a small gathering at a press conference Mon-



ROGER POWERS

day during which he announced not only the name of the party, but the slate as well.

Hein said the name, pro-Wheeling party, will emphasize the positive things about the village. The pro, he said, stands not only for pro-Wheeling, but it is pro-people of Wheeling, and will emphasize responsiveness and openness.

The only member of Hein's first slate present at the press conference was Ross. "I'm going to miss Bob," Hein said, "He was a good trustee." Hein added that Ross did "a hell of a job."

Trustee Sommerfeld was seen by many Wheeling political observers as the odds-on favorite to challenge Hein for the top spot in Wheeling political circles.

Sommerfeld, however, backed off and decided not to run at all citing an interest in spending more time with his business. He did play a role in an-



MARILYN MINTER

nouncing the slate of candidates challenging Hein and his pro-Wheeling party.

The challengers include Sheila Schultz, a current member of the village board, as a candidate for the village board president position; William Rogers, James E. Goetsch and Joseph Ratajczak as trustee candidates; and Elizabeth A. Hartman as the candidate for village clerk.

INCUMBENT VILLAGE Clerk Alberta Klocke decided not to run, citing health reasons.

Neither party has a platform, Schultz's planning to unveil one in a week to 10 days; Hein's within two, possibly three weeks.

The filing dates for the April 7 election are Jan. 19 to Jan. 26.

Here's a look at the recently announced Pro-Wheeling Party candidates:

WILLIAM H. HEIN

Seeking his second four-year term as village president. Says he will run on his record during his first term. Hein says the village is "moving in the right direction" and he wants to keep it moving that way. He says there are a number of things that he wants to follow up on during his next four-year term, if re-elected. Those include downtown redevelopment, finalization of



RICKEY AMENT

plans to bring Lake Michigan water to the village and the annexation of Palwaukee Airport. During his first four years as village board president, the village began plans for redeveloping its downtown area, saw the start of construction of the Holy Family Hospital Ambulatory Care Center, continuing growth of the village's industrial area and the start of development for senior citizen housing.

ROGER A. POWERS

Seeking his second four-year term as village trustee. Powers says all of the promises made by the slate four years ago have been kept. He says they have been a "very good four years." Powers says he wants to "make sure we have a continuity" to keep things going with the problems of the '80s. Looking toward the next four years, Powers says one of the important things that has to be done includes determining what areas government belongs in and the cost effectiveness involved in managing them.

RICKEY J. AMENT

Perhaps the most vocal of the new candidates, Ament, running for trustee, is looking for better representation of the many Wheeling residents who live in planned unit developments (multiple-family housing). A resident of Wheeling for the past six years,



JUDITH ABRUSCATO

Ament says he is disappointed the opposing party does not have any business people on its slate. An attorney with offices in Wheeling and Skokie, Ament is president of the Harmony Village Homeowners Association and has been a member of the Wheeling Plan Commission for the past 5½ years.

MARILYN H. MINTER

Running for a trustee spot, Minter is co-chairman of the Wheeling Appearance Commission. Minter seems to have been very pleased with the progress the village has made in recent years and would like to be a part of that in the future. She is one of the original members of the Appearance Commission.

JUDITH H. ABRUSCATO

Seeking the village clerk's position, Hein calls her "Mrs. Volunteer." Abruscato has been active in several PTAs and Brownie Scout troops and has also been involved with the Wheeling High School band. Secretary of the Wheeling Historical Society, she is running for village clerk because she would "like to be more involved in the village." She favors maintaining the clerk's position as an elected spot, most probably as a part-time spot. Abruscato also says she would like to give more of her time to the village because she "likes it here."



Pipeline finance plan urges tax-backed bond issue

by Debbie Absher
Herald staff writer

By the time it is paid for in 30 years, a pipeline to bring Lake Michigan water to Arlington Heights, Palatine and Wheeling may cost as much as \$250 million, according to the financial experts hired by the three towns.

As part of their plan to finance the pipeline construction, the financial consultants are recommending that the three villages borrow up to \$17 million in tax-backed general obligation bonds to start work on the pipeline and increase their property tax levies to make payments on those loans until the pipeline is finished in 1984.

Later, the Northwest Water Commission, formerly called DAMP, would borrow \$85 million through revenue bonds that would be repaid by raising water rates.

Richard Pavia of Duff and Phelps, Speer & Co., the Chicago finance consulting firm hired by the Northwest Water Commission, said it is too early to predict how the pipeline financing would affect property tax rates, but village officials already have warned residents to expect their water rates to be as much as four times higher when the pipes are being laid.

Because the towns all are home-rule communities, officials do not have to seek voter approval to issue tax-backed bonds.

THE COMMISSION will meet Thursday to discuss the financing plan. The cost of the pipeline itself is estimated at \$80 million, but Pavia's report to the water commission shows that the final cost could go as high as \$250 million, depending on the interest rate the commission has to pay on its

borrowed construction money. The proposal is based on hypothetical interest rates of 8 and 9.5 percent.

Pavia has recommended the towns sell \$8 million in five-year bonds in March or April to pay for engineering plans, acquisition of land and rights-of-way. In about a year, the towns then would attempt to obtain permanent financing by selling revenue bonds.

The proposed \$8 million financing would be divided between the towns in proportion to their water allocations granted recently by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, Pavia said. Under that formula, Arlington Heights would pay \$3.7 million, Palatine would pay \$3 million and Wheeling would pay \$1.3 million.

Pavia estimated the water would cost the towns \$1.36 per 1,000 gallons in 1984, \$1.61 in 1985 and \$1.85 in 1986.

That cost does not include the towns' costs for making improvements to their local water systems to prepare for the lake water.

CURRENT WATER rates are 85 cents per 1,000 gallons in Arlington Heights, 90 cents in Wheeling and \$1 in Palatine.

Pavia said his firm is recommending general obligation bonds for the preliminary financing because they are "safer and more secure" than revenue bonds and interest rates generally are lower.

However, property taxes in those

towns probably would be increased to pay for the bonds, he said. If the towns repaid the bonds totally through water revenues, residents or businesses that own unimproved property would receive water benefits when the pipeline is completed in 1984 without having paid for them, he said.

"If you go with general obligation bonds, everyone has helped to pay for it," Pavia said.

ANOTHER REASON for the towns' using tax-backed bonds is to establish some credit in the market, because the water commission "has no track

record" and now is "nothing more than an idea," he said.

"As a new construction project, the commission's financing will receive close scrutiny by the rating services and investors," Pavia said. "Each member's faith can best be shown in the project's financial feasibility by its issuance of general obligation bonds."

Arlington Heights already has given tentative approval to the plan, and Palatine and Wheeling will review it before the commission meets Thursday night to decide whether to approve it.

Village board wrapup

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Trustees approve sewer system study

Wheeling trustees approved a \$79,500 study designed to evaluate and recommend improvements in the village's sewer system. Pending approval by the federal government, village officials will use a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which will pay 75 percent of the cost. That will make the village's share slightly less than \$20,000.

Money OK'd for cable TV aid

Spending another \$1,000 to receive additional aid from the cable television consultants serving the Northwest suburbs was approved by the village board. The Northwest Municipal Conference has asked all of its members to chip in three extra money to hire the consulting firm, Malarkey, Taylor and Associates, to assist in choosing a cable TV firm from the towns' top three choices. The towns already have chipped in \$1,500 for the consulting firm, but village finance director Gregory Peters said the additional \$1,000 "is a 'not to exceed figure.'" The final cost may be less, he said.

\$9,500 extra for roof repair study

An additional \$9,500 will be spent to hire a Wheeling firm to determine what repairs may be necessary on the roof at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd. Village Mgr. Thomas Markus said the roof on the older portion of the municipal complex, constructed in 1968, may have sustained some structural damage from the heavy snow that blanketed the area two winters ago.

Jones to youth commission

Village trustees confirmed the appointment of Stephen Jones, a student at St. Joseph the Worker school, to the village youth commission. The appointment was made by Village Pres. William Hein, who also asked for the removal of Robin Weiss from the appearance commission because Weiss had failed to attend six consecutive meetings and a letter written by Hein was returned as "undeliverable." Board members approved Hein's request.

Look at accident

WHEELING—The investigation into the handling of a November traffic accident is continuing.

Attorney Robert DiLeonardi says he has interviewed several police officers and has scheduled additional interviews regarding a traffic accident that involved Greg Stavros, nephew of former Wheeling Democratic committeeman James Stavros.

The investigation came following alleged questionable handling of the accident by police officers because the Stavros name was mentioned.

James Stavros has a history of political clout in the village and some officers may be concerned about mishandling a case in which the Stavros family might be involved.

Stavros is allegedly a friend of Wheeling Village Board President William H. Hein.

REPORTEDLY, OFFICERS responding to the accident went from the regular Wheeling Police communica-

tions to another. Communications between two officers allegedly include comments that the accident should "be handled with kid gloves," because of the possible Stavros connection.

The accident occurred on Dundee Road just west of the Village Hall. It was reported to police that young Stavros' car allegedly cut another vehicle off, forcing it off the road. The following accident injured two people.

Witnesses took a license number which was traced to a vehicle owned by Stavros. Police arrested Stavros at his Prospect Heights home.

ACCORDING TO DILEONARDI the target date for finishing the investigation is the end of this month. Ideally, he added, he would like to complete it before then.

Once completed, he says he will turn over a confidential report to Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Costs building up

WHEELING — Additional construction costs could run about \$100,000 for work on the roof of the Wheeling Municipal building.

The village board Monday, Jan. 19, approved an engineering consultant's fee of not more than \$9,500 for a structural analysis of the office area of the municipal building.

Instead of working on a 10 percent contractual basis, T.W. Davidson and

Associates will work on a flat fee. Village Manager Tom Markus told the board that Village Attorney David Epstein pointed out that a flat rate eliminated the incentive to over design.

Markus said the additional construction was due mainly to the heavy snows of the winter of 1979. The computer room, village manager's office, and finance director's office will be under study because of "roof problems."

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Lottery to set ballot position for Hein, Schultz

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

The two slates expected to clash in the Wheeling Village Board contest April 7 raced to village hall Monday, forcing a lottery to determine whether incumbent Village Pres. William Hein or his rival, Trustee Sheila Schultz, will head the ballot.

Members of Schultz's Wheeling Upward Party and Hein's Pro-Wheeling Party arrived at village hall to file their petitions before its 8 a.m. opening, said Village Clerk Alberta Klocke.

She said the lottery for ballot position will be at least a week after the filing deadline Monday.

Hein is seeking his second term as village president. His running mates are incumbent Trustee Roger Powers, Plan Comr. Rickey Arment and Marilyn Minter, chairman of the village appearance commission, all of whom are seeking four-year terms on the village board. Judith Abruscato is the Pro-Wheeling group's candidate for village clerk.

Schultz, a trustee since 1979, is heading the ticket that includes former Trustee William Rogers, Plan Comr.

Joseph Ratajczak and James Goetsch, an unsuccessful trustee candidate four years ago. Elizabeth Hartman is running for village clerk.

IN THE RACE for two seats on the Wheeling Park Board, four of the six declared candidates filed petitions Monday. Incumbent Park Comr. Frank Schnaitmann and resident Russell Baker both filed for the six-year term on the board. Gene Kavanagh, a member of the village municipal relations commission, and Donald Lark, husband of Lorraine Lark, who died last year with four years remaining in her term,

both filed for Mrs. Lark's unexpired term.

Neither of the two groups seeking nine Wheeling Township offices filed their petitions Monday. The nine candidates backed by the Wheeling Township Republican Organization automatically are assured of heading the ballot because established political parties are guaranteed that privilege. Trustee candidate Hubert Sommerfeld said he is not sure when the slate would file, adding the matter is being handled by the organization's leaders, many of whom are attending Ronald Reagan's inauguration in Washington

today.

Meanwhile, the six incumbent Republican office-holders and their three running mates, who call themselves the Government of People slate, said they plan to file their petitions later this week.

The official party-backed ticket, led by township supervisor candidate Phil

Rogers, is composed mainly of political newcomers who have worked for the party. The incumbent Republicans, who bolted party ranks after Canfield proposed limiting participation in the caucus to dues-paying members, are headed by incumbent Township Trustee Ruth Grundberg, who is seeking the supervisor's post.

Developer seeks annex approval

1-17-81 Herald

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

Wheeling developer Lambert Domas is asking village officials to annex a half-acre parcel he owns on the village's west side to remedy a problem he apparently created by making an illegal sewer connection last year.

Domas has asked village officials to annex the parcel, at 624 S. Elmhurst Rd., in unincorporated Wheeling Township. One house is on the site, which Domas rents to two tenants.

Village Mgr. Thomas Markus said Domas, apparently attempting to bypass a failing septic system, connected sewer lines from his property into the village's sewer system without permission last fall.

WHEN VILLAGE officials learned

of the illegal connection, Domas was issued a citation and subsequently fined by a Cook County judge. Markus said he temporarily ordered his staff to block the illegal connection.

He rescinded that order less than two weeks later after officials from the Cook County Health Dept. complained the property was without sewer service. At that time, Domas requested the property be annexed to the village, which is the only way he could legally receive village sewer and water service, because a village ordinance prohibits non-residents from receiving sewer and water service.

Domas and his partner, Thomas Popke, are the owners of an 11-acre parcel that was the subject of a controversial rezoning more than two years ago. Over the objections of residents

who lived next to the parcel, located near Strong and Milwaukee avenues, the land was rezoned from single to multi-family. Three trustees opposed the plan by Popke and Domas to build what was then a 144-unit condominium project, but Village Pres. William Hein cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the rezoning.

Now the village is considering buying about two acres of that parcel for a federally funded \$1.2 million center for senior citizens and handicapped persons. The land presently is being appraised in conjunction with Wheeling's downtown redevelopment project, which also includes housing for the elderly and an emergency clinic.

MARKUS SAID he is recommending in favor of the annexation, which will

be considered by the village board Monday night. He said there is no need to reject the proposal "just to be spiteful — what good would that do? Maybe this is one way to control the destiny of the property." Markus is recommending that the property, which is mostly surrounded by the village, be annexed under the village's most restrictive zoning classification.

However, Trustee Sheila Schultz, who was not on the village board at the time of the Popke-Domas rezoning but is allied with the trustees who opposed it, said she is unsure of how she will vote on the matter.

"He (Domas) is really putting the staff and the board in a very difficult position, and I resent being put in that position. It's the same old game," she said.

Preliminary
OK given on
annexation
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Wheeling officials have given their preliminary approval to annexation of a half-acre parcel owned by Wheeling developer Lambert Domas to remedy a problem he apparently created by making an illegal sewer connection last year.

Although the measure was approved unanimously, some trustees said they were "upset" about annexing the property to bail Domas out of his sewer problems. He had asked village officials to annex the parcel, 624 S. Elmhurst Rd., which is in unincorporated Wheeling Township. One house is on the site, which Domas rents to two tenants.

Trustee Charles Kerr requested the annexation ordinance be displayed at village hall until the next village board meeting, when trustees would give the measure final approval. "I just want to think about it for a couple of weeks," he said. "This thing kind of upsets me a little."

Village Mgr. Thomas Markus said the illegal connections were spotted last fall after Domas, apparently attempting to bypass a faulty septic system, constructed sewer lines from his property into the village's sewer system without permission.

WHEN THE VIOLATIONS were spotted, Domas was issued a citation and subsequently fined by a Cook County judge. Markus had temporarily ordered the illegal sewer connection blocked, but relented when the Cook County Health Dept. complained that the renters would be without sewer service.

Under questioning from Trustee John Cole, Domas said the illegal connections were a result of a "misunderstanding." Domas said he had assumed he was connecting onto sewer systems that were under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Sanitary District, and he did not need the village's permission.

A village ordinance prohibits non-residents from receiving village sewer and water service. Markus had recommended in favor of the annexation because the occupants of the house would suffer from the lack of sewer service because of Domas' mistake. Also, he argued that by annexing the land, the village could retain "control of the property."

Markus recommended the property, which is mostly surrounded by the village, be annexed under the village's most restrictive zoning classification.

Domas and his partner, Thomas Popke, are the owners of an 11-acre parcel that was the subject of a controversial rezoning two years ago. Over the objections of Cole, Kerr and Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, the land was rezoned from single- to multi-family use. The developers then said they wanted to build 144 condominiums on the site.

Buffalo Grove rethinks water plan

1-22-81 Herald

by Gordon Walek

Herald staff writer

Although their decision is not expected until next month, Buffalo Grove trustees, who last summer unanimously agreed to buy Lake Michigan water from Chicago, now are "leaning" toward joining Arlington Heights, Palatine and Wheeling in building a water pipeline to Evanston.

The village last August reaffirmed its longstanding support for a water pipeline to Chicago and agreed to join Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Hanover Park and Streamwood in the Northwest Suburban Water System — formerly Venture — to construct a pipeline to O'Hare International Airport.

But the Chicago City Council's decision to increase the wholesale rate it charges towns for water from 47 cents to 69 cents per 1,000 gallons is causing village officials to reconsider an Evanston hookup.

PUBLIC WORKS Director Gregory Boysen estimates the Chicago water increase will result in a cost of about \$1.55 per each 1,000 gallons of water Buffalo Grove purchases, compared with about \$1.23 for water from Evanston.

"I think the figures we have undeniably state it will be cheaper to go with Evanston," said Trustee Stephen Stone. "If we were talking about a small amount of dollars, that would be another story, but we'll be buying 2.5 million gallons of water a day and that's big money. Chicago really threw a monkey wrench into the deal."

Trustee Bobbie O'Reilly said she is leaning toward supporting the Evanston group — known as the Northwest Water Commission — not only because of the recent Chicago rate hike, but also because of the political unpredictability of the city.

"Even if the cost was close, politically we would be in a hazardous position," she said. "Every four years we might have a problem with water rate increases."

AND TRUSTEE Elliott Hartstein said he is inclined to favor the Northwest Water Commission "simply because of the financial consideration. Our intention is to get water in the most effective for the village and it ap-

Pipeline financing debated

Officials from the suburbs planning to build an \$80 million pipeline to Evanston differed Wednesday on whether property taxes should be used to help finance the construction work.

The financial consultant to the Northwest Water Commission has recommended that the three member towns — Arlington Heights, Wheeling and Palatine — borrow a total of \$15 million through tax-backed general obligation bonds. If water rates were raised enough to cover the bond payments, however, the towns would not actually have to use the taxing power.

The rest of the work would be financed by a \$65-million revenue bond issue that would be repaid only with the money paid by water customers.

CONSULTANT RICHARD Pavia of Duff and Phelps, Speer & Co., said the tax-backed bonds would carry lower interest rates and would assure the financial world that local officials had confidence in their own plans. If the towns used property tax money to repay the bonds, he said, the cost of building the pipeline would be shared by the owners of vacant property who do not pay water bills.

Most local officials agreed Wednesday that using general obligation bonds would reduce the interest payments but disagreed on whether the loans should be repaid with property taxes.

Buffalo Grove Village Mgr. William Balling said one advantage to a property tax increase is that homeowners would be able to deduct their tax payments from the federal income tax bill. Water bills, by contrast, are not deductible.

"**WE'RE REVIEWING** both options," Balling said. "I like the idea of raising the tax because it results in less money paid for water by residential users. And I like the idea of general obligation bonds because they will yield a lower interest rate."

Buffalo Grove Trustee Bobbie O'Reilly also said she likes the tax deductible feature of raising property taxes to pay off the bonds but added that homeowners in the Lake County section of the village, whose property is generally assessed higher than that in the Cook County section, might end up paying a disproportionate share.

But Buffalo Grove Trustee John Marienthal thinks other avenues should be explored before raising any taxes to pay for a water system. "I think the water issue should be kept separate and we shouldn't use our general obligation power

to pay for it," he said. "What would happen if the village defaulted?"

Arlington Heights Village Mgr. L.A. Hanson said the village would not actually use property taxes to repay the loan unless "worse comes to worse" and would instead raise its water rates to cover the loan payments.

HANSON SAID he is not convinced by the arguments for using property taxes. "I don't know that we have that much vacant property," he said, and financial experts "sometimes overplay" the advantages of the tax deduction.

Arlington Heights Trustee Frank Palmatier agreed. "I don't believe we should use tax money to finance the project," he said. "It's much more equitable to raise all the funds from water revenue."

Arlington Heights Trustee Martin Cawley, however, said he believes water revenue should pay for the largest share of bringing lake water to the village but said the tax rate might have to be increased slightly.

In Palatine, Village Mgr. Anton Harwig Wednesday said he does not know how his village will raise its share of the start-up costs.

"Palatine is unique because of other financing considerations," he said. "We will meet our part of the program but the manner has not been determined."

HARWIG HAS warned residents to expect their water rates to be as much as four times higher while the pipes are being laid.

Wheeling Village Mgr. Thomas Markus, a **DAMP** commissioner, said Wheeling officials have not decided how they would want to finance their portion of the project cost.

"We may not have to issue general obligation bonds," he said. "The instrument (for financing) is a local option."

The consultants recommended that the start-up costs of \$8 million be divided between the towns in proportion to their water allocations granted recently by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

If only the current member towns participated in the pipeline venture, Arlington Heights would pay \$3.7 million, Palatine would pay \$3 million and Wheeling would pay \$1.3 million.

However, if Buffalo Grove joined the water group, Arlington Heights would pay \$3.1 million, Palatine would pay \$2.5 million, Wheeling would pay a little more than \$1.1 million and Buffalo Grove would pay about \$1.3 million.

pears the Northwest Water Commission will be the least expensive."

If Buffalo Grove joins the commission, the cost of building a pipeline to the four towns will be about \$82.5 million, according to Duff and Phelps, Speer & Co., a financial consultant for the group. A comparable pipeline built by the Northwest Suburban System to Chicago would cost about \$100 million.

Duff and Phelps, Speer & Co. has

proposed a financial plan whereby the villages would borrow about \$17 million in tax-backed general obligation bonds for the early stages of the work and the remainder in revenue bonds to be paid off by water users. The consultant recommends Arlington Heights, Wheeling, Palatine and Buffalo Grove float \$8 million in general obligation bonds this spring to begin initial phases of construction.

"We don't have the luxury of time anymore," Stone said, noting both water systems need a commitment from the village within the next month. "We'll just have to go within the next month. We'll just have to take the best shot we have at the moment."

Trustees will discuss their water options in a workshop session Monday at village hall.

Wheeling agrees to fee of \$1,000 for consultant

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Pipe

WHEELING — The Wheeling board agreed to the Northwest Municipal Conference request for \$1,000 for a consultant to help select the finalist among the top three cable firms.

Fees paid to the firm of Malarky Taylor, consultants will be reimbursed to the village, by the cable television company which receives the franchise from the village.

Warner/Amex, Cablevision of Chicago, and Cablenet were the three top firms selected Saturday, Jan. 17. Finance Director Gregory Peters suggested Monday, the board go along with hiring the consultant.

Trustee Roger Powers said the

NWMC determined Saturday, that when the "ball park began emptying, the final three might make claims that are not technically possible." He suggested that Malarky Taylor sit in on the final phase.

Total cost of the consulting firm's additional service was estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000, according to Peters. Elk Grove and Palatine have selected a cable company, but the rest of the suburbs are still in, Peters said. "I don't know if everyone agrees on the same company though," he added.

THE BOARD is not risking any taxpayers money, Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld reiterated. "It is to be sure we

are getting what we should be getting."

Since the program began in the spring of 1979, "it has been a long run," Peters said. "I don't think we would have as good a system on our own as with the regional plan," Peters added.

Taking part in the council request does not preclude the village from going on their own, Powers mentioned.

For the most part, Wheeling and other communities in the NWMC have followed the Malarky Taylor consulting firm's recommendations for a regional or sub-regional cable television system.

200 sign

1-22-81 Life

Petition asks for Palwaukee referendum

By JUNE STEWART
Correspondent

WHEELING — Petitions bearing 200 signatures and requesting a referendum on the purchase of Palwaukee Airport were presented to the Wheeling Village Board, Monday, Jan. 19.

John Whitman, president of a citizen's action group called CAAG, said the petitions with 200 signatures were from the people who opposed public ownership of the airport. He requested the question of public ownership of the airport be placed on the April 1981 ballot in the form of a referendum.

However, according to Village Attorney David Epstein, the petitions may not be legally sufficient to directly place a public policy question on the ballot. Epstein said that he had to look into the matter further, because he did not have a chance to study the petitions.

Whether the petitions legally state the question, whether they had been notarized, and whether the 200 signatures are sufficient according to Illinois law are areas on which Epstein will have to give his opinion to Village Manager Tom Markus, he said.

THE PETITIONS were accepted

by the board as submitted, according to Village President William Hein. Wheeling and Prospect Heights are awaiting a final environmental impact study before any decisions are made on the airport, Hein said.

Trustees John Cole, Charles Kerr, and Sheila Schultz called the citizen's group petitions "premature," and asked how the voters could make a decision without all of the information.

"If the board doesn't think we have enough information on the public purchase of the airport, how can the voters make the decision?" Kerr asked. All of the board members said they would consider them. "We will certainly take them into consideration, and hopefully they are done in a correct manner," said Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld.

Whitman said the question of public purchase of Palwaukee should be a major issue at this April's election. He called the airport "bigger business than Wheeling."

"It is our conviction that the purchase of Palwaukee should be a public decision and not the trustees' decision," Whitman continued. "There is too much potential for financial loss."

BEFORE WHITMAN presented the petitions, Epstein reported to the board that the annexation petition suit by the Prospect Heights homeowners objecting to Wheeling's annexation of the northern half of the airport was dismissed. He said the court decided the homeowners did not have the legal right to challenge the annexation.

However, a separate lawsuit has been filed by the city of Prospect Heights and not the petitioners. Epstein called the new lawsuit, Palwaukee Two, and said the case should come up in March.

The Park Ridge consulting firm of Ralph Burke and Associates was hired in 1979 to undertake a three-phase study of Palwaukee Airport. After phase one of the federal, state, and locally-funded study had been completed, and determined public ownership of the airport was feasible, the consulting firm reported on phase two, which included plans for expansion under public ownership.

Expansion of the airport under public ownership is required to bring the airport up to Federal Aeronautics Agency requirements. A privately-owned airport need not adhere to FAA rules and regulations.

Stage appears set for April village elections

1-22-81 Life

BARRING ANY LAST minute candidates, the stage is set for the April village election.

Both slates for the election filed their petitions, at the same time, in Village Clerk Alberta Klocke's office Monday, Jan. 19. It was the first day of filing under the new consolidated election law.

Filing for the race were incumbent Village Board President Bill Hein's Pro-Wheeling party and Sheila Schultz's Wheeling Upward party.

Hein's slate include himself as candidate for president, Judy Abrusca-

to village clerk candidate and Roger A. Powers, Rickey Ament and Marilyn Minter as candidates for trustee. Only Powers and Hein are incumbents.

SCHULTZ'S SLATE is made up of Schultz as candidate for president; Elizabeth Hartman, village clerk candidate and William A. Rogers, Joseph Ratajczak and James Goetch as candidates for trustees.

Schultz is currently a member of the Village Board. Ratajczak is a member of the Wheeling Plan Commission.

Since both slates filed at the same

time, Klocke must have a lottery to determine position of the candidates on the April 7 ballot.

That lottery, she says, is to be held 15 days after the last date of filing. That date is Monday, Jan. 26.

If the number of signatures on the nominating petitions is significant, it is Schultz's slate that might have the most response in the early stages of the race.

According to Klocke, The Wheeling Upward party recorded about 960 signatures on their petitions while the Pro-Wheeling party turned in petitions totaling just about 255 names.

OK funding

WHEELING — The Wheeling Village Board approved a grant application for the sewer system evaluation survey at a regular meeting Jan. 19.

In the request for a grant under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations, the village's cost is estimated at \$19,875, or 25 percent of the \$79,501 project.

Wheeling is eligible for the grant under EPA regulations because Wheeling sewers connect to the Metropolitan Sanitary District, and exceed the MSD's requirement for collection of wastes.

The phase 1B of the program will include an internal inspection of the system, identify infiltration, and inflow sources, and find a cost effective plan of rehabilitation, according to Robert Fiakowski, administrative assistant.

In another department, Director of Operations Bob Gray noted the engineering for the water drainage and when the engineering is finalized, within the next couple of months, the Department of Community Development plans to sit down with the Illinois Department of Transportation and see where IDOT stands, Gray said.

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NORTHWEST WHEELING

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Water group hits Buffalo Grove delay

by Debbie Absher

Herald staff writer

The Northwest Water Commission says it can't wait any longer for Buffalo Grove officials to decide where they want to buy Lake Michigan water and is drawing up plans to finance an \$80 million pipeline without the village.

The commission — made up of Arlington Heights, Palatine and Wheeling — has approved a finance plan and a pipeline route that excludes Buffalo Grove. However, members said they would change both to accommodate Buffalo Grove if village officials decided soon to join the group.

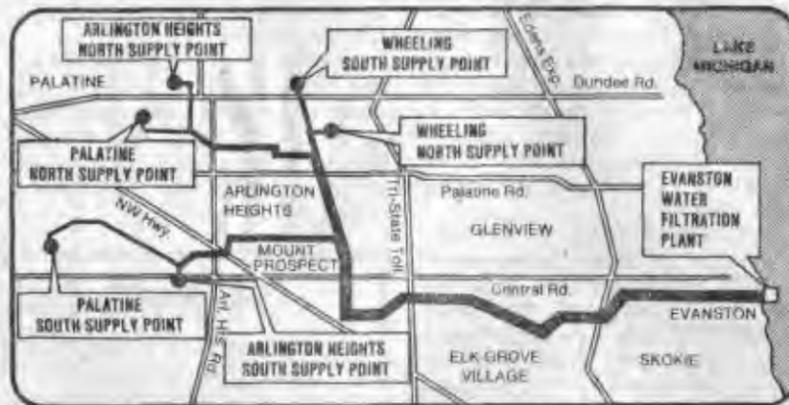
"I don't want to be held up five minutes longer because Buffalo Grove can't make up their minds," said Palatine Village Pres. Robert Guss. "They're big boys. Let's just go without them. I'd love to have them as members, but I don't want to be held up any more."

Buffalo Grove trustees last summer voted to join Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Hanover Park and Streamwood in the Northwest Suburban Water System — a group formerly called Venture — to construct a \$100 million pipeline to Chicago.

BUT AFTER THE Chicago City Council decided to increase the wholesale rate it charges towns for water from 47 cents to 69 cents per 1,000 gallons, Buffalo Grove officials said they may withdraw from Venture and join the Evanston-pipeline group, formerly called DAMP.

Buffalo Grove officials, who long had supported the Chicago-pipeline group, had said they would make a decision earlier this week, but now say it will take them several more weeks.

"They keep pushing it back," Guss said. "All through this whole thing of water we've listened to Buffalo Grove tiptoe through the tulips and putting their toe in our water. I sat on the Venture group and I never saw them join for 2½ years and saw them straddle the fence even when they had no other alternative."



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by the commission to design the pipeline, told the commission it could save \$3.2 million on the project cost by laying a major part of the pipeline along Commonwealth Edison property.

COMMISSIONERS UNANIMOUSLY approved the proposed route if the utility will settle on an "agreeable" price for easement rights. Appraisers for both sides will study the route and determine the value of those rights.

The route runs from the City of Evanston Water Plant through public property to Commonwealth Edison property just east of the Edens Expressway at Golf Road. The pipeline continues westerly to the utility's property at Central Road in Des Plaines, where a major reservoir and booster pump station will be located.

The pipeline then branches north and west into three supply lines — one from Central Road in Des Plaines to north of Dundee Road, another from Central Road to north of Harper Junior College in Palatine, and the third from Harper to Palatine High School.

The commission said if Buffalo Grove can't make a decision in the next few weeks, the village would have to be a customer instead of a partner if it still wanted Evanston water.

Buffalo Grove Village Mgr. William Balling said he had thought his village's timetable for making a decision was "compatible" with the commission.

HE SAID village officials will complete their "re-investigation" of joining the commission "sometime in February."

"It's an important issue," he said. "It's not to be perceived lightly."

Because it wants to "go to the market" by March 15 to sell bonds for the first phase of financing, the commission approved a finance plan for only the three current member communities with the understanding that it could be changed if Buffalo Grove joined before then.

The finance plan calls for the first \$8 million of the project to be obtained from general obligation bonds issued by the three member communities based on their recent water allocations from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

The plan by the commission's financial consultants, Duff and Phelps, Speer & Co. of Chicago, recommends that a combination of \$15 million in

general obligation bonds and \$65 million in water revenue bonds be used to provide the \$80 million to repay the initial borrowing, finance the system's construction, provide debt service reserves and fund the commission's early operation.

Engineering consultants from Consoer Townsend Inc. of Chicago, hired

Hein, Schultz to square off as filing ends

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by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

No new candidates surfaced as filing closed Monday, leaving incumbent Wheeling Village Pres. William Hein facing his long-time political foe, Trustee Sheila Schultz, for a four-year term in the president's seat.

There were no surprises in Wheeling Township either, as the two warring factions of the Republican Party both filed their petitions Monday for nine township offices.

And in the contest for the Wheeling Park Board, three residents are seeking to fill the unexpired four-year term created by the death of Park Comr. Lorraine Lark. Two others, including the incumbent, will battle for a six-year term on the park board.

A lottery will be within the next two weeks to determine whether Hein, who is seeking a second term, or Schultz, who has been a trustee since 1979, will head the ballot.

JOINING SCHULTZ on her Wheeling Upward Party slate is former Trustee William Rogers, Plan Comr. Joseph Ratajczak and James Goetsch, an unsuccessful candidate for the village board four years ago. Elizabeth Hartman is WUP's candidate for clerk.

Hein's running mates on the Pro-Wheeling Party slate include incumbent Trustee Roger Powers, Plan Comr. Riekey Ament and Marilyn Minter, chairman of the village appearance commission. Judith Abrusca is the party's candidate for village clerk.

Three residents will vie for the seat vacated by Mrs. Lark, who died last September after serving eight of her 13 years on the park board as president. They include Mrs. Lark's husband, Donald; Gene Kavanagh, a member of the village municipal relations commission; and Fred Leu, a member of the Wheeling Athletic Assn.

Seeking a six-year term is incumbent Comr. Frank Schnaitmann, who

has served on the park board since 1974. He will be opposed by Russell Baker, a manufacturing engineer for Crane Packing Co., Morton Grove.

A SIXTH PROSPECTIVE park board candidate, Wheeling police Detective Edward Theriault, decided against challenging a department rule that prohibits police officers from running for public office.

Heading the township ballot will be nine candidates who have won the backing of the Wheeling Township Republican Organization. They are led by Phil Rogers, of Arlington Heights, a sales executive for Annen Busse Realtors. Rogers is seeking the post of township supervisor.

Battling the organization for the township posts is the "Government of People" slate — six incumbent office holders and three of their allies who bolted party ranks following a dispute with Republican committeeman Eloise Canfield.

THE MAVERICK Republicans are led by incumbent Township Trustee Ruth Grundberg, who will oppose Rogers for the supervisor's post. Also seeking re-election are incumbent Assessor Frennd Yonkers, Highway Comr. Arthur Olsen, Collector Cheryl Winstead and trustees John Gilligan and David Wiltse. Margo Stewart of Mount Prospect and Jerry Sadler of Arlington Heights, two political newcomers, are running for township trustee, and Connie Peters of Arlington Heights is seeking the clerk's position.

Rogers' running mates include former Deputy Assessor Dolores Stephan, who is seeking to defeat Yonkers, the man who fired her several months ago. Paula Ulreich is running for clerk, Tom Gillis for highway commissioner and Harley Cannon for collector. The trustee candidates are Wheeling Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, Buffalo Grove Park District Pres. John Ayres, Lou Muno and Byron Jackson.

All township offices carry four-year terms.

Hein says foe might have job 'conflict'

1-23-81

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village Pres. William Hein Thursday said Trustee Sheila Schultz, his opponent in the race for village president, "might have an apparent conflict" because she has voted on zoning matters involving the Indian Trails Library, where she is employed.

Hein, angered because Schultz "keeps taking her case to the media" concerning conflicts between his role as liquor commissioner and the fact that his parents hold two liquor licenses, questioned Thursday whether she should have voted on issues involving the library district.

"She's a public official. She has political influence," Hein said, complaining that Schultz "is trying to be judge and jury" on his role as liquor commissioner.



William Hein



Sheila Schultz

Schultz, who heads the library's circulation department, denied there was any conflict, saying she sought three separate legal opinions on the matter and then voted on only one matter involving the library district anyway.

She voted in October 1979 in favor of

granting preliminary approval of a permit to allow the district to build a new library on Schoenbeck Road.

SCHULTZ ADMITTED there were a few raised eyebrows over her decision to vote and she decided to abstain in future votes involving the library "to

avoid the appearance of conflict."

She said three attorneys — from the library district, the village and her personal lawyer — assured her there was no conflict of interest, but "people don't always understand" that the village and the library district are independent governmental agencies.

Hein said he had no suggestions on what Schultz should do to remove herself from the possible conflict of interest. "I don't know. I'm not an expert. She's claiming she's an expert on conflicts," he said.

But Schultz said Hein's only option to resolving his liquor license problem is to "resign from office — unless there's another option I haven't heard of."

Hein's comment came shortly after Schultz, a long-time political foe of Hein, suggested board members discuss next Monday changing its liquor

laws so all trustees, and not just Hein, act as liquor commissioners. That ordinance was proposed more than two years ago by another of Hein's rivals, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld.

AT THE TIME, Sommerfeld said the new law, modeled after one in Palatine, would remove any "political overtones" from decisions on liquor licenses Hein might make. Sommerfeld's suggestion was rejected when Hein controlled a majority of the board, but when Hein tried to force the issue several months ago, Schultz and her supporters refused to act.

Hein has said Schultz was sitting on the new law to collect material for her campaign. Thursday, he said her call for a discussion of the issue was designed to keep the matter in the limelight.

"Why doesn't she just file charges if she's so adamant about it?" Hein said.

"That's something I'm considering," was all Schultz would say.

The two candidates did agree, however that Monday night's discussion on whether the board and not just Hein should serve as liquor commissioners will not change Hein's situation, but for two different reasons.

"I have no conflict at the present time, nor will I have any conflict in the future," Hein said, noting that he did not issue the liquor licenses to his parents, but only renewed them.

Schultz, however, maintained that Hein will still have conflicting interests even if he becomes only one member of a seven-member liquor commission. "I don't see all that big a difference," she said.

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Board to handle liquor

Wheeling trustees Monday informally agreed to take control of the issuance and suspension of liquor licenses from Village Pres. William Hein, whose parents hold two liquor licenses.

Under a proposed law, all the board members and not just Hein would serve as liquor commissioners.

However, trustees focused their discussion on technical matters like the wording and the means of enforcing the ordinance, modeled after one in Palatine.

Left undiscussed was the fact that Hein's parents own two liquor licenses, and charges leveled against Hein of a conflict of interest since his election as village president in 1977.

The controversy also has been an issue during Hein's re-election campaign this year. His rival, Trustee Sheila Schultz, has said the only way for Hein to remove himself from a conflict is to resign from office.

BOTH HEIN and Schultz have agreed the new law, expected to be approved next month, will not change Hein's situation, but for different reasons.

Hein opposed the change when it was proposed more than two years ago by another of his rivals, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld. Hein has maintained there is no conflict of interest because he only renews his parents' liquor licenses, a routine procedure.

But Schultz says Hein has a conflict even when sitting as one member of a seven-member panel. He in turn has accused Schultz of having an apparent conflict of interest because she voted last year on a zoning matter involving the Indian Trails Library District, for whom she works.

Under the new law, Village Mgr. Thomas Markus will be given the authority to temporarily shut down a bar or restaurant for liquor law violations prior to the hearing, which would be conducted by the soon-to-be-created liquor commission.

1-28-81 TOPICS

SCHULTZ OUTLINES PLANKS

Wheeling Upward Party's platform was announced last week by village president hopeful Sheila Schultz.

IN A PREPARED report Schultz said WUP's goal is to "serve the people of Wheeling as independent officials, worthy of trust, free from conflict of interest." She further stated her party members, if elected to various village posts, would "not (be) obligated to special interest, mindful of individual needs as well as the good of the community, and dedicated to the fulfillment of our commitments."

SHE ALSO SAID her party's members would attempt to "instill a feeling of pride in the citizens of Wheeling...solidify professionalism in management...and actively participate in regional planning in a spirit of cooperation with neighboring communities."

SCHULTZ IS attempting to unseat incumbent village president William Hein. He recently filed his nominating petition for reelection.



SCHULTZ

Hein, Schultz Parties File

Two political parties have filed slates of candidates for the Tuesday, Apr. 7 Village of Wheeling elections.

Village president William Hein, 138 Berkshire Dr. heads the Pro Wheeling Party. Hein will be seeking another term as village president. Judith Abruscato, 125 Wayne Lne. is running for village clerk. Incumbent Roger Powers, 897 Rose Lne.; Marilyn Minter, 953 Wilshire Dr. and Ricky Ament, 392 Elm Dr. are also

slated for trustee posts in Hein's party.

The Wheeling Upward Party will challenge the Pro Wheeling Party. Its candidates slated are: Sheila Schultz, 393 Meadow Brook Lne., president; Elizabeth Hartman, 159 St. Arman Lne., village clerk; William Rogers, 116 S. Wolf Rd., trustee; J.W. Ratajczak, 312 Renee Terr. trustee; and James Goetech, 382 Sunset Lne., trustee.

DAILY HERALD 1-28-81

Milwaukee Avenue cleanup starts

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Wheeling police and building inspectors will be spending the next few months visiting about 300 businesses and homes along Milwaukee Avenue in an effort to clean up the area village officials have targeted for a major facelift.

And although the inspectors will be looking for violations of local litter and safety laws, there will be no massive ticket-writing efforts at first. "We're looking for voluntary compliance," said Sgt. Jack Kimsey, head of the police department's traffic and ordinance enforcement division.

Kimsey and Thomas Fennell, building and zoning administrator, head a task force assigned to spend about 12

hours a week visiting businesses on the two-mile stretch of Milwaukee Avenue, from Wheeling's southern border to Lake-Cook Road.

ALREADY, KIMSEY said, about 300 property owners have been notified in writing of the village's campaign to correct "the unfortunate impression of our village" a motorist passing through Wheeling on Milwaukee Avenue might get.

The inspectors will be looking for violations that contribute to the run-down appearance on some stretches of Milwaukee Avenue — overflowing garbage dumpsters, litter, debris and abandoned vehicles.

Some of the violations that must be corrected are the type that cannot be made until the spring thaw — such as the repaving of a parking lot, Kimsey

said.

"Primarily, what we're trying to do is clean the area up," he said, adding that many of the property owners are not aware of all village laws. Village officials are trying to solve the problem through a "cooperative effort" rather than writing tickets, he said.

BUT PLANS for a major facelift, which could include the razing of numerous old buildings that dot Milwaukee Avenue, have been temporarily delayed, Fennell said.

A 16-year-old law requires that all buildings constructed before 1940 either conform with current building codes or be demolished at the expense of the owner. Technically, the village could have started razing some of the older buildings as of Jan. 1.

But Fennell said he is delaying an inventory of pre-1940 buildings in the village because the portion of the village's zoning code that calls for compliance or demolition is being revised.

"Let's face it, enforcement is going to be fairly tricky," Fennell said.

Plans for the Milwaukee Avenue corridor, extending from Manchester Avenue to Lake-Cook Road, include 100 rent-assisted apartments for the elderly, a center for senior citizens and handicapped persons, an emergency clinic and some type of commercial development.

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2-3-81 - Herald

Building permits decline steeply in '80

by Thomas J. Moore
Herald business writer

The number of building permits issued in the Northwest suburbs last year recovered slightly in the fourth quarter but still ended the year well below the level of the previous year.

Bell Federal Savings and Loan Assn. reported in its year-end Survey of Building that 15 Northwest suburbs issued 70 percent fewer building permits for new houses in 1980 than in 1979. The 1979 figures were no prize either, having tumbled 66 percent from the previous year.

The 15 municipalities from Des Plaines and Wheeling west that comprise the Northwest suburbs traditionally have placed among the housing leaders in the Chicago area, but

none of the communities were among the top 10 in 1980.

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN suburban communities, the total excluding unincorporated areas and the city of Chicago, issued 54.4 percent fewer building permits for single-family houses.

The steep decline in Northwest suburban building may have been brought about by the rapid growth experienced between 1975 and 1978, one local builder said.

The Northwest suburbs grew in the building boom years following the 1974-75 recession and attracted housing speculators as well as new residents, he said. High interest rates calmed the pace of house sales and a large stock of unsold houses has put a disproportionate slump in area build-

ing activity.

The communities hardest hit by the building slowdown are the ones that grew fastest in prior years. Schaumburg, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Elk Grove Village and Bartlett saw the number of permits issued plunge by 80 percent or more last year compared with 1979.

THE 15 NORTHWEST suburban communities issued 558 permits for new single-family houses last year, compared with 1,884 in 1979. The 1978 total was 5,569 permits.

Schaumburg remained the housing leader in the Northwest suburbs despite a 84.5 percent drop in the number of permits issued. The village issued 90 building permits in 1980, down from 591 in the previous year. The average value of the house rose to about

\$48,000 in Schaumburg from \$42,000 a year ago.

Although the average permit value rose in Schaumburg, other towns saw declines.

In Rolling Meadows, which saw the smallest decline in building permit activity at 10.5 percent, the average value fell to \$49,000 in 1980 from \$60,000 the year before. The number of permits issued in Rolling Meadows declined to 68 last year from 76 a year earlier, good enough to move into third place among area communities in building permit activity. In 1979, Rolling Meadows tied for ninth place among the 15 towns.

Builders of single-family houses in Hanover Park moved that community to second place from fifth among local towns although they took 22.5 percent

fewer permits in 1980. Hanover Park issued 79 building permits for houses last year, compared with 102 in 1979.

WHEELING KEPT ITS fourth-place position with 58 permits, down 55.4 percent from the 130 issued in 1979. Hoffman Estates lost ground among the housing leaders with a 62 percent decline in activity. The village finished the year fifth on the list with 55 permits in 1980, a fall from the 145 permits and third place a year earlier.

Buffalo Grove, which was second in 1979 with 292 permits, was well down the list at 31 permits last year, a decline of 89.4 percent.

Bartlett saw the largest percentage decline at 93.5 percent. The village issued only six building permits for houses last year, compared with 93 a year ago.

Other Northwest suburbs and their permit activity include:

Arlington Heights, 45, off 55.4 percent from 101 in the previous year; Des Plaines, seven, down 30 percent from 10; Elk Grove Village, 12, down 84 percent from 75; Inverness, 34, down 21 percent from 43.

Also, Mount Prospect, nine, down 89.2 percent from 83; Palatine, 24, off 47.8 percent 46; Prospect Heights, five, down 76.2 percent from 21; and Streamwood, 35, off 53.9 percent from 76.

Commercial construction generally was less affected by the building slowdown in 1980. Elk Grove Village even posted a gain in the total of all construction permits issued going from \$47.8 million worth of construction in 1979 to \$50.3 million last year.

THE DAILY HERALD

2-4-81

Judge rejects Hamer's suit against village

A five-year attempt by former Village Atty. Paul Hamer to collect almost \$700,000 in back pay and punitive damages from the village of Wheeling has failed, with a Cook County judge ruling in favor of the village on all counts.

Judge John Nordberg dismissed arguments by Hamer, who served as vil-

lage attorney from 1963 until his firing in July 1975. Hamer had contended he was illegally fired because his contract ran through April 1976.

Hamer, who now is village attorney in Brookfield, had asked the court for \$500,000 in punitive damages, \$125,000 in back pay and \$51,000 in "contractual damages." He could not be reached

for comment Tuesday on whether he will file an appeal.

Nordberg would not discuss the specifics of the five-year-old lawsuit, saying his decision will not be officially recorded for another 10 days. "Essentially, I ruled in favor of the defendants on all four counts," he said.

BUT VILLAGE Atty. David Epstein said the issue boiled down to the manner in which Hamer's four-year contract was approved in 1972. Although the village board then had the authority to hire and fire the village attorney, the matter was never voted on in a public session.

Board members and former Village

Mgr. George Passolt approved extending Hamer's contract in a closed session.

Hamer was fired shortly after a reform slate took control of the village board following a zoning scandal in Wheeling that saw four local and county officials convicted of extorting bribes from developers. Hamer was

not implicated in the scandal but was ousted in a housecleaning at village hall. Passolt, too, was fired that year.

Hamer was replaced by Chicago attorney John Burke, who was fired two years later and replaced by the village's present law firm of Jann, Carroll, Kruse, Sain and Dolin, Chicago.

Towns Say They May Buck NWMC

MULL NEW CABLE GROUP

2-4-81
TOPICS

Altho Cablenet Ltd. was selected last weekend by members of the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) to receive cable television franchises for 21 Northwest suburbs, 6 dissenting conference members may form their own cable TV system.

Representatives of NWMC member towns voted Saturday to

recommend that their municipalities enter into negotiations with the Canadian cable company. Each town must now individually approve Cablenet.

However, 6 towns that did not vote for Cablenet have indicated they may form a separate system with Warner-Amex Cable Corp., a New York cable network that

finished 2d in Saturday's balloting. Palatine has already entered into negotiations with Warner-Amex.

OFFICIALS FROM Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove and Rolling Meadows have said they still favor Warner-Amex, and may form their own system. Hoffman Estates has not indicated a preference, but may

split that town between Cablenet and Warner-Amex since north Hoffman Estates is closer to Palatine, while the southern part of the village is closer to Schaumburg, which favors Cablenet.

Arlington Hts., Des Plaines, Mt. Prospect and Park Ridge were among conference members that cast ballots for

Cablenet.

Both Warner and Cablenet offered 120 channels to subscribers. Cablenet has proposed a rate of \$15.85 a month, while Warner-Amex plans to charge \$17.65 for basic services. Options such as movie or sports channels, extra cable hook ups or 2-way "polling" devices would cost extra.

Liquor law change gets nod

A ordinance that would give all trustees, and not just Village Pres. William Hein, the authority to issue, suspend or revoke liquor licenses was given preliminary approval by the Wheeling Village Board.

The ordinance, modeled after one in Palatine, was proposed more than two years ago by one of Hein's rivals, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, who sought to remove any "political overtones" to any decisions Hein might make. Hein's parents own two liquor licenses.

Half-acre annexation gets final OK

Final approval was given to the annexation of a half-acre parcel owned by Wheeling developer Lambert Domas.

Domas had sought the annexation after village officials issued citations for illegally connected sewer lines from the house at 624 S. Elmhurst Rd., then in unincorporated Wheeling Township, to village sewer lines. A village ordinance prohibits non-residents from being served by village sewer or water systems.

Domas and his partner, Thomas Popke, are the owners of an 11-acre parcel near Strong and Milwaukee avenues upon which they originally proposed to build a 144-unit condominium project. Village officials now are considering buying about two acres of that parcel for a federally subsidized center for seniors and handicapped persons.

Library special permit approved

A special permit that will enable the Indian Trails Library to sell its building to a yet-to-be-determined developer was approved by the village board.

The "special use" was granted with the condition that the next and each subsequent user of the library building at 850 Jenkins Ct., be required to first obtain approval of the village board. Also, no more than 40 employees would be permitted if a business were to take over the building.

Library officials are trying to sell the building to help pay for their new \$2.1 million library on Schoenbeck Road, which is slated to open at the end of the month.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the proposal, however, saying the village was "giving (the library) something we don't give somebody else." He noted that the village plan commission had recommended against the special permit.

Non-resident panel members OK'd

Village trustees approved an ordinance that will allow a non-resident to remain on the village ethics board and one that will enable non-residents to serve as the Omni-House Youth Service Bureau liaison to the youth commission.

Board members say they normally are opposed to having non-residents serve on the commissions but acknowledge that Robert Hanson, who is vice president of a Wheeling business but lives in Northbrook, should not be forced to resign from the ethics board. Village officials neglected to check their existing ordinances when Hanson was appointed to the ethics board a few months ago.

Village officials also say they will consider making an exception to the residency rules of Omni-House, a Wheeling Township youth counseling agency, because none of the members of the Omni-House staff who work with Wheeling youth live in the village.

FEB 5, 1981
REMINDER

Wheeling says no to airport vote in April

The Wheeling village board refused to grant a petition Monday to citizens who wanted an April referendum vote on the purchase of the Palwaukee Airport. Board members said there was not enough information on the issue to pose a referendum question. A feasibility study on the possible acquisition of the airport has not been completed.

"When consideration of the airport becomes valid, I'd have no problem putting it up for referendum," Trustee Charles M. Kerr said.

The board also granted the Indian Trails

Library District a special use permit to permit business offices and professional offices in the formerly owned and operated public library. The library which plans a move to its new facilities, needed the permit so that it could rent the vacated building.

Trustee Robert E. Ross, who attended the recent Northwest Municipal Conference meeting on cable television, said he disagreed with the franchise choice of the majority. The board agreed to discuss cable television alternatives for Wheeling next Monday at a work session.

FEB 5, 1981 REMINDER

Picture this...we goofed

How well do you know your community?

If you are a resident who is lucky enough to be familiar with Milwaukee Avenue, then identifying the locations of the two mystery pictures that ran on page 13 last week must have been easy. If not, an explanation follows.

The pictures illustrated just two of the unsightly sites that the Wheeling police department and chamber of commerce are inspecting in their "Beautify Wheeling" campaign. Two of the sites inspected last Monday were the old

Wheeling Motel, and a junked car parked behind a garage. Both are on Milwaukee north of Dundee road.

Currently, inspection tours are being held on Milwaukee, though other streets in the "downtown" area may also be included. No citations have been given yet, though 300 unkept business properties have qualified for a polite "clean this mess up" letter.

Village officials say that the "owners' cooperation has been 100 per cent."

2-5-81
Reminder

Trustees still lean to Warner system

By SHERRY BOEMMEL

The Northwest Municipal Conference (NMC) voted for Cablenet, Inc. by a 12-5 vote, Saturday, but Buffalo Grove and the other four who favor Warner-Amex Cable Communications are discussing whether to form a sub-regional cable television system.

Trustee Stephen Stone, Buffalo Grove's representative to the NMC cable selection committee, said he was approached after the vote and asked to join discussions about a possible franchise with Warner-Amex. He said the villages Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows and Wheeling hope Palatine will join them. Palatine has already committed to Warner-Amex.

Stone asked the village board Monday for permission to participate in the discussions. Permission was given, but the board made no commitment and did not agree to abandon participation with the villages who chose Cablenet.

Stone said he was not sure why Cablenet was chosen since there was no discussion after the vote. He said he assumed it was because Cablenet offered 120 channels while Warner-Amex offered 54.

Cablenet was Buffalo Grove's second choice and top one of the two top companies in the NMC Malarkey-Taylor evaluation, but Warner-Amex was Buffalo Grove's first choice. Sommer and Stone both said Warner-Amex had a service history while similar Cablenet services were still on the drawing board. Cablenet's equipment is scheduled to be ready in the second quarter of 1982, they said.

"There is no question Warner was ahead in the ratings," Stone said describing the village cable committee's findings after the meeting. "I'm not saying Cablenet is a bad company," Stone said. "Cablenet is proposing a lot of things not fact yet," he said. "I would be surprised if there are no bugs in the system. It's going to be an experiment or test area. Why not go with a state of the art system which has already worked out the bugs and will give us a workable system from day one?" Stone asked.

Trustee Bobbie O'Reilly, who also served on the village cable committee, said consumers would end up paying for the 120 Cablenet channels.

She said, "120 now and for the foreseeable future are unnecessary." Sommer said Buffalo Grove preferred Warner all along. "We'd still like to pursue our first choice," Sommer said.

Hein retains liquor license authority

Wheeling Village President William H. Hein will retain sole authority for liquor licensing in the village for at least two more weeks.

The village board postponed a decision at the board meeting Monday on an ordinance that would make the entire board responsible for the administration of alcoholic liquor licensing and regulations. The ordinance, which has been under consideration in one form or another for at least a year, according to Hein, will be voted on at the next regular board meeting.

The ordinance and Hein's position as liquor commissioner has been the subject of controversy and is cited as a campaign issue in the coming April elections, said

Hein's challenger, Sheila Shultz.

Shultz, a village trustee, who will attempt to unseat Hein in his bid for reelection as village president, claims Hein has a conflict of interest as liquor commissioner since his parents hold liquor licenses in the village.

Hein rejects that notion.

"They had their license before I was president," he said. Their licenses have been renewed annually, however, under his authority, he admitted.

Hein, who opposed the ordinance when it was first proposed over a year ago, said he could work with it either way. The ordinance has the recommendation of village staff.

REMINDER

FEB 5, 1981

Former village attorney loses back pay suit

Former Wheeling village attorney Paul E. Hamer, who filed suit against the village in 1975 seeking \$650,000 in contractual agreements, back wages and punitive damages, Friday lost his case before Circuit Court Judge John A. Nordberg.

Hamer was village attorney from 1962 through 1975, according to present village attorney David Epstein. He was dismissed by the village board in 1975 with eight months left on his contract. In his suit, Hamer claimed he was fired for political reasons, Epstein reported. The circuit court judge denied that claim, according to Epstein. Epstein said the suit

asked \$51,000 for contractual agreements, \$125,000 in back salary, and \$500,000 in punitive damages.

Judge Nordberg issued an oral decision and said "the final decision and signed order" will be delivered next week after transcripts have been typed. Judge Nordberg, who took the case Sept. 30 this year in a bench trial, said he ruled in favor of the village of Wheeling in all four counts.

Hamer was unavailable for comment yesterday at his Northbrook law offices. Hamer currently serves as village attorney in Brookfield.

Wheeling, Buffalo Grove split on cable TV franchise choice

2-5-81 Remunde

The Northwest Municipal Conference Saturday finally selected a cable firm to represent the majority of their member villages.

Wheeling was one of 12 municipalities that voted for Cablenet, a Canadian cable firm. Five other villages, including Buffalo Grove voted for Warner-Amex, a New York firm.

The conference choice does not mean that either suburbs now has a cable firm.

It's still up for both village boards to make the final choice, said village representatives for the Northwest Municipal Conference.

Each municipal board has to work out a franchise agreement on its own with Cablenet or Warner-Amex, although most members of the conference prefer that all the municipalities stick together. If they

exercise clout, no matter which corporation is chosen.

Municipalities will have until Feb. 28 to work out the kinks with Cablenet. By the end of February, the Northwest Municipal Conference will meet again and pick a negotiating committee to work with

Cablenet. The conference hopes that all the member villages will have ironed out all their questions by then.

Wheeling and Buffalo Grove still have the option of rejecting their choices and the cooperation with Northwest Municipal Conference, or even waiting a couple of

years to see how all the other villages work out. Regardless, their intentions need to be known by the end of February.

The choice of Cablenet on Saturday wasn't too much of a surprise.

The firm came out on top in a 200-page (Continued on page 7)

Talking back to TV set in cable package

2-5-81 Remunde

By DAVE HOEKSTRA

Program variety was the feature that charmed the members of the Northwest Municipal Conference cable committee into voting for Canadian cable firm,

Wheeling and, perhaps, Buffalo Grove residents may benefit by acquiring everything from airport information to video music, according to Cablenet.

system is the first of its kind. They serve so many stations by placing 60 channels on each cable and stringing two cables into a home. Other cable firms offer just 50 to 60 channels. (Continued on page 7)

HERALD NORTHWEST WHEELING FEB 6, 1981 Pipeline decision expected Monday

Buffalo Grove officials said they may withdraw from the Chicago-pipeline venture and join the Evanston-pipeline group, formerly called DAMP.

However, commission members said it gets "trickier and trickier" to include Buffalo Grove if the village waits much longer to make a decision, and that the village might have to become a customer instead of a partner.

Buffalo Grove Public Works Director Greg Boyesen asked the commission to sign a pre-membership agreement to assure the village would have two connection points to the pipeline, that it would be charged water rates roughly equal to those of the other member towns and that it would be an equal member in the commission.

THE COMMISSION offered Buffalo Grove full membership but balked at the agreement, saying that the members haven't yet agreed on a water rate structure or how many tie-ins each town would be allowed.

"Nobody is willing to guarantee what we're going to sell water to them for at this stage of the game," Don Schoen, the commission's interim administrator, said. "But it will be a common rate for all the communities. The connection point or points will be mutually acceptable and when we look at water rates the same contract will be signed by all members.

"You'd be better off to become a member of the commission and take some chances as the rest of us and participate in decisions," Schoen said. "If you're a customer, you have no rights."

by Debbie Absher
Herald staff writer
After hedging for more than 2 1/2 years, Buffalo Grove officials say they will decide Monday whether to buy Lake Michigan water from Evanston or Chicago.

However, members of the Northwest Water Commission said they aren't interested in Buffalo Grove if village officials continue to demand privileges that no other member town has.

"We're anxious to have you, but not that anxious," Wheeling Village Mgr. Thomas Markus told a Buffalo Grove official during a commission meeting Wednesday night.

The commission — made up of Arlington Heights, Palatine and Wheeling — is planning to build an \$80 million pipeline to Evanston. Members have said they would include Buffalo Grove if village officials decided soon to join the group and didn't ask "to come in on a preferential basis."

BUFFALO GROVE TRUSTEES last summer voted to join Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Hanover Park and Streamwood in the Northwest Suburban Water System — a group formerly called Venture — to construct a \$100 million pipeline to Chicago.

But after the Chicago City Council decided to increase the wholesale rate it charges towns for water from 47 cents to 69 cents per 1,000 gallons,

State Supreme Court won't hear Stavros appeal

2-7-81 Herald

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

The Illinois Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeal of former Wheeling Township Democratic Committeeman James Stavros, who was trying to be dropped from a lawsuit that seeks to recover \$1.4 million from Stavros and other officials in connection with a 1974 zoning scandal.

The state court's decision clears the way for the Village of Wheeling to attempt to recover \$400,000 in bribe money allegedly collected by Stavros from developers. He pleaded guilty in 1974 to extorting \$92,000 from builders and was sentenced to four years in prison. He was released on parole in 1976.

The village's five-year-old lawsuit asks for \$1 million in damages and

also names former building director William Bieber, former Trustee William Hart, Zale Construction Co. and the Wickes Corp. Bieber and Hart also were convicted in the zoning scandal, and the two firms allegedly had paid bribes to the officials in exchange for building and zoning favors.

THE MATTER now is set for a March 16 status call before Cook Coun-

ty Circuit Court Judge Anthony Scutillo, who is now hearing the case. He may set a trial date at that time.

More than a year ago, Circuit Court Judge John Hechinger dropped Stavros from the lawsuit on the grounds that he wasn't a village official and it had not been proven he paid money to village officials.

But the Illinois Appellate Court last

October overturned that decision, ruling in favor of village attorneys who argued that Stavros' political influence was so great that he had control over village officials, even though he had no official position in the village.

Former Village Atty. John Burke, who is handling the matter for the village, said he was "somewhat surprised" the state Supreme Court decided against hearing the case, since it

is one of the first of its kind in Illinois.

The village launched its suit against Stavros and the other officials after the appellate court ruled that Cook County could recover bribe money extorted from a voting machine company by former County Clerk Edward Barrett. He was convicted in 1973 of extorting \$180,000 from a firm that sold voting machines to the county.

The week ahead

2-9-81 Herald

Village reconsiders Warner cable pick

Wheeling trustees are expected to discuss tonight whether to join five other Northwest suburbs in forming a splinter group in selecting the second most popular cable television firm in the area.

Wheeling and five other towns named Warner-Amex Cable Corp. as their top choice to install a cable television system. But village officials now are having second thoughts on whether they want to break away from most of the towns in the Northwest Municipal Conference, who selected Cablenet Inc., a Canadian firm.

The village board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

WHETHER WHEELING should deed a public road to private property owners for the purpose of discouraging additional traffic will be discussed tonight by the village board.

Trustees will discuss whether they want to "vacate" Sarasota Drive in the Hollywood Ridge subdivision. The road presently dead-ends at the Arlington Country Club.

Some trustees say that if the owners of the last two houses on the street assume ownership of the roadway, they could stop whomever develops the golf course from running a new road onto Sarasota Drive thereby creating more traffic in the subdivision.

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THE STATUS OF FLOOD control and recreational improvements for the Heritage Park detention basin will be discussed Tuesday by Wheeling village and park officials.

The project combines the efforts of the two groups and the Metropolitan Sanitary District. They are in the process of converting the drainage basin into a major recreational lake that also is designed to improve flooding.

The two groups will meet at 8 p.m. at Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

A DECISION ON which schools will be closed in June is expected Thursday night during the Wheeling Township Dist. 21 Board of Education meeting.

The board is considering closing up to three of its 14 schools in June, and has narrowed its choices to five schools — Alcott, 530 Bernard Dr., Buffalo Grove; Stevenson, 1375 S. Wolf Rd., Wheeling; Irving, 1250 Radcliffe Rd., Buffalo Grove; Poe, 2800 N. Highland Ave., Arlington Heights; and Riley, 1209 Burr Oak Dr., Arlington Heights.

Enrollment projections show that the five schools under consideration will be operating at half or less than half capacity next fall. And administrators project the district will face a deficit of up to \$1.7 million in 1984-85 if the district closes only Alcott this June.

The meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the administration building, 999 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling.

Hein's slate wins top ballot spot

2-10-81 Herald

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HEIN'S RUNNING mates include incumbent Trustee Roger Powers, Plan Commissioner Rickey Ament and Marilyn Minter, chairman of the village appearance commission. Judith Abruscato, the party's candidate for clerk, is seeking a four-year term.

Trustees Robert Ross and Hubert Sommerfeld and Village Clerk Alberta Klocke — all of whom ran with Hein four years ago — are not seeking reelection. Ross, who says he intends to

return to school, is supporting Hein's slate. Sommerfeld, who says he is leaving village politics to devote more time to his business interests but is running for township trustee, has endorsed Schultz.

Klocke is quitting after one term because of poor health. She says she will remain neutral this election. Like Sommerfeld, though, she has been at odds with Hein on several occasions.

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Arsenal 2-10-81

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HEIN'S RUNNING mates include incumbent Trustee Roger Powers, Plan Commissioner Rickey Arment and Marilyn Minter, chairman of the village appearance commission. Judith Abruscato, the party's candidate for clerk, is seeking a four-year term.

Trustees Robert Ross and Hubert Sommerfeld and Village Clerk Alberta Klocke — all of whom ran with Hein four years ago — are not seeking reelection. Ross, who says he intends to

return to school, is supporting Hein's slate. Sommerfeld, who says he is leaving village politics to devote more time to his business interests but is running for township trustee, has endorsed Schultz.

Klocke is quitting after one term because of poor health. She says she will remain neutral this election. Like Sommerfeld, though, she has been at odds with Hein on several occasions.

Meadows mulls Warner franchise

by Tom Quinlan

Herold staff writer

Rolling Meadows aldermen, eager to set up a six-town cable television system, tonight will consider negotiating a franchise with Warner-Amex Cable Corp. despite a majority decision by the Northwest Municipal Conference in favor of Cablenet Ltd.

Representatives from Rolling Meadows, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine and Wheeling met Saturday in Rolling Meadows and discussed awarding a rival franchise to Warner-Amex, which finished second in a vote by conference members. Twelve North and Northwest suburbs have picked Cablenet, a Canadian-based company, as their top choice for a cable television franchise.

Ald. John Rock, 3rd, a member of a city task force that interviewed

Warner-Amex, Cablevision of Chicago and Atlanta-based MetroVision, said he still is standing by the city's original top rating for Warner.

"They're still the best in my mind," Rock said Monday. "They've told us what they're willing to give us, and they're going to do everything in less than 24 months. They've been in the communications business a long time."

Until Saturday's review, during which officials from Cablenet and Warner-Amex traded technical blows in a last-chance opportunity to sway votes their separate ways, Rolling Meadows had not officially interviewed Cablenet as one of its finalists from 14 original franchise-seekers. Cablenet officials missed a scheduled public hearing with a city task force last fall and the committee later voted not to give the top-rated company a

second chance.

Warner-Amex, however, was the Rolling Meadows committee's top selection because of the company's strong financial backing and its innovative QUBE system, which allows viewers to "talk back" to their television sets through a polling device. Warner also has promised to build a studio in Rolling Meadows, using it as the center of its target area.

Cablenet is offering a 120-channel system that involves stringing two 60-channel cables to each home. Cablenet would absorb the additional cost of the extra cable and its subscriber rates, which are competitive with Warner-Amex, would not change, company officials have said.

Rolling Meadows' vote to begin negotiations with Warner-Amex would be the second such decision in the Northwest suburbs. Palatine officials voted

last fall to deal solely with Warner-Amex and are close to finalizing a financial agreement. Other towns that may choose Warner-Amex have until Feb. 26 to take a final vote, the informal group decided.

THE ROLLING MEADOWS City Council meets today at 8 p.m. in city hall, 3600 Kirchoff Rd.

"We're ready to go, I think," Rock said. "We want to start negotiations no later than March 7. We've got a consensus now that five (towns) are leaning toward Warner, and Hoffman Estates is a sixth possibility."

The six towns represent about 60,000 households, and Rock sees no loss if they all stick together. If fewer than six towns negotiate, Rock admitted the group might lose some negotiating power. "But you won't know for sure until you actually negotiate," he added.

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'Strong arm politics' blamed for rift

2-12-81 *Reminder*

Local political war chest fattened by quota

By PEGGIE R. ELGIN

"Strong arm, Chicago style politics" in which salaried elected officials were expected to contribute a specific "quota" for fund raisers, is one of the main reasons for a split in the ranks of Wheeling Township Republicans, said Ethel Kolerus, township supervisor.

Kolerus, who has been supervisor for the past 12 years, said she quit the Wheeling Township Republican Organization shortly after Eloise Canfield was elected committeeman in 1978 because of demands for "quotas."

Wheeling Township officials, all Republicans, have traditionally been slated by the local Republican organization. This year the incumbents split from the local organization to form their own party, Government of the People (GoP), because of what they called "illegal caucus procedures."

But this campaign confrontation is just the latest in a series of struggles between Republicans currently in control of the local organization and those Republicans ousted when Canfield won an upset victory for committeeman in 1978.

Kolerus, who is retiring as supervisor this spring, supports the maverick slate. Kolerus said she fully expected to continue to work with the party after Canfield was elected.

"I never had to be told to support the party," she said. "I've worked hard for the party. I've done everything from precinct captain, to area chairman and sold ads. I stayed with the party through the grim days of Watergate," Kolerus said.

"I generally bought tickets and did my share," she added. There was a dinner dance shortly after Canfield took over, Kolerus said.

She said she had already sent in her \$100 check when Canfield called her and told her \$100 was not enough. She (Canfield) said she had a meeting and decided "what our quotas would be (township officials)," Kolerus said.

"She said my quota was...and I stopped her right there," Kolerus said. "I told her I didn't believe in this...that it was Chicago style politics. We've never had this system before. She told me everyone else (other Republican township organizations) did it."

Kolerus said she did some checking and found only the Schaumburg organization imposed requirements of this kind.

Canfield denied she had any specific quotas in mind when she asked the township officials to support fund raising activities. Canfield said she took over an organization that had no headquarters and was nearly bankrupt.

"I told them (township officials) you people profit from the party, you should get out and sell tickets," she said.

The tables were \$250 for that particular dinner dance, Canfield explained, and said she asked the officials to sell a "few tables."

Canfield said "they took strong exception to this, and Kolerus did resign as area chairman."

Canfield said she continued to ask township officials for their financial help,

but in no structured way. She said the officials did buy a full page ad in an ad book.

Canfield said she "put the same kind of pressure," on other township officials for financial help to the organization. Dolores Stephan, assistant assessor fired when Fred Yonkers was appointed assessor, sold several tables worth of tickets, Canfield said. She "had the contacts," because people called the office for information on their assessments.

"There is nothing wrong in saying...we'd like your help. They know the assessor is Republican. There is nothing wrong with asking for support when you need it," Canfield maintains.

Stephan is a candidate for the post of assessor, under the regular Republican organization label.

The struggle between the two branches of Republicans goes beyond fund raising issues. When Canfield upset the organization choice for committeeman, Dwight Walton, in a very close vote in 1978, she began to rebuild the organization with her supporters.

"Everyone in the organization exists at the discretion of the committeeman. I've put our own people into the organization. We brought in people who wanted to be area chairman," she said. But Canfield said she did want to work with people already in the organization and "tried to get some of them to stay."

Canfield said there was a lot of work because the organization "was practically out of funds," when she took over. That

was the reason for the emphasis on fund raising.

Another issue that caused some disagreement within the party was the endorsement of candidates running for village races.

That had never been done before, according to Art Olson, incumbent highway commissioner and candidate for re-election on the maverick slate. The organization changed the by-laws to allow for village endorsements.

"After that, I resigned," Olson said. "I can't stand the dictatorial way she (Canfield) runs the party."

"I'd like to see everything patched up," Canfield said. Prior to the slating for township office, she said she set up a meeting with some of the officials to "try to avoid this split. We thought it was all patched up," Canfield said, when the township officials publicly objected to the imposition of a membership fee as a voting requirement at the caucus.

Canfield speculated that all the incumbents wanted to run again and figured that some would be slated by the organization and others would definitely not have been slated. There is really only one Republican organization, which Canfield said constitutes a "rump group." Canfield predicted victory for the mainstream Republicans backed by the Wheeling Township Republican Organization, but added the struggle won't be over with this election.

"They will want to run someone against me in April of 1982" to regain control of the local party, she said.

Village revives tree-spraying procedure

2-14-81 *Herald*

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Saying they can do the job much cheaper than they originally thought, Wheeling officials are reviving a plan to attempt to save about 2,500 maple trees from a tiny insect.

Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance, has proposed spending between \$6,145 and \$14,125 to hire a firm to spray the 2,500 trees he estimates are in danger of being killed by the so-called cottony maple scale. Despite complaints by numerous residents last year, Gray recommended against starting again a spraying program because he feared it might have cost as much as \$45,000.

However, he says the program will be cheaper than in 1974, when the village spent \$19,000, because this time

the village will be more selective about which trees are sprayed.

Most of the diseased trees are located in the older subdivisions of Wheeling like Meadowbrook, Dunhurst and Hollywood Ridge, Gray said. Pending approval of the village board Tuesday night, the spraying program is expected to start in May.

ANOTHER REASON for the lower cost, Gray said, is because two different types of spray will be applied to the trees. One of them, a "dormant oil" costs about half that of another commonly-used chemical, malathion, which requires two applications.

But Gray is optimistic that the dormant oil will successfully treat 90 to 95 percent of the trees. Those that need further treatment will be sprayed with malathion, probably in late June or early July.

But unless there are far more diseased trees than Gray estimates, the cost to the village should be closer to the \$6,145 figure.

When the maple scales attack, the trees develop growths on their branches that look like cotton. The fibers contain hundreds of eggs that hatch in early July, and the "nymphs" migrate to the leaves and begin to feed on them, giving the trees a scraggly appearance.

The scales were especially bad last year because of the relatively mild winter that preceded it, and if left unchecked the trees could eventually die from the maple scale attack.

But in spite of the plans to spray the diseased trees, there are other problems associated with the tree-spraying program. Some persons are allergic to

the sprays and Gray anticipates there may be as many complaints about the village spraying trees as there are when the village doesn't.

ALSO, THE maple scales often jump from one tree to another when the chemicals are applied, and the village will be spraying only the village-owned trees planted in the "parkways" just off the roadway. And while the village's cost per tree will be less than \$2, a homeowner would pay the same firm five times that amount.

That's because the tree sprayers won't have to leave their truck to spray the village trees, which are relatively small. "If you're talking about a private homeowner, he might have trees scattered all over his yard. The guy then has to get out of his truck, drag a hose with him. It gets to be pretty expensive," Gray said.

Erroneously arrested twice, she sues police

2-14-81 *Herald*

by Pete Nemil

Herald staff writer

A Streamwood woman has filed a \$150,000 lawsuit against the village's police department, complaining that she was mistakenly arrested twice on warrants that were meant for another woman.

Sharon Johnson filed the false arrest suit against Streamwood police and the First National Bank of Chicago, which filed a deceptive practices complaint against a woman who tried to cash a check and get \$800 from someone else's savings account on December 2.

The arrest warrants, issued by Chicago Police Department, called for the arrest of a Sharon Johnson in an apartment on the 800 block of Brook Lane. The warrants specified that the suspect was black, but Johnson is white.

Streamwood police made their first trip to Johnson's home on Dec. 18 to serve a warrant for her failure to appear in court on the original bad check charge. Police said they noticed the discrepancy, called the Central Warrant Unit in Chicago for clarification, and were informed it was probably a "typographical error." Johnson was taken into custody and given a \$3,500 bond and a Jan. 12 court date.

She appeared in court, where a judge ruled that a mistake had been made and that a new warrant should be issued.

NINE DAYS LATER, on Jan. 21, Streamwood police again were at her doorstep with the same warrant for her arrest. Although neither the charge nor the description on the warrant had changed, Johnson was once again arrested and given a Feb. 18 court date.

"I'm past anger," said the 29-year-old Johnson. "It's a horrible thing for someone who doesn't deserve to be arrested to go through."

"The first time, I was totally confused and feeling like a victim of some unknown series of events. But the second time, I was in disbelief that it could happen again," she said.

Streamwood Police Chief Howard Cornell said he is not aware that a suit has been filed. He acknowledged that a mistake has been made.

2-16-81 Herald

Trustees expected to pick Cablenet

Wheeling trustees are expected Tuesday to affirm their support and vote to open negotiations for a franchise with Cablenet Inc., the Canadian cable TV firm which is the top choice of most towns in the Northwest suburbs.

Wheeling initially voted with five other towns to consider awarding a franchise to Warner-Amex Cable Corp., the company that pioneered QUBE, a device that allows viewers to "talk back" to their television sets. However, last week trustees informally rescinded that position, saying they wanted to go along with the majority of the towns studying cable TV in the Northwest Municipal Conference.

Those towns have said they prefer Cablenet, which is proposing a 120-channel cable television system. The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

A PROPOSAL TO spend at least \$6,000 to spray trees in Wheeling to prevent the so-called "cottony maple scale" is expected to be approved Tuesday by the village board.

Village officials had balked at conducting a tree-spraying program last year, saying it was too costly. But now they say the disease eventually can destroy the trees if left unchecked. Also, they say, the program is not as expensive as originally feared.

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FINAL APPROVAL IS expected Tuesday on a change in Wheeling liquor laws that would give all trustees, and not just Village President William Hein, authority over issuance, suspension and revocation of liquor licenses.

The change was proposed more than two years ago by one of Hein's political rivals, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, who sought to remove any "political overtones" from any decisions Hein might make. Hein's parents own two liquor licenses.

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A PUBLIC HEARING will be conducted Thursday by the Illinois Department of Transportation on plans for \$150,000 of improvements on McHenry Road, between Ill. Rte. 83 and Dundee Road, in Wheeling.

The plans call for widening and resurfacing the half-mile stretch of McHenry Road and installing a storm sewer system. The bridge deck that crossed Buffalo Creek is scheduled to be replaced and new traffic signals are planned at McHenry and Dundee roads.

The hearing starts at 7:30 p.m. at Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS Dist. 23 Board of Education will meet twice this week to discuss school closings, financial projections and whether the district should investigate merging with another school district.

Tonight, the board will discuss recommendations from a citizens committee to close an elementary school in June and study a merger with a nearby school district. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the administration office, 700 N. Schoenbeck Rd., Prospect Heights.

On Wednesday, the administration will present its recommendations for school closings, and also will submit financial and enrollment projections. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the administration office.

Because of declining enrollment, Dist. 23 officials have been studying the possibility of closing one or more schools in June. The citizens committee has recommended closing a building housing kindergarten through fifth graders, which could mean closing Ross and Sullivan schools, 700 N. Schoenbeck Rd. Ross School houses kindergarten through third grades.

The two other elementary schools are Muir, at Drake Terrace and Oak Street, and Eisenhower, at Schoenbeck and Camp McDonald roads, both in Prospect Heights.

Officials seek to 'fix' road before the headaches start

Herald 2-16-81

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

In an attempt to avoid "another Robert Avenue," Wheeling officials are making plans to close off a road to future residents of a yet-to-be built subdivision on the Arlington Country Club.

A public hearing probably will be sometime in March, to determine if the village should take the legal steps to turn Sarasota Drive, a public road in Wheeling's Hollywood Ridge subdivision, into what would technically be private property. The action would prevent a developer from building on the golf course what Wheeling officials fear could be a high-density condominium project and using Sarasota Drive as a means of leaving the complex.

THE ADVANTAGE to exiting from the yet-to-be-built condominiums via Hollywood Ridge is that motorists would have a traffic light when they reach heavily congested Dundee Road.

Robert Avenue, a narrow thoroughfare in Prospect Heights lined with single-family homes became the object of a three-year court battle between the city and Wheeling. The Prospect

Heights residents asked a Cook County judge to ban residents from Sandpebble Walk Condominiums in Wheeling from using Robert Avenue as a means of getting from the complex to Ill. Rte 83.

The added traffic, the residents argued, made the area unsafe for their children. More than two years ago, a judge ordered Robert Avenue closed except during evening rush hours. But late last year, Prospect Heights set up a barricade, complete with a set of one-way spikes, because they said the Wheeling residents weren't complying with the judge's order.

ANOTHER JUDGE ordered the spikes retracted, leaving, in essence, a bulky but very expensive speed bump, and an uneasy truce between the residents of the two towns.

Although Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus is planning to schedule the public hearings, he has warned the trustees their actions on Sarasota Drive may be "premature."

The only formal development plans for the golf course, located on Dundee Road near Buffalo Grove Road, call for 126 condominiums to be built by a

Skokie development firm. That five-acre tract was annexed by Buffalo Grove more than three years ago. But the balance of the 136-acre golf course, which owner Daniel Taggart has been trying to sell for years, is unincorporated.

And Markus says there is no reason to assume it couldn't "go to either community." If Wheeling were to annex the land, "we could control the whole situation. Maybe it would be possible to build a few more single-family homes along Sarasota and then cul-de-sac the road."

BUT BY "vacating" — the technical term for turning a public road into private property — Sarasota Drive, the village could be taking the one step that might discourage a prospective developer from annexing to Wheeling, he said. "I've seen smaller items than that make the difference," he added.

But Trustee Charles Kerr, who with Village President William Hein and Trustee John Cole, lives on Berkshire Drive in Hollywood Ridge. Kerr says the village should act as soon as possible or possibly face having its actions reversed by a judge.



"I don't want to wait until some developer gets in there with plans to build apartments and then have some court rule that it's too late" to stop him from using Sarasota Drive as an exit from the complex, Kerr said.

"After seeing how the court ruled on the Robert Avenue thing — that certain people don't have access to a public street — they might rule anything," he added.

Cablenet is village's choice for cable TV

Herald 2-18-81

the conference in hopes of getting better rates and services.

Four other towns also acted on their cable franchises Tuesday night. Elk Grove Village and Palatine selected Warner-Amex and Prospect Heights and Schaumburg chose Cablenet.

Cablenet already has been officially selected as the company to provide cable TV service to Arlington Heights, Des Plaines and Mount Prospect. Village officials in Hanover Park, Streamwood, and Bartlett also have said they prefer Cablenet and are expected to make a formal decision later this month.

Officials from Palatine, Rolling Meadows and Hoffman Estates have decided to award their franchises to Warner-Amex, and Buffalo Grove is expected to choose Warner next week.

The Prospect Heights vote was 4-3 and came after a heated debate. Mayor Richard Wolf, who ordinarily votes to break a tie, said he favors the Canadian firm over the runner-up, Warner-Amex Cable Corp.

Confirming a decision they made informally last week, Wheeling trustees Tuesday picked Cablenet Ltd., the Canadian firm preferred by most towns in the Northwest suburbs, to build a cable television system in the village.

Trustee Roger Powers, the village's cable television representative, two weeks ago had voted with five other towns in selecting Warner-Amex Cable Corp., the firm known for its pioneer QUBE system, a device that enables viewers to "talk back" to their television screens.

Powers had then argued that Cablenet was less financially sound, with its debt-to-equity ratio being double that of Warner's.

But Powers was not at Tuesday's meeting and other village board members chose to go along with Cablenet, the top choice of the Northwest Municipal Conference. Cablenet is proposing to build a 120-channel cable system.

WHEELING TRUSTEES have said they prefer to go along with the selection made by the majority of towns in

Wheeling to go with Cablenet

REMINISCER 2-19-81

The Wheeling Village Board Tuesday night formally designated Cablenet as its top choice for a community cable television system.

After months of debate, Wheeling trustees joined a growing list of communities designating the Canadian firm for a regional system.

Wheeling see-sawed on the choice, picking Warner Amex earlier in a Northwest Municipal Conference vote and later switching back to the Cablenet.

In the resolution, the trustees agreed to let the Northwest Municipal Conference begin negotiations with the firm, but the village retains rights for final acceptance of the terms and conditions.

Hein loses liquor control

Control of the Wheeling Liquor Commission shifted by ordinance this week from President William Hein to the board as a whole, when the board approved final wording of the ordinance.

Hein's role as chairman of that commission came under attack in the village election campaign. Trustee Sheila

Shultz, a challenge candidate, charged Hein with a conflict of interest because the liquor commission renews his parents' license annually.

First step on Dundee

Although some trustees disagreed with the new village approach to Dundee Road repairs, the board approved a \$2,500 traffic engineering proposal with Barton Aschman Associates.

Village Manager Thomas Markus told the board he felt the village had a better chance for government funding if the road improvements were broken into phases and approached step by step. Trustee John C. Cole said, "The only way we're going to eliminate the bottle necks, is to look at this thing as a whole."

Possible renovation

Bids to demolish the old fire station, at 312 E. Dundee Road in the downtown redevelopment project, will be advertised. But trustees asked the staff for more information on possible renovations.

Neubauer also asked that the township commissioners approve the expenditure of \$6,000 for a new program to repair curbs and sidewalks.

Township officials Sunday would not discuss salaries for Neubauer nor for his three full-time employees. Salaries will be discussed next month, supervi-



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Auction set of Trustee Ross' property

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

The home of Wheeling Trustee Robert Ross, as well as other property he owns, will be sold at a March 6 public auction unless he takes immediate steps to pay an overdue loan from a local bank.

But Ross, who has been beset by a series of personal financial woes since his election as a trustee in 1977, says "it's all being worked out" and the matter will be resolved before the public sale, scheduled to be conducted by the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank.

Last year, the bank sued Ross to recover \$185,643 that it loaned to his company, Anderson-Ross Floors Inc., eight years ago. Ross has not made a payment on the monthly installments of \$5,850 since last November, said bank attorney Alan Orschel.

"To the best of my knowledge, he has not made a payment," Orschel said, adding that whether a full or partial payment would be enough to stop the sale of Ross' home, at 312 S. Wheeling Ave., is a matter for the bank to decide.

Orschel said that matter should be decided by bank Vice President Robert Moore, who could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

When the business loan was made to Ross eight years ago, he put up his holdings in a land trust as collateral. They included his Wheeling home, a house at 6628 Church St., in Morton Grove, land in Wisconsin, as well as an insurance policy and some equipment.

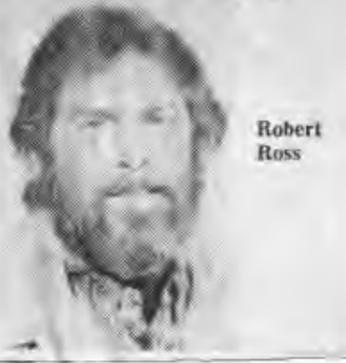
LAST OCTOBER, a Cook County judge granted a request by officials of Northwest Federal Savings and Loan of Chicago to foreclose on the trustee's

house. At the time Ross owed \$2,000 in delinquent payments, plus \$7,000 that was the balance due on the mortgage. Orschel said Ross settled that debt, "which left us in the position where we were no longer going to be tailgating the (other) bank's action."

The Morton Grove home, in which Ross' mother reportedly resides, also is slated to be auctioned off by the bank.

Ross would not comment on inquiries about the Morton Grove property, nor would he elaborate on how he plans to resolve his financial difficulties. He also repeated his contention that his personal finances have no bearing on his duties as a trustee.

Ross' term of office expires in April. He has announced he would not be seeking re-election because he plans to return to school to study anthropology.



Robert Ross

Trustees to share liquor post; rule cuts village chief's pay

Wheeling trustees have cut the village president's \$6,000 salary in half with the passage of an ordinance calling for all trustees, and not just Village President William Hein, to serve as liquor commissioners.

By spreading authority for the issuance, suspension or revocation of liquor licenses among the entire board, trustees agreed there is no reason to continue to pay the village president the \$3,000 he is allotted for his duties as liquor commissioner.

The controversy over whether Hein, whose parents have two liquor li-

censes, should act alone as liquor commissioner has been a controversy since he was elected almost four years ago. More than two years ago, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld proposed the new liquor ordinance, modeled after one in Palatine, which finally was adopted Tuesday night.

THE ELIMINATION of the liquor commissioner's salary will take effect with the election of the village president April 7, which means either Hein, who is seeking his second term, or Trustee Sheila Schultz, who is challenging Hein for the post, will be paid

\$3,000, making the job one of the lowest-paying in the Northwest suburbs.

And although Hein no longer is sole liquor commissioner, the controversy over the issue is not expected to end. Schultz, although supporting Sommerfeld's amendments to the liquor ordinance, says Hein still has a conflict of interest as a member of the liquor panel.

Hein, who opposed Sommerfeld's suggestion when he controlled a majority on the board, has said there is no conflict between his parents' business and his duties as an elected official.

Local water cost: \$6.5 million

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

Wheeling will have to pay at least \$6.5 million to get its water system ready to receive Lake Michigan water, a consultant has estimated.

In a report to be presented to the village board Monday, consulting engineers from Consoer-Townsend Inc. outline the additional storage tanks and larger pipes necessary to convert the village from well water to lake water.

Wheeling is part of the four-town Northwest Water Commission — also including Arlington Heights, Palatine and Buffalo Grove — planning to pipe lake water from Evanston to release the towns from dependence on rapidly drying wells.

Consultants already have estimated the cost of the pipeline at \$82 million, possibly increasing to as high as \$250 million depending on how much interest the towns have to pay on the bor-

rowed construction money.

But before the water can be delivered, each town also will have to pay for improving its own water system to distribute the lake water from the main pipeline throughout town.

WHEELING OFFICIALS said they don't know yet how much the improvements will cost each home and business owner, because they haven't decided whether the cost will be paid through water bills or property taxes or both.

The cost of the pipeline from Evanston to the edge of town has been estimated to add \$1.36 to Wheeling's water rate of 90 cents per 1,000 gallons by 1984, increasing to an additional \$1.85 by 1986.

For the internal improvements, Wheeling's major expense will be four water storage tanks. The village board will have to decide whether to spend \$1.8 million for the two largest tanks at ground level, or spend \$3.8 million

to put them underground.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said ground-level tanks would be "a lot cheaper, but it needs more maintenance and it's a little uglier."

One of the 2½-million gallon tanks will be at Dundee Road and the Soo Line and the other at the intersection of the railway and Hintz Road, the two spots where Wheeling will draw its water from the main pipeline.

If the village board chooses the put the tanks at ground level, Fialkowski said the total estimated cost of the interior improvements will be \$6.5 million. It would go up to \$8.5 million if the tanks are buried.

EITHER WAY, the village will have to spend another \$1 million for two smaller tanks, each holding 500,000 gallons. The smaller tanks will be on

elevated water towers, one located near the Chevy Chase Golf Course on Milwaukee Avenue and the other on Wolf Road on the south end of town.

Other expenses listed in the report include:

- \$750,000 for two pumping stations to move the water from the large tanks.
- \$972,000 to complete loops in the village water system. Fialkowski said the loops would be needed anyway to improve water flow through the pipes.
- \$1.1 million to install larger water mains and improve the distribution system from the two pipeline "drop points."
- \$835,000 to complete the system and install larger pipes throughout the village. Fialkowski said these final improvements are "optional but highly desirable."

The week ahead

Report on village water system slated

Wheeling village officials will receive a report today on the costs of changes needed to prepare the village water system for a switch from well water to Lake Michigan water.

In the report, consulting engineers from Consoer-Townsend Inc. estimate the improvements will cost \$6.5 million if the village board decides to put two large water storage tanks at ground level and \$8.5 million if the tanks are placed underground.

Wheeling is part of a four-town group — including Arlington Heights, Palatine and Buffalo Grove — that is planning to pipe Lake Michigan water from Evanston. In addition to the estimated \$82 million cost of the main pipeline, each of the four towns will have to improve its own water system before the water arrives.

The village trustees also will have to decide how to finance the construction, through water bills, property taxes or a combination of both. Village officials have said they can't calculate the cost to each home and business owner until the method of financing is decided.

The trustees will meet in a workshop session at 8 p.m. in village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

AT A PUBLIC HEARING tonight, Wheeling trustees will discuss how to spend an estimated \$220,000 the village expects to receive this year in federal revenue sharing money.

Last year, the village received about \$212,000 from the federal program and used \$175,000 of it for general village expenses normally covered by property taxes. Another \$20,000 went to the Wheeling Park District for a new bus. \$12,000 was allotted to a village program for senior citizens and \$5,000 to the Indian

Trails Library District for shelving.

Village Finance Director Greg Peters said he will recommend uses of this year's allotment, but citizens also can make suggestions. The money will be for the year beginning May 1.

The hearing, part of a workshop meeting of village trustees, starts at 8 p.m. in village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

A RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE Muir School in Prospect Heights Dist. 23 will be discussed informally Friday by the board of education at 7 p.m. in the administration office, 700 N. Schoenbeck Rd., Prospect Heights.

The board will discuss reports from a citizens committee, the state board of education and the administration dealing with enrollment and financial projections and solutions to those problems.

Last week the administration recommended closing Muir, Drake Terrace and Oak Street, in June and transferring the 252 students to Ross and Sullivan schools, 700 N. Schoenbeck Rd., and to Eisenhower School, Schoenbeck and Camp McDonald roads.

The state has recommended closing Ross and Sullivan schools while the Dist. 23 citizens committee recommends closing a kindergarten through fifth facility. But the committee said it considers Ross and Sullivan together a kindergarten through fifth grade facility because those grades are split between the two buildings.

The meeting is open to the public, but the board will not answer questions, said Board Pres. Dean Eitel. A public hearing when residents may question the board will be at 7:30 p.m. March 25 in the MacArthur Junior High gym, also at 700 N. Schoenbeck Rd.

2-18-81 - Reminder

Planners urge village to block library sale

The Wheeling plan commission threw the book at the Indian Trails Library District Friday night when it voted to advise the village not to permit the old library to be sold to an unknown business.

The permit, which would have allowed the district to sell its old library building on 850 Jenkins Court, library officials say is sorely needed to help pay for a brand new library on Schoenbeck Road. Construction is almost complete on the new \$2.1 million library which is scheduled to open this spring.

Though time is running out to pay the bills, library board members are keeping cool on the issue, saying that the final

decision will be made by the Wheeling village board, and not the plan commission. The board will probably discuss the library issue next month.

The library district needs to sell the building by June 1982 because it has to pay \$360,000 toward a \$1.5 million construction loan.

Ken Swanson, administrator of the library, says there have been no prospective buyers of the old library building, which is a converted church, ever since "the insurance company deal fell through."

A Wheeling insurance firm, Complete Equity Markets, agreed to buy the

building because it thought the land was zoned for office use. Once it learned the property had residential zoning, it backed out of the \$375,000 deal. To the south and west of the library are homes, but there is a fast food hotdog stand, shopping center and gas station nearby.

Despite that zoning confusion of about a year ago, the library's attorney, Earl Hoover, is optimistic that a new buyer will be found.

"I'm confident that we can find a buyer in the 18 months we have before the construction loan is due," he said.

However, the group of prospective buyers is a small one because it must meet

specific village zoning regulations.

The restrictions on the library are designed to preserve the residential character of the neighborhood. Vacated public buildings may be used for business offices, but not for retail sales or residential purposes. If the library is to be changed or expanded in any way, the owner must get special permission from the village.

Library officials are adopting a wait and see attitude, though still surprised over the plan commission's 3-2 decision.

Swanson lamented, "It's usually very quiet around the library in December, but that's changed now."

Wheeling, BG on tap for lake water ration

By SHARON GELTNER

The year 1984 may be faced with dread by George Orwell devotees, but suburban officials are happily looking forward to 1984 as the year they will at last get a steady supply of Lake Michigan water.

Palatine, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove were 3 of the 86 communities chosen by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to get a steady supply of drinking water for the next 40 years. IDOT, acting under a U. S. Supreme Court ruling, has made a decision which will bring a higher quality source of water to 1.3 million people, suburban officials say.

"The department will meet our water allocation requests until the year 2000," Wheeling Village President William Hein said with a broad grin. "And if the demand for water goes up in the community we can always appeal the allocation decision later on."

Wheeling trustees celebrated the decision after their board meeting with a punch and cookies party.

Though Wheeling officials did not get all the water they wanted past the year 2000, they were still delighted with the decision because the village was not included in the original 1977 water allocations. On the other hand, Buffalo Grove was included in that allocation and at least one official voiced displeasure with the new allocations at the board meeting Monday night.

Assistant to the Village Manager William Sommer said that Buffalo Grove got exactly the amount of water it wanted, up to a point, but that beyond the year 2010 its water allocations will drop far beneath what the expected demand.

"Besides Buffalo Grove, only one other

village that used to be in VENTURE got exactly what it wanted until 2000 and that was Elk Grove," Sommer said.

Buffalo Grove officials are disappointed that they will have less water than they hoped for, because over the coming years they have planned on expanding east to Lincolnshire and north in Lake County. This summer those plans led to a village squabble with communities in Lake County. Acting as the Vernon Area Government Association (VAGA) organization, they tried to stop further Buffalo Grove development by asking the IDOT to not allow Buffalo Grove as much water as it had requested.

Village Manager Bill Balling said that the VAGA maneuver probably did not affect IDOT's decision. He added that the decision could be interpreted as a vote of confidence in Buffalo Grove's planning because it and Elk Grove were the only communities to get the water they requested.

IDOT has given municipalities 30 days to appeal the allocations.

Palatine officials were pleased with the allocations, mainly because it allowed them to exercise the option to buy the Ferndale Heights Utilities Company.

Palatine had been waiting to hear from IDOT before purchasing the \$4 million water company, because it wanted to see if Ferndale Heights received an allocation.

Officials were content with the allocation given the village, even though it was slightly less than what was requested in the summer.

"It was slightly less than what we asked for, but it won't have an effect," said Palatine Village Manager Anton Harwig. "I guess they're asking us to conserve a little."

Schultz says she'll challenge Hein

Though it is speculated Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld and Village President William Hein will run for village president of Wheeling, one incumbent trustee has come out and formally announced her candidacy.

Sheila Schultz said Wednesday she will seek the top village post. Running for

trustee positions on her Wheeling Upward Party slate are James Goetch, J. W. Ratajczak and William Rogers. Running for village clerk is Elizabeth Hartman.

Schultz said the Wheeling Upward Party has two goals: To make a government more responsive to its citizens and to allow members of the village board to maintain their individuality.

Liquor Commission change approved

2-26-81 - Life

WHEELING — The liquor control ordinance was amended, approval given for bids to be taken on the demolition of the old fire station on Dundee Road near Milwaukee, and a village employe was singled out for recognition at the Feb. 17 meeting of the village board.

The liquor control commission will now consist of the entire board with the village president as chairman. The village manager has the authority to revoke a liquor license upon due cause, but the holder of the revoked license may appeal before the commission.

"The ordinance will serve the village of Wheeling well," Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, sponsor of the amendment, said.

ON ANOTHER matter, the trustees voted to advertise for bids for the demolition of the old fire station at 312 E. Dundee Road, while at the same time getting estimates of the costs to preserve the building.

The fire department already has moved its equipment to new quarters

at the municipal complex and also has opened a branch station at Hintz and Wheeling Roads.

Several board members favored demolition because the building needs extensive repairs and is in violation of several village ordinances involving setbacks. In addition, there would be a problem with a lack of parking should it be used for public purposes. Trustee John Cole said the structure is "just a shell."

Fire Chief Bernhardt Koeppen told the board the building needs a new concrete floor, a new boiler, a new roof, a new stairway and the heating and water systems need to be replaced, among other things.

Village Manager Thomas Markus estimated it "could cost \$50,000 and up to renovate," and, in his judgment, it would not be worth restoration.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT William Hein, disagreed. Hein argued that perhaps the building should be kept as a historical monument. The building was

erected following approval of a 1951 referendum. At that time it was a one-story structure and the second floor was added in the late '50s.

Hein said it might have historical value because it was the village's second fire station. "With today's prices of construction, I couldn't see tearing it down. Maybe the youth commission will use the building. I think we ought to take a serious look," he added.

IN OTHER business, the board awarded a certificate of meritorious service to village employee Lloyd Tubbs. An employee in the public works department, Tubbs helped police apprehend burglars a few weeks ago at the Delta Queen restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue.

In giving the certificate, Hein said, "He did something a little more special. It would have been easy not to stop, but he did. We were able to make the arrest and save a commercial business some money. It doesn't happen too often."

Race for Village Board shifts into high gear

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

THINGS ARE heating up in the campaign for the Village Board race in Wheeling.

While it announced its platform a few weeks ago, the Wheeling Upward Party, headed up by trustee Sheila Schultz as its candidate for Village Board President, has announced its campaign code of conduct.

The four-point code was recently announced by Mary Ellen Westrich, chairman of the party. According to Westrich, the code calls for Wheeling Upward Party candidates to:

- Make only statements which are a matter of record or can be fully documented.
- Address only those issues that have a bearing on a candidate's qualification for office.
- Support the citizen's right to be informed by not interfering with dissemination of information
- To make prompt and full disclosure of financial records.

In addition to Schultz, other candidates for the Wheeling Upward Party include James Goetch, Joseph Rajtaczak and William Rogers for trustee

posts and Elizabeth Hartman for village clerk.

MEANWHILE, the Pro-Wheeling Party, headed up by incumbent Village Board President William H. Hein, has started moving its campaign into high gear. The party recently announced its platform.

The party's platform concentrates heavily on resolving social problems in the village. A seven-point platform, the Pro-Wheeling Party pledges to:

- Implement a comprehensive program for combating drug and alcohol abuse in the village.
- Address the needs and problems of senior citizens.
- Complete and implement a flood control plan in the village.
- Develop an effective use of the residential, commercial and industrial bond programs to "best serve" the needs of the village.
- Study, plan and implement a village-wide beautification program.
- Broaden and widen the scope of services of the Village Clerk.
- Complete plans for the transmission of Lake Michigan water to the village. (editor's note—The village recently received its allocation of lake

water scheduled to begin in 1984.) The "pro" in Pro-Wheeling Party stands for progress, responsibility and openness.

Campaign literature being circulated by the party list a number of accomplishments achieved by the incumbent members of the slate, Hein and Trustee Roger A. Powers. They cite two new fire stations, the start of construction of the Holy Family Hospital Ambulatory Care Center, allocation of lake water, construction of the municipal complex, establishment of the village's low-interest mortgage loan program and the block grant for senior citizen housing and senior center as some of their accomplishments.

According to Hein, representatives of the party, in addition to the candidates have been going door-to-door throughout the village. Hein says the party plans on blanketing the village and visiting "every household in the village."

Besides Hein and Powers, other members of the slate include trustee candidates Rickey Ament and Marilyn Minter and Village Clerk candidate Judith Abruscato.

The election will be held Tuesday, April 7.

Groups approach board seeking federal funds

By HELEN KARAKOUDAS
Correspondent

WHEELING — Both the Park District and Youth Commission are vying for portions of Wheeling's federal revenue sharing funds for the coming fiscal year.

A representative from each body addressed the village board of trustees Monday evening, Feb. 23, at a public hearing held to discuss proposed uses of the revenue sharing monies.

According to Financial Director

Greg Peters, the village should be getting a total of \$210,000 to \$220,000 for the fiscal year May 1, 1981 to April 30, 1982. The first payment, amounting to \$53,000 has been received by the village already, Peters said.

DAVID PHILIPS, superintendent of the Park District, asked the board to consider allocating some of these funds to the parks in order to upgrade the Chevy Chase golfing facility. Improvements would include landscaping and the addition of a parking lot.

Omni House, a youth services center serving the village, is also in need of additional parking spaces. An Omni House representative requested that the board allocate \$7,500 so that 15 new parking spaces can be created to meet the needs of Omni House staff and clientele.

In the past, Wheeling has allocated its revenue sharing funds toward such areas as increased services for senior citizens and acquisition of computer terminals for the village staff.

Price tag for lake water estimated at \$6.5 million

By PEGGIE R. ELGIN

The switch from well water to Lake Michigan water supply may cost the Village of Wheeling \$6.5 million in pipeline, storage and pumping costs, village officials estimated this week.

Wheeling plans to receive Lake Michigan water pumped through Evanston. The village joins four other villages in the Northwest Water Commission, formerly known as DAMP, to pipe in the Evanston water.

The village must join the four communities in building a pipeline that will connect Evanston with the suburban system. The cost for that portion of the system will be paid for in increased water rates. Although the rates have not been projected, officials estimated they may be add as much as \$1.30 to Wheeling's water costs of 90 cents per 1,000 gallons. Village Manager Thomas Markus said the increased costs may not be quite that high because there should be some reduction in operation costs within the village.

In addition to those costs, Wheeling must then build improvements that will

allow the village to receive the water, store it, and pump it to residents and businesses in the community.

Consoer Townsend, engineering consultants, outlined four alternatives the village could use to implement the system in a report last week. Representatives of the firm Will Richards and John Callan narrowed the alternatives to two at a board work session.

The alternatives ranged in cost between \$5.6 million and \$8.5 million. But Markus said the village planners favored alternatives that total \$6,538,500. This would include \$2,939,500 in transmission and main improvements and \$3,600,000 for pumping station and storage costs, said Markus.

There will be only two points of delivery at Dundee Road and Hintz Road in the

area of the Soo Railroad and Commonwealth Edison right of way.

One plan for construction which would cost \$5.6 million includes two storage reservoirs, each with a 2 1/2 million gallon capacity to store water at the delivery points. It also included two pumping stations that would move the water from the large tanks, two elevated tanks with 500,000 gallon capacity, telemeter equipment, and piping.

Other expenses listed by the engineers included \$972,000 for stage one transmission and mains. Another \$1,131,500 was identified for improving distribution with larger water mains. A third stage cost of \$835,000 would complete the program of installing larger pipes throughout the system.

Markus, village manager, said the staff would study the alternatives outlined in the report. He said the next step would be engineering design plans and continued meeting with the Northwest Water Commission.

BG to join water group

Buffalo Grove made a formal commitment to join the Northwest Water Commission Monday as expected. NWC plans to buy Lake Michigan water from Evanston.

The next step is a formal acceptance from Buffalo Grove's membership by the NWC.

Buffalo Grove first affiliated with the North Suburban Water System, which was known as Venture. The village voted to

stay with Venture in August, but the projected 51 per cent rate hike in the water Venture planned to buy from Chicago made the NWC more economical for the village, officials decided.

The village will pay 15.5 per cent of the pipeline cost. The village will finance the \$1 million cost by selling bonds. The village will also pay \$33,333 for NWC membership.

HERALD 2-26-81 Landowner persists in village annex

by Gordon Walek

Herald staff writer

Despite an order by the Illinois Pollution Control Board that he negotiate with Buffalo Grove to connect his decaying sewer system with Lake County facilities, landowner William Johnson says he still wants to annex 203 acres of prime industrial property near Lake-Cook Road to Wheeling.

"We're still talking with the Wheeling people," Johnson said, "and we haven't been in touch with Buffalo Grove for nearly a year. But I don't think the sewer problems and any future annexations are related."

Johnson's land, which surrounds the Chevy Chase Country Club, has been the object of a tug of war between Wheeling and Buffalo Grove for nearly a decade. Both towns want to annex the property, between the Des Plaines River and the Soo Line Ry. tracks, for future commercial and industrial development. But a dispute over who will provide sewer and water service to the area has kept development in limbo and left village officials and nearby residents gnashing their teeth over the future of the property and the quality of their lives.

Johnson's Chevy Chase Sewer and Water Co., which serves about 75 homeowners, a few businesses and the golf course, is being sued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for dumping five times more treated sewage into the Des Plaines River than is

allowed by federal standards.

BOTH THE SEWER problem and the annexation question could have been resolved last year, had Johnson agreed to annex his property to Buffalo Grove in exchange for permission from the village to connect with Lake County sewers.

Buffalo Grove, through an agreement with other Vernon Township communities, controls sewer connections to the Lake County treatment plant that would serve the Chevy Chase area. Construction of a one-mile sewer line to the county system would cost about \$179,000, as opposed to the nearly \$750,000 that Johnson would have to pay to repair his plant.

But Johnson, who last year initiated annexation discussions with Wheeling, contended the future of his property and the "necessary" sewer connection were "unrelated" issues. Buffalo Grove trustees didn't accept that argument, however, and refused to allow the hookup unless Johnson offered as-

urances that he would annex the land to the village.

Last week, the Pollution Control Board ruled the utility company is polluting the Des Plaines River and ordered Johnson to try to renegotiate a sewer connection agreement with Buffalo Grove.

He was also told to make repairs on the plant — intended to reduce the pollution — within the next two months and to pay a fine of \$500.

THE IEPA HAD asked for a \$50,000 fine, plus a fine of \$1,000 a day since the pollution violations began, but "in light of the Chevy Chase's poor financial condition," the board issued the \$500 fine.

Although Johnson has not seen the order, which requires the sewer company to renegotiate with Buffalo Grove within the next four months, he appeared no more disposed to the wishes of village officials than he was a year ago.

"In the interests of providing better

sewer services alone, the village should permit us to connect with Lake County," he said. "This should have been resolved a long time ago, and Buffalo Grove is just using this as a big stick to beat us over the heads."

But Village Trustee Stephen Stone said Buffalo Grove should not agree to the connection unless it knows what other developments might move into the area.

Youths say they bought liquor at Hein's Pub

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials are investigating claims that two teen-agers bought beer at a pub owned by the village president's parents.

If the charges are substantiated, the liquor license of Hein's Pub and Liquor Store, 141 S. Milwaukee Ave., could be revoked or suspended.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he is investigating a police complaint against the pub and will decide by next week whether to shut it down.

Markus said two 18-year-olds walking on Milwaukee Avenue and carrying beer bottles were stopped by police early Tuesday morning and told police they had purchased the beer at Hein's Pub.

"We are conducting an investigation to find out the validity of the complaint," Markus said.

Gordon Hein, owner of the store and father of Wheeling Village President

William Hein, said the report was "full of baloney" and refused to comment further. The younger Hein could not be reached for comment.

Markus said the case is the first test of a new village liquor license regulation that took effect last week. Previously, Village President Hein had been the liquor commissioner, responsible for suspending or revoking licenses. The new ordinance creates a liquor commission made up of the entire village board.

21 towns to 'advise' each other on cable TV details

Although they've settled on different cable television operators, representatives of 21 towns in the Northwest Municipal Conference decided Saturday to stick together as they hammer out cable system details with the firms.

While the towns will negotiate these agreements on their own, the representatives plan to meet periodically to discuss issues that concern all 21 communities, such as how the different companies will "interconnect" the cable systems throughout the area.

Ten Northwest suburbs — Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Des Plaines, Wheeling, Prospect Heights, Park Ridge, Schaumburg, Hanover Park, Bartlett and Streamwood — have chosen Cablenet Inc. of Canada to build and operate their cable systems.

A negotiating team will be appointed this week and is slated to meet Saturday to begin work on a franchise agreement, or contract, with Cablenet.

Several North Shore communities have also selected Cablenet, but plan to negotiate separately with the firm.

Five Northwest suburbs — Palatine, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Buffalo Grove and Elk Grove Village — have selected Warner-Amex Cable Corp. and are also scheduled to meet Saturday.

Representatives from the cable companies have been asked to meet late this week with the Northwest Municipal Conference staff to discuss how the systems will be connected to each other and the costs involved.

HERALD 3/1/81

3-5-81 Reminders Consultants to guide water funds

The Wheeling village board hired Benjamin and Lang, consultants, Monday night to watch over village financial interests in the negotiations that will bring them Lake Michigan water.

The village board approved a fee not to exceed \$3,000 for the consultants work with the Northwest Water Commission. Wheeling and four other communities will join to provide the needed pipeline and improvements that will pump the Lake Michigan water from Evanston to the northwest suburbs.

The consultants will review all documents to make sure Wheeling gets the best financial deal, said Greg Peters, Wheeling financial director.

In addition to reviewing financial documents, the consultants will attend meetings and represent the village where their expertise is needed.

3-5-81 Reminders Cable talks set to open

Wheeling trustees Monday night appointed village staff to represent the village at the opening session of cable television negotiations with Cablenet Saturday morning at Wheeling Township Hall.

The nine Northwest suburban communities that designated Cablenet as their first choice franchise will begin negotiations leading to actual contracts for a cable franchise. The north shore communities have indicated a desire to pursue separate negotiations, said Thomas Markus, village manager.

Markus said 13 communities, with a total of 153,000 housing units and a population of 430,000 have selected Cablenet.

3/2/81 Herald Officials to clarify liquor law rules

But Markus said he believes the new ordinance gives the village manager the duty to make the first decision on suspending or revoking a liquor license, and the store's owners can then appeal to the liquor commission. He said the village board may discuss and clarify that procedure, but he plans to make a decision on the Heins' license sometime this week.

Markus said two minors found walking on Milwaukee Avenue early Tuesday with bottles of beer told police they had purchased the alcohol at Heins' Pub.

Hein had been the village's sole liquor commissioner responsible for suspending or revoking liquor licenses until last week, when the village board changed the local ordinance to create a liquor commission made up of Hein and the six village trustees.

3-4-81 Herald Markus to question Heins, decide on liquor penalty

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said Tuesday he will question the parents of Village President William Heins before deciding whether to suspend or revoke their liquor license because of allegations that teen-agers bought beer at their tavern.

Two 18-year-old youths arrested last week told police they purchased the beer they were carrying at Heins' Pub, 141 S. Milwaukee Ave., and were not asked for any identification when the sale was made. Markus said he also has asked police for a special report on the incident. He said a decision on the future of the Heins' liquor license should be made by the end of the week.

The incident is the first test of a new liquor law enacted only two weeks ago. The ordinance, however, was proposed more than two years ago and was aimed at taking the authority over issuance, suspension or revocation of liquor licenses away from Hein.

SINCE HEIN'S election as village president almost four years ago, his political foes have contended it is a conflict of interest for him to serve as

liquor commissioner while his parents, Gordon and Ida, hold two liquor licenses. The second license is for a tavern which several months ago was closed to make way for construction of Riverside Plaza, a shopping center William Heins started to develop, but sold.

Under the new ordinance, the entire village board — and not just Heins — would act as the liquor commission, but only if Markus determines the complaint against Heins' parents is valid and imposes some kind of penalty. Heins' parents then would have to appeal that decision to the newly created liquor commission.

According to a report filed by Wheeling Patrolman William Hubner, the two youths were walking along Milwaukee Avenue, near the tavern, shortly after midnight last Tuesday. The youths, Hubner said, were carrying bottles of beer and attempted to flee when Hubner approached them.

They were caught by Hubner a few minutes later and "stated they bought the beer at Heins' Pub last week from an 'old man' who did not card (the) offenders," Hubner's report said. The youths, both Wheeling residents, were

released to the custody of their parents. No charges were filed.

GORDON HEIN last week refused to comment on the incident.

And the younger Heins said he will "wait until the outcome of the investigation" before commenting. However, he did say he will not serve on the liquor commission if it is forced to convene.

"Even though I am the chairman of the commission, I will not partake in any way, shape or form of any discussion" of the future of his parents' liquor license, he said.

The new liquor law, modeled after one in Palatine, was proposed more than two years ago by one of Heins' political rivals, Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld, who said he sought to remove any "political overtones" to any decisions Heins might make as liquor commissioner.

Water group signs pact w

Four Northwest suburban towns became the first among 192 communities in Northeastern Illinois to finalize plans for obtaining Lake Michigan water when they signed a 40-year purchase agreement with the City of Evanston Wednesday night.

Arlington Heights, Palatine, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove — all members of the Northwest Water Commission — agreed to the contract that paves the way for construction of an \$81 million pipeline to Evanston to bring water to their towns by January 1, 1984. Evans-

ton signed the contract Monday night. "We are together undertaking one of the largest cooperative efforts this state has ever seen," Arlington Heights Village President James Ryan said at the commission's meeting in Palatine.

THE TOWNS were among 192 communities that in December were granted 40-year lake water allocations by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The commission, formerly called DAMP, has spent 23 years seeking new water supplies to replace dwindling well water.

Under the contract will buy 55 million gallons from Evanston for 1,000 gallons per day. The costs of financing will boost the price to an estimated 1984, \$1.75 per gallon.

That price do towns' costs for water to their local water utilities. The price for the lake water have estimated that

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Chicago	cy	50
Cleveland	sh	37
Columbus	sn	35
Dallas	pc	37
Denver	f	71
Des Moines	pc	40
Detroit	cy	42
El Paso	f	36
Hartford	sn	64
Honolulu	sy	39
Houston	cy	83
Indianapolis	f	81
Jackson, Miss.	pc	40
Jacksonville	cy	56
Kansas City	pc	77
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The week ahead

Slate charges meeting prevented

3-10-81 - Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

In an open letter to homeowners in two Wheeling condominium developments, the Wheeling Upward Party, headed by village president candidate Sheila Schultz, is accusing the opposition of trying to keep her slate from campaigning at the developments.

The letter, dated March 4, charges that Rickey Ament, a trustee candidate on Village President William Hein's Pro Wheeling Party ticket, and Paul Eisterhold, a Hein appointee to the plan commission, attempted to prevent Schultz's slate from meeting with condominium owners.

Ament is president of the Harmony Village Homeowner's Association, and Eisterhold is a board member at the Shadow Bend complex.

The group charges Ament "joked publicly" about receiving a request to

allow the Wheeling Upward ticket to have a coffee at Harmony Village. The WUP candidates say when contacted by phone earlier this month, Ament refused to consider the request, and "dumped the matter on another board member."

The Wheeling Upward Party slate subsequently arranged to speak to the Harmony Village homeowners tonight.

AMENT DENIED the group's charges, saying it was "ludicrous" to send the request to him, even though he is president of the homeowners association.

"I'm running on the other ticket. I didn't think I should handle it," he said, adding he gave it to the association's vice president to handle. "At what point do I have to make coffees for them when I'm running against them?"

The letter accuses Eisterhold of preventing the group from scheduling a meeting by telling candidates on

Schultz's slate that homeowners don't have access to the clubhouse. After pressing Eisterhold, the WUP candidates say he admitted Hein's party was meeting at the clubhouse on April 2.

The Wheeling Upward candidates say they offered to appear with Hein's slate, but Eisterhold refused, saying Hein was "buying the cake." When WUP offered to share expenses, Eisterhold told them to discuss it with Hein.

Later, Eisterhold proposed that the group meet in the basement of another board member's home. The invitation was refused because it was for a Monday night, the same time the Wheeling Village Board meets.

SCHULTZ SAID Eisterhold said he would take the issue to the Shadow Bend board, but she said Eisterhold said he didn't think it would make a difference, since he had talked to each board member by phone. The letter

continues to ask the homeowners at Shadow Bend to set a date for a meeting with WUP candidates.

Eisterhold could not be reached for comment on the letter.

Schultz said she didn't know whether the two men "had been told" to keep her slate out of the complexes, but she believes the incident represents "a different concept of campaigning, one that violates the usual campaign openness."

"It's unusual since they're representing groups of homeowners and they're denying access to people who may be representing them all for the next four years," Schultz said.

Schultz said WUP hasn't had access trouble with any other condominium complexes in Wheeling and that the group will continue to try to bring their campaign to homeowners in Harmony Village and Shadow Bend.

Markus reports on probe of Hein's Pub 'complaint'

3-11-81 - Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

As far back as last October, Wheeling police had filed reports indicating that teen-agers were buying liquor at a tavern owned by the parents of the village president, says Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Village President William Hein, who often has been accused of conflicting interests by acting as local liquor commissioner when his parents hold two liquor licenses, stood by his claim that he has never received a complaint against a liquor license holder, saying last fall's reports did not constitute an official complaint.

But Trustee Sheila Schultz, who is running against Hein in the April 7 election, said Hein is relying on "semantics" and showed "very poor judgment."

Markus reported on his investigation into a complaint that two 18-year-olds bought beer at Hein's Pub, 141 S. Milwaukee Ave., last month. The initial police report said the youths told police they bought the beer at Hein's Pub, "from an old man who didn't card them," Markus said. But, in written statements taken later, the youths



William Hein



Sheila Schultz

said an older customer bought the beer for them, he added.

MARKUS' REPORT also said he received two similar complaints against the pub last fall, and that Hein indicated at that time that he dealt with the complaints in his role as local commissioner.

In both cases, Hein said, he spoke to the "license holder" — his mother Ida — and recommended that the employee in question be fired. Mrs. Hein said, "yes, yes, of course I fired him," but would not comment further.

Village trustees, sitting as the newly created liquor control commission,

took no action on Markus' report, but told him to continue his investigation. The ordinance that created the liquor commission gives the manager the power to investigate complaints, suspend licenses for up to 30 days or refer the case to the commission for a decision.

The complaints against Hein's Pub mark the first test of a new law that gives the entire village board — not just Hein — the power to issue or revoke liquor licenses. When it was adopted in January, Hein protested that it was not necessary because, in his four years as village president, he

had never received a complaint about his parents' tavern or any other.

Against that background, Markus' report triggered a heated debate over whether last fall's police reports constituted official complaints.

HEIN SAID a police report is not a complaint unless the alleged liquor law violation is proven in court. "The reports I received as liquor commissioner weren't complaints," he said. "A report is usually filed by a police officer. This report isn't acted on unless a citation is issued and it goes to court."

And village attorney David Epstein agreed that "a police report isn't always a complaint."

"A statement must be signed that someone sold liquor to a minor," said Epstein. "In my opinion, all the commission has is a statement that someone says they were sold beer at Hein's Pub."

But Markus said "all three were complaints. They were on the same police forms."

"It's just a matter of semantics," said Schultz. "A complaint is a written notice of a violation. There was a police report stating under-age persons purchased liquor. In my mind, that's a complaint."

3-13-81 - Herald

Official says he's worked to avoid interest conflict

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

William Hein says he has "bent over backward" to avoid conflicts of interest between his job as Wheeling village president and the private business ventures of his family.

Hein's opponent in the April 7 election, Trustee Sheila Schultz, has repeatedly charged that the businesses of Hein and his family have interfered in his role as village president and local liquor commissioner, a position he was stripped of earlier this year.

Hein's parents own a local tavern and one auto parts store. Hein himself owns another auto parts store and is the developer of a downtown shopping center where one of the tenants is to be a restaurant using another liquor license held by Hein's parents.

The latest controversy over Hein's business interests erupted this week when trustees, sitting as the newly created liquor commission, began investigating charges that two 18-year-olds bought beer at Hein's Pub last February. It was learned then that police had filed similar reports last October and November and that Hein had handled the matter personally, calling his mother Ida and recommending that a clerk be fired.

IN AN INTERVIEW with the Daily Herald editorial board, Hein acknowledged that he might have been better able to avoid the latest conflict of interest accusations if he had taken two liquor law complaints against his parent's tavern to the full village board last fall. Instead, he handled the complaints himself, saying he was afraid his parents "couldn't get a fair shake" from the village board.

"Three or four years ago, there



William Hein

wasn't any investigation into liquor license holders. I felt it was necessary to spot check, run surveillance. We've been doing it for three and one-half years," he said. "If I was so concerned about my parents, why would I do that and put my parents in jeopardy?"

Hein said he has sold his interest in the Riverside Plaza Shopping Center, at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue, to a trust held by the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, in the name of Western Savings and Loan, to avoid a potential conflict in transferring the liquor license.

"I hope that other officials would have a conflict of interest like that shopping center," he said. "Wheeling needs a boost, and my family worked hard to acquire that land and bent over backward to do what the village wanted us to do, above and beyond what they wanted," including installation of a \$43,000 water main to create a "loop" in the village's system.

AS FOR HIS interests in the two auto part stores, Hein said he told the village manager not to purchase auto parts for the village from Dunhurst

Hein says Schultz should have quit village board

Wheeling Village President William Hein says Trustee Sheila Schultz should have resigned from the village board before embarking on her candidacy for village president.

Hein also predicted lame-duck Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld will be appointed to fill Schultz's trustee seat if Schultz wins her bid for the presidency and Sommerfeld loses his race for the Wheeling Township Board.

Had Schultz resigned her trustee position, the two years remaining in her term would be filled by an election. By not resigning, she retains a place on the village board if she loses the presidential campaign and, with the approval of the board, could appoint a new trustee if she wins.

Schultz defended her decision to retain her job as trustee but acknowledged that she would "consider"

appointing Sommerfeld to her seat if she wins in April.

"I WAS ELECTED for four years," she said. "If the people of Wheeling decide I should be president for the next four years, I'll resign from the board. If not, I'll finish my term."

Schultz said she didn't think Sommerfeld will lose his township bid, but if he does, and expresses an interest in again serving as a village trustee, she would consider him for the slot.

Sommerfeld called Hein's prediction "pure speculation," and "highly unlikely, since I don't intend to lose," but added he didn't think the citizens of Wheeling would be "cheated" by his presence on the village board.

Sommerfeld decided not to run for re-election to the village board because he felt the time commitment was too great. He chose instead to run for a spot on the township board.

Auto Parts, 765 W. Dundee, when he bought the company. There have been occasions, he added, when he has lent parts to the village for emergency repairs but refused to sell them.

Hein's family owns the other auto parts store in Wheeling, Wheeling Auto Parts, 141 S. Milwaukee. Hein said he is an employee of the store, and draws

a salary, but doesn't draw a commission from the village purchases.

Hein said the village has an ethics board and a recall ordinance and challenged his critics to utilize both to investigate the conflicts of interest. "With this stuff you're putting your butt on the line," said Hein. "Let them do their work."

Panel decision on sign code nears

The Wheeling Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its final public meeting Tuesday before making its recommendations to the village board on amendments to a controversial sign code.

That sign code, adopted about two years ago, was intended to spruce up the appearance of the village and sets strict requirements on the size, design and location of all signs in the village.

Although the exact number has not been determined, some village officials say up to 90 percent of all signs in the village are larger than the new sign code allows and must be replaced by 1984. The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce says that requirement could cost the business community millions of dollars and is asking that existing non-conforming signs be "grandfathered" — allowed to stand until a business changes hands or the sign is modified.

The zoning board meets at 7:30 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING Liquor Control Commission will meet tonight to discuss "procedures and other business," probably including a discussion of allegations that the parents of Village President William Hein, owners of Hein's Pub, sold beer to minors.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS WILL meet with Wheeling administrators Wednesday to discuss a 2½-year-old federal flood control program and its impact on the village.

The federal program, which sets strict standards for what type of building is allowed in flood-prone areas and its effect on flood insurance rates, will be discussed. Local officials say the meeting might be of interest to homeowners, bank officials, insurance and real estate agents.

The discussion will be held at 4 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING PLAN Commission will meet Thursday to discuss two village requests for rezoning and one request from a Wheeling resident. The village is seeking rezoning of three lots near Schoenbeck and Dundee roads, and will continue discussion on amending the village's Title 19 zoning code. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Wheeling/daily briefing

Today's agenda

- The Wheeling Village Board will meet at 8 p.m. at 255 W. Dundee Rd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Village of Wheeling will conduct a Hearing on the 19th day of March, 1981, at 2:00 P.M., in the Council Room of Building A, 255 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois, relative to the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program, to discuss the proposed funding request for program year 1981-1982.

All persons interested in the above are urged to attend the hearing on the date and time specified above and will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Thomas M. Markus
Village Manager
Village of Wheeling

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3-11-81 TOPICS

Schultz-Hein Debate

Wheeling village board presidential candidates William Hein and Sheila Schulz will debate at the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce meeting, next Tuesday, Mar. 17. The chamber will meet at noon at Hackney's Restaurant,

241 S. Wheeling Road. Incumbent Hein is seeking his 2d term as president.

Sheila Schulz, a Wheeling village trustee heads the Wheeling Upward Party.

Political patter begins

3-12-81 LIFE

COFFEES AND WHERE to hold them has become a campaign issue in the race for village offices.

The Wheeling Upward Party has charged that they had difficulty gaining access to clubhouses at various condominium complexes because of political affiliation of the presidents of two homeowner associations.

The recent allegations by the Wheeling Upward Party stem from letters sent to Rickey Ament, president of the Harmony Village Homeowner's Association and to Paul Eisterhold, president of the Shadow Bend Homeowners Association.

AMENT IS running for trustee on the Pro-Wheeling Party ticket, which is headed up by incumbent Village President William H. Hein. The Wheeling Upward Party is headed up by Sheila Schultz a trustee who is running for Village President.

As for Eisterhold, he is a plan commissioner appointed to that post by Hein.

In an "open letter" to homeowners of Harmony Village and Shadow Bend, Mary Ellen Westrich, campaign chairman for the Wheeling Upward Party says that Ament joked about receiving the letter "and intention to ignore it."

Ament denied joking about it. He did, however, admit to asking Joseph Ratajczak, who is running for trustee on the Wheeling Upward slate, "what kind of stupidity is this sending it to me?"

Ament said he turned the letter over to the vice president of the Harmony Village association. The Wheeling Upward Party was granted permission to hold a coffee in the clubhouse this past Tuesday, March 10.

As for using the Shadow Bend facility, Westrich charges that Eisterhold kept side stepping the issue and ultimately told her to call "Mr. Hein."

WESTRICH, WHO was unavailable for comment because she is away on vacation, said in her letter that Eisterhold did not respond to the letter be-

cause, he said, there was no phone number on it. Westrich says there was. Ament, when contacted by The LIFE, says there wasn't.

Westrich says the Pro-Wheeling Party is using the clubhouse on April 2. Westrich says she offered to share the facility and the cost on the same day. Eisterhold, she wrote, didn't like that idea because Hein wouldn't like that.

Besides, according to Westrich, Eisterhold told her "Hein was buying the cake." Westrich also wrote that Eisterhold told her that he was being put in a difficult position and that she should call Hein.

As of Tuesday, March 10, Hein says he had not been contacted by any member of the Wheeling Upward Party.

3-12-81 Reminder

Liquor debate corked by new law confusion

By PEGGIE R. ELGIN
The first meeting of the new Wheeling Liquor Commission ended Monday night in confusion over new procedures and action taken last year by past liquor commissioner William Hein concerning incidents involving a pub owned by his parents.

Hein, current Wheeling village president, held the post of liquor commissioner until last month when the board adopted a new liquor control ordinance. The ordinance takes the liquor control responsibilities from the village president and gives it to the village board as a whole.

A report alleging sale of beer to minors from Hein's Pub, an establishment owned by Hein's mother, Ida Hein, was submitted to Village Manager William Markus within a week after the ordinance was in place.

The commission met until midnight to hear charges on that case and to set procedures for handling future cases. Commissioners said earlier incidents involving Hein's Pub were not reported to them despite the fact that they had asked about liquor complaints.

Hein stepped away from the board table when the commission opened its discussion on the alleged complaints and handed the microphone to Commissioner Charles M. Kerr.

The liquor commission and Hein's role in the commission has been a subject of controversy in the campaign for village president. Trustee and Commissioner Sheila M. Schultz earlier charged Hein with a conflict of interest because he was liquor commissioner and his parents held liquor licenses in the village.

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Schultz, Hein's opponent in the race for village president, complained Hein denied there were any complaints in the last four years he had been liquor commissioner when there had been at least two or three.

Hein said there were complaints but later called them reports from the police department. The commissioners referred to two specific reports with police report numbers and specific dates in October and November. The reports were not available to the press.

As a result, Hein said he spoke to his mother, in whose name the liquor license is issued, and the person who reportedly sold liquor to minors was discharged.

When the commission turned its attention to the latest incident, reported Feb. 28, commissioners, the village manager and the village attorney disagreed on how they could proceed and investigate the complaint.

In the ordinance, the village manager receives the initial complaint. He must then order an investigation. He has the option of recommending sanctions against the establishment if he finds a violation. A second option is to send the whole matter to the commission for disposition, with no recommendation. Markus chose the second option.

Markus told the commission he had received the complaint, "interviewed the two minors and found some inconsistencies in their reports."

The report given to the commission referred to the previous reports and a practice Markus called "selective enforcement." This practice meant that because of complaints of possible liquor sales to under age youth, the police department was keeping an eye on Hein's Pub.

"Based on the number of issues and the inconsistencies in the reports, I recommend the matter go to hearing," said Kerr.

Village Attorney David Epstein warned the board that the way they handled this first case would be precedent setting and urged the board to adopt some procedures before taking any action on a specific incident.

"We are hearing a complaint," said Schultz. "For the benefit of the establishment, there should be a hearing to clarify the matter."

Commissioner Roger Powers, referring to the report, said he thought the matter should be dropped because the youths involved reported buying the liquor from a 30-year-old man who went into the pub and bought the beer for them.

This was the inconsistency to which the

commissioners and Markus referred. In the police report, the youths reportedly said they had purchased the beer. Markus said he could not verify either version.

Epstein interrupted the proceedings and told the board he was not certain that the police report of the incident was actually a complaint.

Responding angrily, Schultz asked, "Are we going to Micky Mouse around with the definition of the word complaint?"

Kerr withdrew his motion.

"I can see the cards are stacked against us," Kerr said.

Schultz said she would have a hard explaining commission inaction in dealing with the Hein's Pub complaints.

"I've received constant complaints ...can't you do something about my kids getting beer in town," Schultz said. She said she wanted to address the problem but couldn't because the commission was playing "a word game."

Members of the audience interrupted the commission alleging the actions of the commissioners were politically motivated.

Schultz said the panel was not getting any where with the matter and recommended the case be referred back to staff for review.

"We have to decide what kind of an ordinance this is going to be and what kind of a village this is going to be," she said.

Kerr referred the matter back to staff.

Commission ponders new procedures

3-12-81 Life

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

THE RECENTLY REVAMPED Wheeling Liquor Control Commission held its first meeting Monday, March 9, and as any group meeting for the first time, there were clarifications, considerations and disagreements on a number of items.

For the most part, the commission focused on what procedures will be needed for routine matters including the granting of a new liquor license, renewal of licenses and procedures to be used when village liquor laws are violated.

Disagreement regarding the definition of a complaint and clarification of procedures highlighted much of the meeting which also included discussion about an alleged incident involving the reported serving of minors at Hein's Pub.

The meeting had focused on clarifying procedures to be used by the Commission, which is the Village Board under a different name, in handling, issuing and renewal of liquor licenses. The commission also discussed procedures to be used when a complaint is lodged against a liquor-serving establishment.

THE MAIN DISCUSSION at the meeting turned out to be concerning an alleged incident at Hein's Pub. That incident occurred in February and allegedly involved the sale of beer to two 18-year-olds.

The discussion had political overtones to it as Hein's Pub is owned and operated by the parents of William Hein, who as Village Board President is chairman of the Liquor Control Commission under state law.

Hein excused himself from the discussion focusing on Hein's Pub. He is seeking re-election as Village President.

The commission heard a report from Village Manager Tom Markus about the incident. He said that as a result of the investigation he conducted and follow-up work done by the Wheeling Police Department, he was not going to take any action against the pub. Markus said he was "not going to suspend the license at this point but would 'bump' it up to the Liquor Control Commission." Markus added that if the commission wanted to take action, it could.

The problem arose at the meeting regarding what, in fact, did happen.

Markus by police officer William Hubner indicated that he spoke with two 18-year-olds who said they purchased beer at Hein's Pub.

Markus said the original story was that the youths purchased beer from "an old man" who, first reports say, didn't card them.

A supplemental report indicated that one youth said he had no idea where it was from.

The debate became more complex and clouded when yet another investigation, this one done by the Investigations Unit of the Wheeling Police Department, yielded information which indicated that the youths, when questioned individually, said a 30-year-old man purchased the beer for them.

THE DEBATE THEN jumped to whether a police officer's report of an incident is an official complaint.

Commissioner John Cole argued that a police officer's report should serve as a complaint. Village Attorney David Epstein disagreed saying that someone has to sign a complaint stating that someone did something illegal.

Epstein told the commission that "nowhere in the supplemental the police officer states a violation of the law."

BECAUSE OF THE discrepancy in the stories given both in the police report and by the two minors involved, Commissioner Charles Kerr removed a motion he made to send the issue to a hearing before a three-person panel.

That panel would be picked by a majority vote of the commissioners. If political allegiances hold up, it might work against Hein because of the six commissioners, only Roger Powers and Robert Ross side with Hein. The other four; Cole, Kerr, Sheila Schultz and Hugh Sommerfeld are at political odds with Hein. Schultz is opposing Hein in the Village President race.

Before it goes to panel, Kerr requested more investigative work be done by the Village Manager.

Markus says he is "satisfied with the conduct of the investigation" and that he can understand the reason it was returned to staff.

"I think it is necessary to do more based on the commission's suggestions to talk to the original officer involved and go from there."

He adds this is important "considering the appearance of conflict between the two reports."

THE ORIGINAL REPORT sent to

Opinion... Questions

To the editor:

I felt that I had to write this letter to you regarding the case of the Wheeling Police Officer Thomas Conte who was recently fired and whose case is now in the courts. In my opinion some questions pertaining to this situation constantly stands out yet the news media and certain village officials have chosen to not answer these. Certain news publications have appeared to ignore them, why? Certainly they are to me, very important and valid questions into this man's actions and I do not believe they were used to determine the reasonableness of his actions. Instead it appears that the Fire and Police Commission may have chosen to ignore them and very possibly bowed to pressures, from certain segments of the press and maybe political instead of in the name of Justice. In my opinion, he was tried in the newspapers and this is not how our justice system is to work.

The questions never asked by the press, the Fire and Police Commission and even Circuit Court Judge James Murray are in my opinion, very important:

1. Why and what exactly were these two young men intending to do when they sat outside of a bank assembling a shotgun? Why didn't they take it home? Why in a public place?

2. Just how did the police "determine" they had no intention of robbing the bank? Did Chief Bracke or some other officer ask them? If this is so, then that's senseless. Does any sensible person really expect someone to readily admit such intentions? Would Al Capone have admitted to the authorities he was head of a crime syndicate? Why were these two considered so "victimized" when they started the whole thing by showing a shotgun.

3. Why would one of the young men have a concealed long bladed knife on him? (one vehicle the other three officers admitted they did not know was there). Likewise, if the situation was so "under control" as they say it was, why then were they aiming their guns at these two men?

One of the police officers who testified against Conte Officer Edward Theriault has recently announced publicly his desire to enter into politics. Is Mr. Theriault trying to build or enter into any political alliances or deals? I wonder. I, for one do not believe a police officer should even think politically such as this because he is to do his job in an unbiased manner. Be a politician or be a cop.

Too many things smell leadly in this case and I feel that somehow political interests and maybe some newspapers circulation interest may very well have done this man, and the general public who paid for his training, a great injustice.

I only hope the court will view this in the proper light and not solely on a

"technical" basis. We, the public cannot afford to lose honest public employee's because of someone's self-serving interests whether it is politicians, individuals, or even news media "Sensationalism".

This is yet another case for gun control. Not one to be ignored or soft peddled by the politicians, Fire and Police Commissioners or the press or the shift blame as has been done. The fact of the use of the shotgun by these two men is and should be the focal point. In my opinion.

Name withheld on request

Leadership sets tone of Schultz campaign

By PEGGIE R. ELGIN

Sheila H. Schultz says she offers the citizens of Wheeling leadership instead of the control her opponent in the race for village president tries to hold over village operations.

The village president should be in a leadership position, said Schultz, who now serves as a village trustee. And she believes "the board should be policy making...not administrators."

Schultz opposes incumbent Village President William Hein in the contest. It's not the first time Schultz and Hein have been on opposing sides. They have been political foes for nearly a decade.

Hein maintains "his own locked office," in the village hall, she said. She said Hein often works in the administrative realm of village government. "The board should not run the village."

Schultz, who is head of the circulation department of the Indian Trails Library district, said her interest in village government evolved gradually since the middle '50s when her family settled in Wheeling.

Schultz heads the Wheeling Upward Party while Hein leads the PRO Wheeling party.

"It all started in 1970...we were having elections with no opposition. The Jaycees were active then and we ended up forming a political party. We were thrown off the ballot at that time...and then ran a write-in campaign. We lost the write in campaign, but we stayed together," she calls.

At that time, Schultz was the campaign manager. The group tried again and managed to elect one of its endorsed

candidates in the 1973 village election.

"It doesn't sound like much," said Schultz, but it meant that "we at least had one person in the executive sessions."

Schultz said there was some question about the activities of the village board at that time. Hein was on the board at the time. A significant number of multi-family developments was approved in the early '70s. In 1974, indictments were returned against village officials, resulting in convictions for taking bribes from developers in return for zoning considerations.

Schultz said those zoning decisions caused problems, "because things were not done properly." She said flooding was one of the problems.

In 1975, right after the indictments were handed down, four village trustee seats were up for election and Schultz' party captured all four.

But it hasn't all been smooth and easy for Schultz and her challenge party. Control of the village board has seen-sawed back and forth between parties associated with Hein and Schultz.

In 1977, Hein won back control of the village board and became village president. And in 1979, with three seats up for village election, "we beat them 3-to-1," said Schultz. It was in this election that Schultz became a village trustee.

Over the years, Schultz said the village board under Hein's leadership has gotten into administrative areas, particularly in personnel. A suit now in litigation charges interference by Hein and the Hein-appointed police commission in policeman promotion examinations.

Hein lists progress as 4-year achievement

By PEGGIE R. ELGIN

William Hein, Wheeling's village president, who has lived through the village's good times and bad, wants four more years to "give back some of the good." Wheeling has given him.

Four years ago, Hein said he promised to bring social services and capital improvements to the village.

He said the fire station, the municipal building, the public works facility and two deep wells have all been built during his administration.

Hein said many village goals have been realized in the last four years. Among those, he listed the development of a Lake Michigan water pipeline, and a bonding program designed to attract industry to Wheeling.

To meet the needs of an aging community, Hein points to efforts underway to provide subsidized housing for the elderly.

There were few services for senior citizens, said Hein. Senior citizen housing and a senior center will soon become reality in Wheeling. Both are a part of a downtown re-development program and have already received funding.

But there are still issues that need to be addressed, he said. There are local concerns about flooding, downtown development, and regional planning.

He anticipated expansion of the village to the north on the 245-acre Johnson property and said regional planning will be needed for that project.

He agrees with his long time political opponent in the race for village president, Sheila H. Schultz on the what role of the village president in personnel matters should be. "I don't think it's my job to be

involved in personnel," he said. And he said he does not think he has stepped into the administrative realm. Schultz, however, has charged Hein has interfered in personnel decisions.

The two candidates don't see eye to eye on office space for the village president. Schultz said full time office space in the village hall is not necessary for a part-time village president.

Hein, who owns an auto parts business defends his office. "I think it is important to be able to talk about village matters in the village hall," he said.

Hein moved to Wheeling in 1956. He was a volunteer fireman for nine years and then served on the police and fire commission before applying for a seat to fill a vacancy on the village board. He became a trustee in 1971 and was elected president in 1977.

Hein recalls his days on the village board when both elected and appointed officials were indicted and later convicted of taking bribes for zoning favors.

He said he was one of the hardest times of his life when one of his children was reprimanded for fighting because another child had called his dad "a crook."

Hein said he suffered, and Wheeling suffered too in the bribery scandals. But Hein stayed in village government.

"We worked very hard to clean up the image. I've always been an advocate of pro-Wheeling. It took time and a concerted effort to show that we (Wheeling) could be people that are concerned," Hein said.

Hein said he was proud to be a politician. "We were on the line. We have taken that image and turned that image around and I can tell anyone I am the mayor of Wheeling and be proud."

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Herald photos

FACING THE ISSUES. Candidates for Wheeling village president, Trustee Sheila Schultz, left, and incumbent Village President William Hein, address themselves to campaign issues and questions from the

audience at a candidates' forum Sunday afternoon at Wheeling High School. Voters gathered to hear candidates for village clerk, board of trustees and Wheeling Park District board.

Village candidates square off

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Two full slates of candidates for Wheeling Village Board squared off Sunday in a forum at Wheeling High School in which spectators questioned them on the feasibility of village ownership of Palwaukee airport and the drug problem in Wheeling.

A small, but partisan crowd of about 60 people attended the forum and interrupted incumbent president William Hein and his opponent trustee Sheila Schultz with occasional applause and groans of disagreement.

Schultz pointed to industrial growth through the use of industrial revenue bonds, and her personal involvement in a recall and ethics ordinance, establishment of a senior citizen and liquor commission and construction of an

emergency health care center. She said Wheeling has begun to "outgrow its reputation of political instability," adding though that a bad reputation is "hard to live down."

Hein countered by calling the past four years "phenomenal," and said he and his slate had lived up to their campaign promise of four years ago to "take Wheeling out of the darkness." He listed accomplishments that included industrial growth, a new fire station on the village's west side, a senior citizen rehabilitation center, construction of senior citizen housing, new water wells and the new health facility.

HEIN SKIRTED the issue of conflict of interest, which has been a big part of this campaign and his administration, particularly over his role as liquor commissioner, when his parents

hold two licenses in Wheeling. Instead, waving what he called a "roach box," he said two teen-agers purchased at a drug paraphernalia shop in Wheeling. Hein said the village must work on the local level to stop drug abuse.

Schultz said she "applauded Hein's concern over drug abuse," but said that alcohol abuse is a bigger local problem.

Responding to questions from the audience, both candidates said they would put the village's ownership of Palwaukee airport to a referendum vote. Hein said he favored the continued operation of Palwaukee if its beneficial to the community. Schultz said she believed that Federal Aviation Administration officials wouldn't allow the airport to close, and that problems caused by its operation "could be dealt

with."

The forum was also attended by Rickey Ament, Marilyn Minter and Roger Powers, candidates for village trustees on Hein's Pro Wheeling ticket, and Judith Abruscato, the slate's candidate for village clerk. Schultz's Wheeling Upward trustee candidates who attended the forum include James Goetsch, Joseph Ratajczak and William Rogers. The party's clerk candidate, Elizabeth Hartmann, was also present.

Only two candidates for Wheeling Park district slots participated in the forum. Incumbent Frank Schnaitmann who is seeking his second 6-year term on the board, and newcomer Gene Kavanagh agreed that park officials should work towards fixing up and using current facilities.

3-17-81 - Herald
Complete cable TV system 2 years off

by Mary Beth Von Driska
 Herald staff writer

It will be at least two years before all Hanover Park, Streamwood and Bartlett residents will be able to switch on cable TV stations in their homes, a representative of Cablenet Ltd. said Monday night.

Walter Wickers, vice president of the Canada-based firm, told Hanover Park officials that 15 percent of the homes in the three-village area will have cable stations in operation at least 15 months after a cable franchise is signed with the villages. It will take at least two years before all homes in the three villages, which joined forces with other Northwest suburbs to award a cable franchise, will have operating cable channels, he said.

Six other suburbs — Schaumburg, Wheeling, Prospect Heights, Arlington Heights, Des Plaines and Mount Prospect — also chose to negotiate franchises with Cablenet.

HANOVER PARK officials now are finalizing negotiations with Cablenet and hope to have a signed franchise agreement within the next month. Officials agreed last month to award a franchise to Cablenet, one of the top rated cable firms that was selected by a consulting firm hired by the Northwest Municipal Conference.

"Once the contract is signed, we will

begin designing the system for the three villages," Wickers said. "We will start out with a small percentage of households (15 percent) and then gradually build the system up until all homes have the system, which should be within 24 months after the agreement is signed."

He said the 15 percent of the residents who will initially receive the system will be selected at random.

Wickers said the cable network in Hanover Park, Streamwood and Bartlett will have 110 channels, including 11 local channels and a local cable television studio to be used for producing community programs.

A THREE-YEAR guaranteed rate of \$5.95 a month for each household will be included in the local system. However, Wicker said there will be an optional security system that could be included in the cable package that would cost \$199 for installation per household and \$12.95 a month.

The security service would include a burglar alarm and fire alarm that would be connected to the police department and other municipal services.

Wickers said the cable system will also include an emergency override system, which would allow officials to interrupt to warn residents of weather hazards or other emergency situations in the area.

3-18-81 AERIAL
3 new autos for police department

Village board wrapup

The Wheeling Police Department will soon get three new white Ford Escorts to add to its fleet. Village trustees voted 5-1 Monday to authorize the purchase of the new cars, at a cost not to exceed \$18,039.

Thomas Markus, village manager, said the cars will replace three mid-sized cars currently used by the police. While the mileage on the cars being replaced wasn't extremely high, Markus said the engines have received a lot of wear from idling. Markus also said that while the cars would be assigned to the police department, the village is trying to pool cars more efficiently, and the Escorts probably would be available for use by other departments.

Trustee Hubert Sommerfeld voted against the autos'

purchase, saying he wasn't convinced there was a need to replace the existing cars.

Lake water permit OK'd

Village trustees voted to approve Wheeling's Lake Michigan water allocation permit for lake water through the year 2020. Larry Oppenheimer, director of community development, said Wheeling's allocations between the years 2000 and 2020 are "substantially less" than the village's request. Allocations overall were up about 33 percent from the Illinois Department of Transportation's initial recommendation for Wheeling. IDOT is the state agency responsible for the allocation of lake water.

3-18-81 HERALD
Little debate at Hein, Schultz forum

by Elida Witthoef
 Herald staff writer

Confined to a discussion of issues affecting the business community in Wheeling, candidates for village president found on Tuesday that they don't differ that much on what's good for the local economy.

In a luncheon debate sponsored by the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, both incumbent President William Hein and his opponent, Trustee Sheila Schultz, told the audience of businessmen and supporters that they favor a public referendum on the purchase of Pal-Waukee airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights and the use of industrial revenue bonds to encourage growth within the village.

In response to a question about criticism leveled by some members of the board at the use of the bonds to encourage industrial growth, Hein said he thought the trustees agreed on the concept of revenue bonds, but didn't agree on the way the bonds are being used. Hein also took credit for the use of the bonds, saying some 1,000 jobs had been brought to the village by industrial growth.

SCHULTZ AGREED with Hein that the bonds were good for growth, but said she "couldn't resist commenting on the timing of Hein's comments."

"If you go back to the initiation of the program, Wheeling was financially in bad shape," Schultz said. "Terry Zerkle, the village manager, and Tom Markus the assistant manager, were working hard to set the program up. It's unfortunate that Mr. Hein and Trustee (Roger) Powers saw fit to fire Mr. Zerkle," said Schultz, adding "the good effect of their work continues."

The candidates did differ on a controversial sign ordinance that would force most businesses in town to replace their signs by 1984 and on a proposed amendment that would exempt all existing signs.

"The old sign ordinance should be taken and thrown in the garbage for the good of the community," Hein said. "You can build a building, but you can't put up a sign. We can't take Wheeling, tear it down and start all

over again."

Schultz said she supported the concept of a sign ordinance and didn't agree that Wheeling officials should scrap the entire thing. She said that time was a major factor in both implementation of the ordinance and the downtown redevelopment plan. "We're not going to go through here tomorrow trying to shape things up," Schultz said.

RESPONDING TO a question on whether the village could improve communication between the business community and village officials, Hein proposed the formation of a "commercial and industrial commission," to work with business and civic leaders to keep them aware of village business. Hein said the village had such a commission in the past, but "it didn't function properly."

Schultz said there was room for improvement in communications between business and village officials and said Hein's commission suggestion had merit, but she would rather see a staff member appointed as a regular liaison to Chamber of Commerce and non-member businessmen. Schultz said that commission operations can sometimes be "cumbersome."

While responding to a question about his stand on the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, Hein said he noticed Schultz had been endorsed by the Citizens Airport Activity Group, an organization representing citizens fighting jet noise and the public purchase of the airport. "I would have refused the endorsement," said Hein, "but the group didn't even invite our slate to speak."

Schultz said her slate didn't seek the endorsement and never promised the airport group that she would work for their interests if she's elected.

Hein frequently reminded the group that he is a businessman in Wheeling and this background makes him especially sensitive to the needs of Wheeling's business community. Schultz acknowledged her lack of a business background, but suggested that this would enable her to "understand the frustrations of businessmen dealing with government."

The candidates' remarks were met with polite applause and the end of each of their responses. The Chamber of Commerce functions as a non-political group, and according to one chamber official, sponsored the debate as an informational session.

3-18-81 HERALD
Proposed mobile home law changes irk residents

Residents of Wheeling's Whipple Tree Village mobile home park say they aren't satisfied with proposed changes to the village's mobile home ordinance, after 18 months of meetings with village officials.

About 50 residents of the park showed up at Monday night's village board meeting to protest the ordinance.

door," said Koeppen. "Federal and state codes recommend two doors, and that's what we're following in this change." Koeppen also said that doors purchased from the company that manufactured the trailer shouldn't be difficult to install.

Many of the Whipple Tree residents already have three-sided garages, the only kind now permitted, and Bayner estimated that about 90 percent of the existing garages at the park have doors leading from the trailer into the

garage. In addition, since the village never issued permits for garages in the past, park owner Ernest Stavros said estimated that at least 75 of the 80 to 90 existing garages would be in violation of the new ordinance.

Another Whipple Tree resident, David Wiltse, accused village officials of disregarding the concerns of the park residents. "We've tried to put our input in the proposal, but we've only been listened to. There's been no give and take," he said.

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Village projects \$8.25 million budget for next year

3-21-81
THE HERALD

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling village officials are proposing a 1981-1982 budget of \$8.25 million, less than 5 percent more than last year's budget.

According to village finance director Gregory Peters, the increases are mainly due to salary increases for village employees approved last year, the increased costs of benefit programs and some planned capital improvements for village sidewalks and sewers.

Peters said he "has no doubt" the new budget will increase village taxes, but he could not give an exact figure. Wheeling tax rates now are set at 86.7 cents per \$100 of assessed evaluation. That means that the taxes on a \$15,000 house would be about \$130. Part of the predicted tax increase also will be due to an increase in the levy for the fire department.

PETERS BLAMED the stagnant economy for a projected 4 percent drop in village revenues, to \$7 million. He expects decreases in sales taxes, water revenue and permit fees. But the

village has about \$2 million in surplus to balance the budget, he said.

While Wheeling residents will pay increased village taxes for fire protection, Peters said the increase will partly "wash out" because residents won't be paying taxes to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection district, which used to contribute funds to pay for fire protection in the village.

The village plan doesn't include any new employees; the 8 percent to 10 percent increases in salary requests in this year's proposed budget reflect raises granted last year. Peters said

the village is still contemplating employee raises for this year.

This year's budget proposal does reflect an 8 percent increase for firefighters and a 9 percent increase for police officers. Both raises are the result of contracts negotiated last year.

PETERS SAID the 48 percent proposed increase in Social Security payments and increases in other pension and benefit funds are directly related to the increased salaries.

Proposed major capital expenditures include \$10,200 to rehabilitate and upgrade street signs. Of that money,

\$2,500 will be used to post bicycle path signs in the village.

Another \$12,500 is slated for sidewalk improvements along areas of Wolf, McHenry, Dundee and Schoenbeck roads, as is the completion of a 1978 program involving curb and gutter removal and replacement, at a cost of \$110,500. The work, needed to repair gutters before streets are repaved in the Dunhurst, Poplar Grove, Michael Babiarz and Hollywood Ridge areas of the village, was postponed because of a shortage of concrete.

The village also is proposing to

spend \$730,000 to pay off debts, including \$474,000 on bonds issued to finance the construction of the \$3.8 million municipal complex and street improvement bonds dating back to 1965.

Officials also are proposing to spend \$256,000 to help pay off a \$2.5 million bond issue that was used to construct two wells and to do other sewer work.

Members of the village board will meet at 8 a.m. today at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, to discuss the proposed budget. The budget proposal could come to the board for approval on April 6.

THE DAILY HERALD

Lake Co. would sue to keep out MSD

3-24-81

by Gordon Walek

Herald staff writer

Lake County officials say they will go to court, if necessary, to prevent the Metropolitan Sanitary District from extending its boundaries north of Lake-Cook Road.

Such a stand might block the development of an industrial park in Wheeling and forge an unusual alliance between Buffalo Grove and county officials who for years have differed sharply on how southern Lake County should be developed.

Wheeling is trying to convince the MSD to extend its boundaries into Lake County to provide sewer service for a 203-acre parcel surrounding the Chevy Chase golf course which land-

owner William Johnson wants to annex to Wheeling and develop as an industrial park.

If the MSD is prevented from serving the property, Johnson will have little choice but to annex to Buffalo Grove and connect his private Chevy Chase Sewer and Water Co. — currently being sued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency — to Lake County sewers.

LAKE COUNTY Board Chairman Glenn Miller said that his board "will take a stand against" the annexation.

"They can't come into the county without our approval," he said, "and we will not allow them to do it."

Miller said that he's opposed to that because "the Lake County Public Works Department is supposed to

serve that area," and he doesn't want a Cook County organization moving into Lake County. Miller also has called for laws that largely would prohibit a village from annexing across county borders.

Buffalo Grove officials are especially interested in 55 acres of Johnson's land west of the Soo Line tracks which could serve as an extension of an industrial park already under construction. Future development on Johnson's property would provide revenues for the county's under-used Des Plaines River Treatment plant.

"THE PROPERTY is in our area of service," said Lake County Assistant State's Attorney Gary Neddneriep,

"and I think we have legal grounds to keep the MSD below county lines."

Although the MSD has agreed to serve areas outside Cook County — St. Mary's Church in Buffalo Grove being an example — Neddneriep said that the actions had never been challenged in court.

However, Miller said that none of the other MSD extensions were for areas as large as Johnson's and that such an intrusion would destroy the county's efforts to control development in southern Lake County.

Miller, a Long Grove resident, vehemently objected last year to Buffalo Grove's plans to annex 835 acres near Ill. Rte. 22 for industrial and residential development. He threatened to

withhold sewer permits from the village if it proceeded with the annexation. That development failed to materialize, and now Miller and village officials find themselves using the sewer connection issue against a different adversary.

Although Buffalo Grove "wouldn't sue the MSD," Village Manager William Balling said that he would "support any efforts" that might encourage Johnson to annex his property to the village.

"I DON'T THINK we will get involved in a lawsuit," Balling said, "but the economic argument will tell the story. I don't think there is an economic alternative to the Lake County connection."

However, Johnson, who said he prefers to annex to Wheeling, next week will discuss his plans for industrial, residential and commercial development of his property with Wheeling plan commissioners.

Johnson probably would have to pay \$179,000 to connect his system to Lake County sewers, as opposed to the \$750,000 it would cost to completely renovate the plant. Wheeling officials estimate that it will cost between \$1 million and \$2 million to connect Johnson's property with the MSD.

The MSD last year tentatively agreed to serve the area if Johnson annexes the property to Wheeling, but District Engineering Supervisor Ayoub Talhami said that he has not discussed the matter with Johnson since then.

Trustees OK mobile home sheds — for now

3-24-81 HERALD

With more than 100 mobile home residents on hand, the Wheeling Village Board Monday proposed a concession to allow mobile home owners to keep their unattached storage sheds while continuing debate over whether they also may build attached, enclosed garages.

Village officials had recommended that those residents be forced to choose between an attached garage or a shed. But residents asked to be allowed to keep the sheds because they already have to have them, and village officials agreed.

The board considered the issue during discussion of a proposed amendment to the village's mobile home ordinance to permit residents of the Whipple Tree Village Mobile Home Park to construct enclosed garages while meeting varied fire code rules. The residents have said the village's proposed amendment set safety standards for the garages that are too stringent.

THE PROPOSED amendment would allow residents to construct attached, fully-enclosed garages and would require the installation of a fire wall and six-inch curbing along the

side where the garage attaches to the trailer. Owners also would have to install a third door in the trailer if the garage blocked an existing exit.

Currently, park owners require residents to maintain an unattached storage shed. In addition, residents may attach three-sided garages.

But Wheeling Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen told the board he thought a separate storage shed to store flammable materials, such as gasoline and oil, was safer than storing such materials in a garage. Residents applauded his suggestion.

Proposed changes in the ordinance were introduced March 16. After residents raised numerous questions, board members send the amendment back to staff for clarification.

BOARD MEMBERS also debated how much time residents should have to make non-conforming structures conform to the proposed code. The village staff had recommended a 120-day period, but trustees agreed on a 3-year period.

In discussion, several board members expressed concern, saying owners needed more the original 120-day plan

to comply. They suggested two building seasons, or 18 months.

Village President William Hein said he favored a 5-year period, to the applause of Whipple Tree residents.

Dick Bayner, president of the Whipple Tree Homeowners Association, has called the provision for an extra door a "fly in the ointment" of the amendment. Bayner claimed the quick release "push-out" windows required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in all trailers constitute an emergency exit and make the installation of a third door an unnecessary expense of about \$1,000.

3-26-81 *Life*
Toying around?

Teens voice objections to store's age restriction

WHEELING—Three Buffalo Grove teen-agers appeared at the March 16 meeting of the Wheeling Village Board to ask that the village take action on their complaint concerning a Dundee Road merchant.

Wendy Fogel, 891 Stonebridge; Dawn DeVito, 847 Miller Lane; and Jacquie Miller, 420 Lauren Lane asked for action concerning a sign posted at R & E Toys, 835 W. Dundee, which states that children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent. The three told the board they would like to see "a village ordinance that no village (business) should exclude anyone, including children."

DeVito said that they conducted a survey of stores in the area which showed R & E to be the only one with such a policy. They presented petitions signed by about 50 persons requesting Village Board action.

ALL THREE teens offered suggestions for the store including mirrors and cameras to prevent shoplifting and a sign stating "No loitering. Shoplifters will be prosecuted." They agreed the store should not be used by parents as a babysitting device.

DeVito added that parents of the children who damage merchandise should be held responsible. She and Fo-

gel said all children shouldn't be stereotyped and treated by the store management as shoplifters or criminals. "Adults can shoplift, too," DeVito said.

Trustee John Cole asked whether the store might be violating a federal law against age discrimination.

Village Attorney David Epstein replied he did "not believe discrimination at that end of the spectrum is covered," but he would check and find out.

Cole recommended that the village send a letter to the owner of the toy store asking him to incorporate some of the girls' suggestions.

IN OTHER action, the board:

- Directed Village President William Hein to send letters to Governor James Thompson and Cook County Board Chairman George Dunne asking the state and county to improve the rights-of-way along state and county highways through the village.

Board members objected to advice from Village Manager Thomas Markus and other staff members that the village assume maintenance for the roadways once the necessary roadwork is completed.

"This is just a way of increasing (local) taxes," Cole said. "They (the state and county) keep the funds that were raised to maintain these roads and try to push the responsibility for maintaining them off on us." He said the village should first try to get the state and county to assume their responsibilities as far as the proposed improvements, which include widening some roads, and installing curbs and gutters. That might necessitate a delay of several weeks in order to receive replies, he said, but if the other governmental units did not make the improvements, "I'm not advocating not doing it."

3-26-81 *Life*
Bracke eyes top position in Glenview

WHEELING POLICE CHIEF Ted Bracke has applied for the chief's position in the village of Glenview.

Bracke confirmed that he made the application and says he is one of "300 persons who have applied for the vacancy."

Glenview Village Manager Robert Van Deusen would not confirm, nor deny Bracke's application saying the village prefers to keep the names of job applicants confidential, something it assures persons when they apply for a position.

Van Deusen says he expects the announcement of the new chief to be made in early April.

BRACKE, MEANWHILE, did not want to comment on his reasons for applying for the position. Bracke has, however, informed Village Manager Thomas Markus of his application for the Glenview post.

3-26-81 *Life*
Board eases some areas of proposal

BY JUNE STEWART
Correspondent

WHEELING—In the continuing saga of Whippetree homeowners versus the proposed mobile home ordinance, the homeowners won several concessions Monday, March 23.

With the board room packed to capacity, mobile homeowners attacked the board's proposed mobile home ordinance with everything from the economy to discrimination and gained enough sympathy to have the 120-day compliance time extended to three years, plus additional time for cases of hardship.

Another point homeowners won was allowance of a storage shed not larger than 10-by-10 feet in addition to construction of a garage or carport, depending upon the size of the garage. According to the homeowners, some garages are in tandem and extend nearly 60 feet, however, others are for one car and allow room for a separate storage shed.

Fire Chief Bernardt Koeppen refused to change his recommendation that two full-length exits be required where one exit opens into an enclosed garage.

Mobile homeowners protested that

the kick-out windows provide the second exit, thereby eliminating the need for some mobile homeowners to install an additional door in the unit. Koeppen said he would study the situation further and report back to the board with his findings at the April 6 meeting.

OWNERS MAINTAINED that the mobile homes were engineered for safety and are actually safer than a two-story home. Village President William Hein agreed with David Wiltse's suggestion of having flammable items stored in a detached shed with a smoke alarm in the garage. If the smoke alarm in the garage is wired to sound in the house, and would eliminate the person going into the garage in case of fire, it may be an additional safety factor, Hein said.

Some models of mobile homes have kick-out windows in every room, noted Donald Shapiro, who mentioned that if he is required to put in an additional doorway, it would have to be put in a closet because of the design of his mobile home.

Trustee Sheila Schultz noted that an older person or someone less agile could have difficulty getting out of a unit with kick-out windows. Koeppen

agreed and said that during a crisis such as a fire, people have a decided tendency to seek a door as an exit.

The board did not concede on the fire wall, although homeowners said that estimates of the cost of a fire wall run about \$1,500. Several mobile homeowners said that the village's proposed ordinance could cost them as much as \$2,500. Estimates for an extra doorway were from \$500 to \$1,000, according to those at the meeting.

The two-door exit requirement came from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and not the Wheeling fire code, Koeppen said.

ACCORDING TO TRUSTEE John Cole, some four-sided garages were built illegally. Hein noted that when one of the mobile units is sold, there should be a stipulation notifying the new purchaser that the garage may be illegal and non-conforming, and must be changed to comply with the ordinance either before or after the sale.

Hein suggested Whippetree Village residents and the staff work toward a fire protection safety plan. Their participation could set a precedent for the rest of the village of Wheeling, he said.

Letter seeks business support for Hein

3-27-81

Wheeling merchants are receiving a campaign letter from a group called "Wheeling Businessmen for Election of the Pro Wheeling Party" that, as it turns out, is headed by Village President William Hein, who is seeking re-election April 7.

The letter, which was sent out earlier this week, invited local businessmen to lend their support to Hein's campaign. The letter said that if business-

men did offer an endorsement, their names would appear at no-cost to the business in a full-page ad set to run shortly before the election.

It also asked employers to "explain to your employees who reside in Wheeling the importance of continuing to support" Hein.

Hein said the letter was paid for by the Pro Wheeling Party and "the busi-

nessmen involved in the campaign, whom he would not identify.

"I'm a businessman in Wheeling, and I'm involved in the Pro Wheeling Party," said Hein.

HEIN SAID HE got the idea for a letter from other campaigns and sent about 300 of them to local businesses. He said he's received "four or five" calls about the letter from businessmen, but business response won't

determine whether or not an ad will run.

"In normal campaigns, I've always placed an ad close to the election, and the content of the ad depends on what the people in the Pro Wheeling Party decide," said Hein.

Hein's opponent in the race, Trustee Sheila Schultz, said she's bothered by the line asking for employee support. "There's a fine line between explaining to employees and employer employee

pressure," she said. Hein called the notion of pressure "ridiculous."

Chuck Schramm, president of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, said his office has received several calls from businessmen asking if the letter was an endorsement from the Chamber. Schramm said the Chamber is "strictly non-partisan" and will not endorse a candidate in the race.

The week ahead

3-30-81 Herald

Pipeline financing on trustee agenda

Wheeling trustees tonight will decide whether to borrow about \$1.2 million to help finance the first phase of construction of a pipeline to Evanston to bring the village Lake Michigan water.

But village officials don't expect to pay the cost of constructing the pipeline entirely with property tax money. Robert Fialkowski, administrative assistant, said Wheeling probably will pay its share of the pipeline costs with a combination of property taxes and money from increased water rates, with the emphasis on the increased rates.

Fialkowski said bringing lake water to Wheeling will cause water rates to "definitely go up," but he added it's too early to tell just how much.

Under home-rule laws, the trustees can approve issuing the bonds without voter approval.

The initial phase of construction is estimated to cost Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Palatine and Wheeling a total of about \$8 million. The entire project could cost between \$65 million and \$250 million, depending on the interest rates at which the villages borrow the construction money.

Trustees also are scheduled to vote on an amendment to the village code that would remove the ceiling on the interest rate at which the village can sell bonds. The present ceiling is 8 percent, and current interest rates have made that figure unrealistic.

Also scheduled for a vote is a resolution that would authorize the village to enter in a water contract with the Northwest Water Commission and to give final approval to allow Buffalo Grove to join the commission as the fourth community. Arlington Heights and Palatine already are members.

The meeting is at 8 p.m. in village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THERE WILL be a joint meeting tonight of the Recreation/Special Event committee of the Wheeling Park Board and various community groups to discuss plans for the park district's July 4th celebration.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

A PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed 1981-82 Wheeling Township road and bridge budget will be Tuesday night.

Township Highway Commissioner Arthur Olsen has proposed a 1981-82 budget of \$318,000, down 16 percent from last year's budget.

Olsen has attributed the decrease to the fact that he's not planning any major projects during the coming year. Last year, the township spent about \$80,000 to resurface 2.5 miles of roads in unincorporated Wheeling Township.

The public hearing begins at 7:30 p.m., and will be followed by a board of trustees meeting. Both meetings are at township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

THE WHEELING ZONING Board of Appeals and Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing Wednesday on requested zoning changes for 203 acres surrounding the Chevy Chase golf course.

The land is owned by William Johnson, who wants to have the land annexed to Wheeling to develop an industrial park.

The Metropolitan Sanitary District, which serves Wheeling, would have to cross Lake-Cook Road, into Lake County, to hook into the sewers now serving the land. Lake County officials have threatened to take MSD to court to prevent the move. In addition, Buffalo Grove is interested in annexing the land.

The hearing starts at 7:30 p.m. at Wheeling Village Hall.

Hein charges Schultz 'conflict'

4-1-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

In a publication distributed by incumbent President William Hein's Pro Wheeling Party, Hein accused opponent Trustee Sheila Schultz of a conflict of interest in her role as village trustee and circulation director of the Indian Trails Public Library.

Schultz said the charges are "untrue."

Hein said Schultz voted "her own best interest" against the wishes of Wheeling voters in the fall of 1979 to rezone an area of Schoenbeck Road for the construction of a new library building. Hein also charged that after that vote, in May 1980, Schultz was promoted to her present job, at an increased salary, and Wheeling residents had a "sizable tax increase."

SCHULTZ SAID she spoke with three attorneys before voting on the rezoning issue, and then only voted on the preliminary motion to send the rezoning to an attorney to draft an ordinance. Schultz said she abstained from

voting on the issue after that "to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest."

Hein also said Schultz received a salary increase after the board voted to approve construction of the library. Schultz said her salary was public record and she received an increase because she went from a part-time to full-time employee.

Hein has also charged that the new library caused taxes in the library district to go up. "All you have to do is look at tax bills to see the increase," Hein said.

LIBRARY BOARD member Terry Brazeal said the library has been taxing at the legal maximum rate for "several years," and "couldn't raise taxes if we wanted to."

Brazeal said the same tax rate, about 25 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, has produced different amounts of cash in different years because of an increase in the assessed valuation of the district. Brazeal said the levy has actually dropped in the last few years

because the board finally paid off the money borrowed to finance the old library building.

Taxpayers in Wheeling twice rejected tax referendums to build a new library. Despite the votes, board members voted in a controversial move to construct the library using money from the library's operating budget and cutting back services in other areas without increasing district taxes.

BOTH HEIN AND Schultz have accused each other of costing the village some \$30,000 in legal fees over the dismissal of village attorney Paul Hamer, who was fired in 1975. Hamer appealed the firing, saying his contract had been extended to 1976 in a closed meeting with village trustees. A five-year legal battle ended earlier this year when Cook County Circuit Court Judge John Nordberg ruled Hamer never had a contract because it wasn't voted on in an open session.

Hein, who was a trustee when Hamer was fired, said he never "received an answer to why Hamer

was fired," and has charged that Hamer was dismissed because he was "incompatible with Trustee Schultz's backers."

Schultz said she was "not involved either way" in Hamer's firing and said Hein participated in the closed board sessions where Hamer says his contract was renewed.

Schultz said "the fact that Hamer accepted a contract in a closed session," caused her to "question his ability."

Hein said, "I really don't remember if I was in those meetings or not," adding that when John Burke was hired to replace Hamer, board members weren't given a chance to interview him. Hein said former Trustee Don Jackson, "a Schultz backer," said an interview was unnecessary because "he (Jackson) knew Burke."

Schultz said she campaigned for Jackson and that she "wasn't present for, and didn't recall, the incident."

Jackson could not be reached for comment.

LOCAL ELECTIONS '81

4-2-81 - Berner

Wheeling Village President

Sheila H. Schultz

Address: 293 S. Meadowbrook Lane
Occupation: Head of circulation Indian Trails Public Library
Experience: member of the Public Relations Commission, trustee 1979 to present
Civic Activities: Campaign chairman, municipal elections; District 214 advisory committee; District 21 caucus



Leading the Wheeling Upward Party, Sheila Schultz advocates efficient and productive use of village manpower to provide essential services in her bid for village president.

In an effort to encourage more industrial development in Wheeling, she urges clearer building and zoning requirements, consistent enforcement, and coordinating actions of various commissions and departments to prevent delays.

Schultz believes subsidized housing is needed. "It will not detract from the village, when situated on scattered sites." A supporter of senior housing, Schultz said the acceptance and success of that program and the assessment of future needs will determine whether subsidized housing is desirable.

She advocates a practical approach to Dundee Road improvements, with plans that bring relief but are economically realistic.

The government cannot prohibit X-rated programming for a community cable TV system, said Schultz, but can select a company with good programming standards and a lock-out device for parental control.

Schultz said important water supply changes would be needed with or without a change to Lake Michigan water.

Wheeling Village Trustee

Rickey J. Ament

Address: 392 Elm Drive
Occupation: Attorney
Experience: Wheeling Plan Commission, 5-142 years
Civic Activities: None listed



Attracting additional industry in Wheeling to increase the tax base and would economize the cost of government to the individual taxpayer, said Rickey J. Ament, candidate for trustee.

He supports the continued use of industrial and commercial revenue bonds to attract business to Wheeling. He also advocates residential revenue bonds to allow employees of the new businesses to settle in the community.

Those bonds would reduce monthly payments, but added that subsidizing rent payments will not benefit the person nor the community, if the employee is economically unable to participate in community activities.

Ament expressed a concern with traffic patterns and congestion on Dundee Road, but also advocated beautification of the roadway, including the right-of-way areas and the parkways in the middle of the street.

Ament said his major concerns with regard to cable television would be cost to the citizen and availability of programming choices. Village government should not attempt legislate morality, he said. "I do not feel we should prohibit X-rated programming."

On the Lake Michigan water issue, Ament said the pact between Wheeling and surrounding communities with Evanston should be implemented as expeditiously as possible.

Joe Ratajczak

Address: 312 Renee
Occupation: Process control programmer, Kitchens of Sara Lee
Experience: Wheeling Plans Commission, four years
Civic Activities: None listed



Joe Ratajczak said the village should concentrate on getting full value from the existing tax dollars by eliminating waste and demanding more efficiency.

He believes that the current industrial bond program has already encouraged industrial growth and does not support continued massive efforts of this nature. "I do believe industry is coming to Wheeling on their own, as the last four years have shown a steady influx without any outside help," said Ratajczak.

He does not favor subsidized housing programs for low-income families to allow low-income workers to live near jobs in the community.

Since it is a state road, Dundee Road improvements should be pursued through the Northwest Municipal Conference, said Ratajczak.

He believes that the cable television companies must be willing and able to deliver a decent percentage of homes within a reasonable time frame. They should be willing to post performance bonds to insure compliance. He does not believe the village belongs in the censorship business and advocates a lock out device for individual discretion.

The biggest considerations with regard to Lake Michigan water will be internal revamping for Wheeling's distribution network and funding for both initial work and pipeline costs, said Ratajczak.

William H. Hein

Address: 136 Berkshire Drive
Occupation: General manager, Wheeling Auto Parts
Experience: Current village president, former village trustee
Civic Activities: Jaycees, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce



Wheeling President William H. Hein, believes an increased rate of industrial and residential growth, coupled with a balanced budget will ensure village services without raising taxes.

Hein heads the PRO Wheeling party in his effort to be reelected as village president.

A broadened tax base is the answer to proper municipal services, Hein said. He urges prudent use of industrial revenue bonds as a means of attracting industry to Wheeling.

Active solicitation of new businesses for relocation in well planned industrial parks should be emphasized, he said. But Hein said he would support subsidized housing only to minimize the impact of high interest costs. He does not believe subsidized housing programs should be used to attract individuals who couldn't afford Wheeling living costs, regardless of high interest mortgage costs.

Hein supports local effort for routine road repairs and maintenance but thinks the state or county should assist on major road building or resurfacing projects.

On the issue of cable television, Hein opposes government censorship. Village officials "should not try to be the conscience of the community."

Details for the switch to Lake Michigan water have already been worked out, Hein said and other communities are sharing in the cost.

Wheeling Clerk

Two Wheeling women, both active in local political parties, oppose each other in the race for village clerk.

Elizabeth Hartman, of 159 St. Armand Lane, a homemaker, is the candidate on the Wheeling Upward slate.

Her opposition from the PRO Wheeling party is Judy Abruscato, of 125 W. Wayne, a banker at the First National Bank of Wheeling.

Abruscato has been active in PTA's, PTO's, the Northwest Community Concerts, Wheeling Days, Wheeling High School Instrumental Board, second vice president of the Wheeling Historical Society, and a secretary and leader for Brownies and Girl Scouts.

Hartman's activities include Citizens for Responsible Government, District 21 caucus, Northwest Community Concert Association and the Harper College Steering Committee.

Roger A. Powers

Address: 897 Rose Lane
Occupation: Director, Bond Safeguard Insurance Co.; secretary-treasurer, Powers Financial Service; proprietor, Powers Insurance Agency; and private investor
Experience: Trustee, 1977 to present, former member of the Police Pension Board
Civic Activities: None listed



Roger A. Powers, seeking reelection as village trustee, says he will work toward continued maximum efficiency in government and an expanded tax base to reduce the burden for the individual taxpayer.

He advocates encouraging more industrial growth in the village through use of industrial revenue bonds and, solicitation of industry by promoting the community.

Although Powers supports low interest mortgage bonds for Wheeling, he would not support subsidized housing just to bring more people into Wheeling who cannot afford to live in the village.

On Dundee Road improvements, however, Powers agrees there should be an attempt to work with state and county agencies, in order to keep costs at a minimum.

Powers said residents of Wheeling do not want their village board to act as the conscience of the community or attempt to censor material offered by cable companies.

"I prefer to see strong safeguards in the system itself so people wishing certain programming, such as X-rated programs, will have to use a key or other device to override a mandatory lock-out.

On the Lake Michigan water agreement, Powers said it is important for neighboring communities to participate, to help spread the costs.

Marilyn Minter

Address: 953 Wilshire Drive
Occupation: independent art dealer, freelance commercial artist
Experience: Current vice president, Wheeling Appearance Committee
Civic Activities: Many activities, pertaining to a more beautiful Wheeling



Marilyn Minter, campaigning for village trustee, advocates the continued use of revenue bonds to increase both industrial and commercial growth to help spread the tax burden in Wheeling.

The bond program has made Wheeling the third highest in industrial growth in Illinois, she said.

But she does not support the use of subsidized housing in an overall plan. "Our first concern should be the complete employment of our village residents before contemplating outside low-income labor that would require subsidized housing in our community," she said.

Minter, who has been active in beautification projects in Wheeling, said she would support continued efforts to plant trees and install sidewalks along Dundee Road.

On the issue of cable television, Minter said the important considerations would be the total financial cost to the residents and the availability for a local village channel. She does not favor controlled programming but thinks a lock-out box should be mandatory. The cable company should bear that cost, she said.

She defers to the experts on the issue of water supply, but urges rapid implementation.

William A. Rogers

Address: 146 S. Wolf Road
Occupation: Purchasing manager, Scott, Foresman and Co.
Experience: Chairman, Village Environmental Commission; chairman, Pal-Waukee Steering Committee, former village trustee
Civic Activities: None listed



Village services should always be provided at the lowest cost consistent with the requirements of the residents, said William A. Rogers, former trustee, in his bid for his former seat.

Industrial growth has already been stimulated in Wheeling, Rogers said, but added that the political climate for business could be improved.

He said he would support subsidized housing, "only if it is consistent with the surroundings in which it is located."

Rogers recommended immediate action for seeking federal and state funding to widen and improve traffic flow on Dundee Road. He said a reduction in the number of driveway cuts onto Dundee would contribute to better traffic flow.

On the issue of cable television, Rogers said the most important considerations should be the number of channels and capability and the financial net worth of the cable company. He said he would also look for opportunities for public use of channels and programming capabilities. He would not support prohibition of X-rated programming but recommended a lock-out device.

Rogers said important aspects of Lake Michigan water that need village attention include guaranteed water allocation, equal cost for all and suburban participation in all decisions.

James Goetch

Address: 382 Sunset Lane
Occupation: Senior representative, automotive engineering, All State Insurance
Experience: First appointed Wheeling representative to NORTRAN
Civic Activities: None listed



James Goetch, running with the Wheeling Upward Party said the village needs to work smarter to continue to provide many of the present village services, without raising taxes.

He recommended more of the same approach toward industrial development. "We're on a very good program right now," he said.

Goetch supports within limits, a subsidized housing program to allow low-income workers to live near their jobs. He said the money from the program should come from the federal government.

On the Dundee Road improvements, Goetch said the village should take a much more active approach by sending elected officials to the Northwest Municipal Conference. "We should work to receive our fair share of the improvements that are needed," he said.

Goetch said he would work for a cable television system that would give the community local programming capabilities. He said there should be no governmental censorship, but recommended a lock-out device.

He said the village was already committed on the water pact but said there were several decisions left for the village trustees dealing with upgrading water mains and adding storage.

Voters deal harsh hand to incumbents

by Kurt Baer

Special to the Herald

Voters dealt harshly with at least three village presidents of mayors Tuesday, turning out Des Plaines Mayor Herbert H. Volberding Jr., Wheeling Village President William Hein and Streamwood Village President John Borris.

In Arlington Heights, Village President James T. Ryan clung to a lead over feisty challenger Trustee Ralph Clabour.

Hoffman Estates Mayor Virginia Hayter beat back a challenge by former Park Board President Gerald Lavey, Hanover Park Village President Louis Barone won an easy victory and Palatine Village President Robert J. Guss won re-election, unofficial results show.

In Mount Prospect, Mayor Carolyn Krause was re-elected.

A BITTERLY FOUGHT campaign between Republican factions in Wheeling Township was resolved in favor of the regular Republicans and Committeeman Eloise Canfield, who handily defeated the incumbent office-holders who split from the party in January. Unofficial winners were Philip B. Rogers, supervisor; Dolores Stephan, assessor; Paula Ulreich, clerk; Thomas E. Gillis, highway commissioner; and Trustees John F. Ayres, Byron Jackson, Louis Muna and Hubert Sommerfeld. The township race was in and out of court as regular Republicans attempted to prevent the insurgent Government of the People slate from campaigning as Republicans.

Volberding was defeated by Alderman John E. Seitz, 7th, in a race that was a referendum on the city's \$19,000 a year, full-time mayor. Seitz had promised to hire a full-time administrator if elected. The third candidate in the mayoral race, Alderman James Koliński, 1st, who had proposed that the city build a supermarket in downtown Des Plaines, was running third.

Ryan was leading Trustee Ralph Clabour 2,241-1,341 with most of Wheeling Township still recounted. Ryan, seeking a third term, called the hard-fought campaign the fiercest he has seen in 11 years in village politics. Downtown redevelopment was the keystone of the race, with Ryan de-

fending plans for high-rise construction and the earmarking of downtown property taxes for improvements in the central business district. Clabour advocated a sprucing up of existing one-story businesses, using Long Grove as a model. He also opposed the plan for tax-revenue financing, saying it would rob school and park districts of badly needed tax revenue.

Wheeling voters apparently denied Hein a second four-year term as village president. Trustee Sheila H. Schultz was holding a razor-thin lead of less than 100 votes over Hein. Schultz hit Hein during the campaign with conflict of interest charges because his parents own liquor licenses for two taverns in the village.

Leading in the trustee race were William A. Rogers and Joseph Napajczek, of Schultz's Wheeling Upward Party, and Roger A. Powers, of Hein's PRO Wheeling Party.

IN A MAJOR upset, Stephen E. Gant defeated Streamwood Mayor Borris by a margin of 3-0-1. Gant attacked the lack of economic development in the village under Borris, a 12-year veteran of the village board. Arlene J. Dell'Aringa ran third. In an eight-way race for three trustee positions, Philip Costantino, James Adler and Kurt Ricker were elected. Incumbent Trustee Charles Orlicz.

Mount Prospect Mayor Carolyn Krause easily defeated Vito A. Colucci, a Cook County assistant public defender, by a margin of 6-0-1 to win her second four-year term. The village board race was uncontested.

In River Trails Park District, Robert O'Shaughnessy defeated three other contenders.

In Hoffman Estates, Hayter was elected to a third term over Lavey by an unofficial margin of 1,960 votes to 1,073 votes. Lavey headed up an independent slate of candidates for trustee and clerk, the Hoffman United Party, that tried without success to challenge the incumbent Republicans. Apparent winners are: Trustees Ralph Lyerla, William Weaver, Bruce Lund and William McLoud and Clerk Helen Wozniak.

In Schaumburg, voters ratified the re-election of Village President Herbert Aigner and Trustees Lynae Peterson, James D'Ambrosio, and Roy

Zemack — all members of the Schaumburg United Party — who were running unopposed.

In Schaumburg Township, Republicans easily beat back by 2-1 margins a partial slate of Democratic challengers who campaigned on a theme that township government is costly and unnecessary in the increasingly urbanized area.

IN THE RACE for seats on the Arlington Heights Village Board, the leaders were John Wajsa, William Maki, and incumbents Frank Palamater and Martin Cavley.

In Buffalo Grove, where two incumbent trustees and three newcomers were in a race for three village board seats, the leaders with only the Cook County vote counted were incumbents Stephen H. Stone and Elliott Hartstein and newcomer Mare Schwartz.

With 90 percent of the precincts counted, Maine Township Republicans were easy winners over the township's first-ever Democratic slate. Apparently headed to victories were Paul Halverson, supervisor; Roy Berquist, assessor; Arthur Lyons, collector; Edward Koehler, highway commissioner; Stephen Stolton, clerk; and Trustees Harvey Frindt, Margaret Wirsen, Mark Thompson and Dee Conroy.

Elk Grove Township Supervisor Richard M. Hall and other Republican candidates running with him were easily re-elected over a slate of challengers called the Elk Grove Township Party.

In Elk Grove Village, the unofficial winners in the trustees race were Robert L. Chernick, Stephen Uliarik and Joseph Bossiet. Village President Charles Zetek was re-elected without opposition.

Elk Grove Park Commissioner Joan Brennan was defeated by Lawrence Berkowski.

IN BARTLETT, real estate agent Glen Koehler held a lead in a field of three candidates running to succeed retiring Village President Richard Belz. Also leading were Trustee Caryl Taylor and newcomers Marvin White and William Potter in the village board race. Acting Village Clerk Linda Hurper appeared headed to a landslide victory.

A pro-business slate of five candi-

dates challenging the incumbents in Hanover Township was elected, including William Tikins, supervisor; Eugene T. Devatt, assessor; Philip Dickey, highway commissioner; and Trustees Fred Kellogg and George Pokorny. Also elected were Trustees George Hays and Clerk Marie Downey.

Hanover Park Village President Barone led a slate of the Better Independent Government candidates to lopsided victories.

Palatine Village President Guss was re-elected to his second term with 61 percent of the vote, defeating former Village Manager James C. Bennett and Randall K. Gray. In two contested trustee races, Kenneth Eunce, 5th, and Keith Harris, 6th, were the apparent winners. This was the first time that Palatine voters elected trustees by district. The ward-like system was approved in a referendum last November.

IN THE ONLY contested race in Palatine Township, Road Commissioner Robert Bergman defeated James Halloran.

In Inverness, Trustee Angelo Polvere was elected without opposition to succeed longtime President Russell Puzey. A six-way race for three village board seats was won by Trustee Robert P. Bergendoff and Alvin W. Reik and newcomer James Baloun.

In Prospect Heights, where two seats on the city council were being contested, the winners were 18-year-old George Wilson, 2nd, and Carol Johnston, 4th.

Incumbents were re-elected in four Rolling Meadows city council races, while political newcomer Elaine Werling surfaced as the clear winner in a four-way race in the 2nd Ward. Closest vote was between Alderman Lorraine Godawa, 3rd, who defeated challenger Bernard Macklin unofficially by 75 votes.

Arlington Heights voters were asked whether citizens in that village should have the power to pass or repeal village ordinances. Under the so-called citizen initiative, 3 percent of the registered voters would be able to propose an ordinance to the village board. If the board decides not to act, 12 percent of the voters could force a reconsideration, possibly leading to a village-wide referendum on the question.

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Schultz's victory is the key to progress

It is tempting but deceiving to read too much into Trustee Sheila Schultz's successful bid for the presidency of Wheeling. Her margin of victory was ever so thin, fewer than 100 votes. In elections this close, the outcome can hang on any number of factors — from the weather Election Day to last-minute campaigning to the treatment people got at village hall last week.

More clear are the ramifications of Schultz's victory. Barring successful challenge to the unofficial results, she and her allies will clearly be in control at village hall — certainly for the next two years and probably through the spring of 1985.

After the new mayor appoints her own successor, who undoubtedly

will be sympathetic to her, the six-member village board will consist of the newcomer and four trustees who ran with Schultz either in 1979 or 1981. Roger Powers will be the lone associate of Village President William Hein remaining on the board.

Schultz and her allies have their work cut out. Top priority must go to overcoming the negative reputation that still burdens Wheeling. Success will require consistent administration of responsible and forthright policies. Beyond that, there are major decisions in the years ahead: ownership of Palwaukee Airport for one, traffic on Dundee Road for another. Wheeling has a lot to offer. It now falls on the mayor and trustees to fulfill that potential.

Schultz pulls off upset in village race

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Life

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

WHEN WILLIAM HEIN announced his intentions to seek re-election as Village President, he said he was going to run on his record.

He learned the hard way Tuesday, April 7 that his strategy didn't work.

Hein's opponent, Sheila Schultz, a trustee on the Wheeling Village Board for the past two years, scored a stunning upset in her quest for the top post by upending Hein in the village election.

In addition to Schultz, three other members of her Wheeling Upward Party slate also won seats on the Village Board. Elizabeth Hartman will be Wheeling's new Village Clerk while Wheeling Upward party candidates Joe Ratajczak and William Rogers were elected trustees.

THE LONE candidate from Hein's Pro-Wheeling Party who survived the upset was incumbent trustee Roger A. Powers.

Schultz pulled in 1,643 votes to Hein's 1,549 in relatively light voting in the village. Of the 19 precincts in the village, Schultz won 14 of them.

Ironically, the Pro-Wheeling Party picked up more straight party votes than did Schultz's Wheeling Upward Party by a 982-880 margin.

Another unusual twist to the election showed that Rogers, a two-time loser in bids for trustee previously, was high vote getter in the trustee race with 1,622.

Hein said the vote for Schultz's party was by no means "a mandate," adding that despite his loss, during the last four years, "the town has prospered and has become part of the Northwest suburbs."

Hein strongly hinted that his political life in Wheeling is by no means over. "I am very grateful for the people who supported me," he said, "there are so many good people who want to work and they are the backbone of the community."

FOR SCHULTZ and her Wheeling Upward Party, there was an extremely different tone after the results were in.

"This is by no means an end, but a process which will go on," said Schultz. "This is definitely a beginning. I can't say enough for Charlie (Trustee Charlie Kerr) and John (Trustee John Cole) for the work they have done. It's very exciting to know you can make changes."

Both Cole and Kerr ran against Hein's slate two years ago, as did Schultz.

"I think the voters in Wheeling saw a need for a change," said Kerr. "They have seen what has happened and realize that Sheila's experience as a trustee and her philosophy for good open

and responsive government is what this town needs."

The winning trustees on Schultz's slate were more than just pleased with their election, they were ecstatic about Schultz getting the nod of Wheeling voters.

"I think the trustees and citizens of Wheeling can feel a bond whereby we can solve the problems," said Rogers. "It may take time, but the problems that have plagued the people can be solved."

In addition to Rogers' top 1,622 tally, Ratajczak came in with 1,592 and Jim Goetch, the only loser on the Wheeling Upward side, came in with 1,535. Hartman had 1,606 in the race for the Village Clerk's post.

Pro-Wheeling Party winner Powers had 1,570 votes followed by Marilyn Minter with 1,524 and Rickey Ament with 1,447. Village Clerk candidate Judith Abruscato had 1,538 votes.

Ratajczak admits he "didn't know" "It's hard to second guess the people even with hindsight."

SAYING HE was pleased, Ratajczak said he "felt good" about the election when everyone started coming up to him and offering congratulations.

Winning Village Clerk Hartman said she is "pleased to be in office" and vowed to "bring Wheeling into an era with positive and good changes while making residents prouder of the village."

Cole echoed some of Hartman's feelings saying with the change in the administration, he hopes the village will be able to "sit down, analyze our problems, solve them and get things taken care of without political influence in the day-to-day operation of the village."

Cole said the village has a "good professional staff which is doing a fine job and I want it to stay that way."

DESPITE THE loss, Hein plans on keeping his organization together. "This is my town. I live, work and breathe here and plan to make it the best town."

Hein thinks endorsements by various newspapers in the area for Schultz and her party hurt his chances for re-election to a second term.

He did think, however, that endorsements by several homeowners associations and local businesses would have helped his chances of getting re-elected.

HEIN PRAISED the efforts turned in by his entire slate, especially Ament. "He and his wife did a tremendous job getting out and representing the party," he said.

Wheeling	
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Sheila Schultz	1,643
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Pro-Wheeling ticket headed by Bill Hein

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

INCUMBENT VILLAGE President William H. Hein and incumbent Trustee Roger A. Powers head the Pro-Wheeling Party. That party cites a seven-point plan for the next four years in Wheeling. Its platform includes implementation of a drug and alcohol abuse program; a plan to deal with the problems and needs of senior citizens; completion and implementation of a flood control program; effective use of industrial bond programs; further beautification of the village; broader scope of services offered by the Village Clerk and to complete plans for receiving the village's Lake Michigan water allocation in 1984.

The party is relying heavily on Hein's and Power's incumbency. The rest of the slate however, is running for Village Board positions for the first time.

WILLIAM H. HEIN

Hein is the focal point of the party and because of what some people consider questionable business dealings and connections, also comes under more attack than other candidates.

A 25-year resident of the village, Hein says he decided to seek a second term because while the Hein administration has accomplished a lot during the past four years, there are still a number of projects he would like to see completed for the village.

"I am concerned about what is going to happen in the village during the next 10 years," he says, "and I think it takes someone with a background in business and local government to achieve these goals."

Hein says the most important thing the village must do in the future is maintain its industrial growth. Hein cites the \$21 million in revenue bonds issued during his first four-year term and adds that they will become more important in the future.

"As bigger governments (federal, state and county) begin to cut aid to municipalities, it will be important for local governments to maintain a good, strong tax base," he says.

WHILE HE is pleased with the general overall performance of the Village Board under his leadership, Hein admits there have been some areas which could have been better.

Hein says he is concerned that the campaign has become more of a personality race with bonafide issues being avoided.

ROGER A. POWERS

The other incumbent on the board,

Powers is finishing his first full term on the board. Powers says he is running again because although many problems have been resolved by the Village Board during his term, there are "new issues facing the village and I think I can make a worthwhile contribution to the village."

Powers views some of the "problems of the '80s" facing the village to include maintaining government services without raising taxes, dealing with the new developments with water, the fire and police departments and keeping the community growing with "orderly growth."

Powers is also concerned about the senior citizens in Wheeling. "It's important to make sure they are not forgotten," he says.

WHILE HE says the village is well run, Powers is eyeing improvement in two areas. "I'd like to increase productivity by providing employees with the most advanced tools and "newest technology available."

RICKEY AMENT

Rickey Ament has the distinction of being the only resident of a planned unit development running for a village position this year.

A resident of Harmony Village, Ament is head of that complex's homeowner's association. He has been a member of the Plan Commission and was involved in the dispute between the city of Prospect Heights and Wheeling when Prospect Heights erected a barricade on Robert Avenue.

Ament says he's running to fill a "void" on the board. That void, he says, is the representation of multi-family residents.

He says he thinks the village is "fairly well run" but says he'd like to improve some services, especially those to residents living in planned unit developments.

MARILYN MINTER

After 5½ years on the Appearance Commission, Marilyn Minter thinks she can put some of her experience to work at the Village Board level. Minter doesn't see any faults with the current village operation, but thinks more could be accomplished by the present Board of Trustees.

JUDITH ABRUSCATO

The Pro-Wheeling Party's Village Clerk candidate says she is seeking the post because she is "interested in becoming more involved in the village."



WILLIAM HEIN



SHEILA SCHULTZ



MARILYN MINTER

ROGER A. POWERS

Upward Party led by trustee Sheila Schultz

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

THE WHEELING Upward Party, led by Village President candidate Sheila Schultz has a six-point platform.

It is pledging to "instill" a feeling of pride in Wheeling residents while also "solidifying" village management.

Other platform issues call for increased participation in regional planning and improved relationships with neighboring communities; prudent use of taxpayers' dollars; to improve the visual image of Wheeling through coordinating the efforts of citizens and commissions to prepare the village's needs for storm sewers, water distribution and flood control.

One of the most unique characteristics of the Wheeling Upward Party is its slate.

SHEILA SCHULTZ

Schultz is currently a member of the Board of Trustees and is part of a four-member faction that doesn't side with President William H. Hein.

Schultz is seeking the presidency because, she says, "the village is going in the direction I would like to see it." She adds that there is a need for more elected officials residents can "trust."

"We have to overcome a bad reputation," she says. "I don't think our opponents can clear that up."

She is pleased with day-to-day operation of the village, but cautiously adds that there is "room for improvement." The one area which needs improvement, she says, is the police department.

Schultz thinks there are too many "cloudy issues and doubts that should be resolved."

Schultz also adds that the police department needs to be accountable for its actions like all other village departments.

HER BIGGEST concern and disappointment with the current Village Board is that it takes too long to act on various issues. She cites cable television and the mobile home ordinance as two examples.

"There's no reason for it to be going on as long as it has," she says.

The main issues confronting the voters this election, according to Schultz, are the questions of leadership, credibility and philosophy.

WILLIAM ROGERS

Rogers has served on the Village Board as an appointed member in 1975-76, but was defeated in two efforts to be elected. Rogers says he is running for trustee because he is concerned about the village and because he has the background needed to deal with problems confronting the village.

He expresses concern about the pos-

sible purchase of Palwaukee Airport. Rogers adds that he hasn't made a decision whether the airport should be purchased by Wheeling and Prospect Heights. "I think there are a lot of questions to be answered."

A PRIME concern of Rogers is the operation of the village. He says it is being run well and this is "beginning to show because it can be seen how it can be when the village manager and village staff can do that without meddling from the board."

Rogers says he thinks there is no need for members of the board to interfere with the day-to-day operation of the village. "The Village Board has an important function," says Rogers, "But it is strictly legislative. The daily operation of the village should be left up to the village manager."

JOSEPH RATAJCAK

Joe Ratajcek thinks he can put his four years of experience on the Plan Commission to good use at the Village Board level. He says while residents are concerned with a variety of topics ranging from Palwaukee Airport to the village's water situation, he is especially concerned with the village's planning. "I want to see good planning continued. There have been some mistakes made in the past and I want to be sure we don't have any problems like those again."

Ratajcek emphatically agrees with the party's platform that it is important to get rid of Wheeling's past reputation and develop "open government."

JAMES GOETCH

While James Goetch is seeking his first village seat for the second time, he represented the village on the NORTRAN board.

He is not satisfied with the way the village government has been run at the trustee level, although, like Rogers, says it has been better in the last two years. "I think it is important to serve all of the people of Wheeling, not just a few."

Goetch says the village is well run under the current Village Manager and staff and would "hate to see any changes made."

He does, however, express some dismay about two members of the Village Board whom he considers "Hein's rubber stamps."

Goetch says there is "no need for that. The other three are all open minded."

ELIZABETH HARTMAN

A 20-year resident of Wheeling, Village Clerk candidate Elizabeth Hartman says she wants to serve the community. "I want to do a better job than the one being done."

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Ban drug gear sales, Hein says

by Eilda Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village President William Hein says he favors a village law prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia and will "personally push" for stronger drug laws in Wheeling.

Although Hein hasn't proposed a specific ordinance, he has said he is willing to work with other towns and the Northwest Municipal Conference to educate area parents and teen-agers to try to curb the drug problem in the Northwest suburbs.

"Now a youngster can walk into places in Wheeling and buy what's called a concert kit. I can't think of another use for the thing but drugs," said Hein, adding, "strong laws are needed to put pushers away."

Hein said he realizes the schools, po-

lice and local social service agencies are working to inform teens on the dangers of drugs, but he believes a stronger effort is needed. Hein also denied his interest in the problem is new, saying in the past he has talked with village and police officials about a law and education programs.

"WE TRIED working on laws earlier, but there was a lot of talk about anti-paraphernalia laws being unconstitutional. We do have some drug laws now, but we need stronger laws, we want stronger laws," Hein said. Currently Wheeling does not have an anti-paraphernalia ordinance.

Hein said a tough anti-paraphernalia law recently passed in Maryland withstood a test in the state's supreme court, and that ruling has paved the way for communities like Wheeling with home-rule laws to act on their

own ordinances. "I've been interested in these laws for a long time, but now for the first time the courts are starting to listen," he said.

Hein also said in the past he has made efforts, along with Police Chief Theodore Bracke and former Village Manager Carsten Leikvold, to speak to community groups about drugs and the equipment that's available in Wheeling area stores. He said a board displaying various drug paraphernalia was assembled and is still on display at the Wheeling Police Department.

In the past, Hein has said he believes drug enforcement should be emphasized at the local level and enforcement could work if bordering suburbs worked together to stop drug traffic.

VILLAGE TRUSTEE Sheila Schultz,

who is challenging Hein in Tuesday's village presidential election, said she "certainly would encourage working on the drug situation" in Wheeling, but called the timing of Hein's remarks "interesting."

"Never, never in Mr. Hein's 10 years on the board and as president have I ever heard him mention anything about drugs," said Schultz, adding her "thanks" if he did meet with groups to discuss the drug problem.

Schultz also said she wished Hein would "recognize that alcohol is a big drug" and that alcohol abuse is a bigger problem than drugs. Schultz added she believes the village board should cooperate with local schools and agencies like Omni House in drug education programs, instead of launching a program of its own. "This is not our area of expertise," Schultz said.



Members of the Village Board for Council

4-3-81 Herald

Airport's cost could be \$13 million less: expert

by Eida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Pal-Waukee Airport could be bought and refined to meet federal standards for about \$41 million, instead of the \$54 million previously estimated, a consultant hired to study public ownership of the airport said Thursday.

The new plan is still more expensive than the \$34 million that state officials had estimated, even by not including the relocation of the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads. State officials had estimated that elimination of the roadwork may have reduced their cost another \$10 million.

According to Larry Donoghue, a consultant hired by Prospect Heights and Wheeling, to study the feasibility of buying the airport, the roadwork has

not been canceled from the project, but would not be included in this five-year, first phase of the airport acquisition.

DONOGHUE ESTIMATED the cost to the two villages would be about \$2.47 million, with the balance to be paid with state and federal money.

Donoghue said the new plan would include the cost of purchasing the airport and enough land to meet federal regulations, and the construction of a taxiway and bridge and relocation of a drainage ditch that runs through the airport. The plan also includes relocation of the ditch and the acquisition of a plot of 44.6 acres of grassy land south of Sumac Road, to be used as a tie-down area for planes. Donoghue said the acquisition of land was the factor that kept the price higher than the state estimate.

Included in that plot of land is land owned by Allstate Insurance, which is proposing the construction of a hangar there. Donoghue said it was a "common arrangement" for public airports to buy land, but to continue to allow private development on that land. This is done so the owners can control private access to the airport. Donoghue said officials would "open a real can of worms" if they "let people cross from private land to a public airport."

THE PLAN also reduces the number of houses that must be relocated to "three or four," and calls for use restrictions or easements to be put on areas at the ends of the runways, instead of buying the land.

Donoghue said the \$41 million plan includes enough adjustments to buy and operate the airport at its present

level and to provide adequate space to park planes.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus expressed concern that the cost of the project was still higher than state estimates, even with the elimination of the road relocation project, but recommended the plan be adopted to be used for an environmental impact study of the airport. Members of the Technical Advisory Committee, a group of suburban officials studying the airport's purchase, voted to adopt the plan for the study.

The environmental impact study is the third phase of Donoghue's \$120,000 study. Donoghue told the officials a definite plan was needed to complete the study, and future cutbacks could be made without ruining the validity of the study.

'Flexible' zoning for parcel OK'd

by Gordon Walek

Herald staff writer

Although it has not been determined which sewer system will serve the area, Wheeling planning officials have approved a "unique zoning request" that will allow developers to build industrial parks, multi-family housing and office-commercial structures on a 203-acre site surrounding the Chevy Chase golf course.

The plan commission is recommending the village board approve property owner William Johnson's request for industrial zoning on a 55-acre site west of the Soo Line Ry. tracks, multi-family housing on 75 acres north and west of the golf course and office-commercial zoning from Milwaukee Avenue to the railroad tracks, south of the links.

To give the developer "more flexibility," the commission also told Johnson he could build office projects on the industrial property and in some of the residential areas if market conditions merited those types of uses.

"WE GRANTED the request for alternate zoning, which is unique, because this is an unusually large parcel



and the developer wanted a little more flexibility," said Plan Commission Chairman Anthony Altieri. "This is the first time to my knowledge we've done this, but our attorneys say it is lawful."

Although Johnson does not have a specific plan for his property, approval of his zoning request disappointed Buffalo Grove officials, who also want to annex the land.

"I'm concerned about alternate zoning on parcels that don't have a specific site or development plan," said As-

sistant Village Manager William Sommer. "We have no details as to what he wants to build there."

SOMMER ALSO said Wheeling officials would be "premature" in annexing property before it was known what sewer lines would serve it — a condition over which Buffalo Grove officials can exercise some control.

Johnson's Chevy Chase Sewer and Water Co., which serves about 75 homeowners, a few businesses and the golf course, is being sued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for dumping five times more treated sewage into the Des Plaines River than is allowed by federal standards.

He could resolve the lawsuit by connecting his utility to Lake County sewers. But that requires Buffalo Grove's approval and trustees already have said they will not allow the connection unless Johnson brings some of his property into the village.

His other option is to convince the Metropolitan Sanitary District to extend its service north of Lake-Cook Road, a move bitterly opposed by Lake County Board Chairman Glenn Miller,

who has threatened lawsuits to stop such a maneuver.

"BUT WE'RE not directing our attention to that issue at this point," Altieri said. "That eventually will have to be resolved, but we are just looking at land use plans now."

Wheeling trustees will discuss the sewer issue, as well as Johnson's request for annexation, when they review the plan commission's zoning recommendation, probably next month, said Village Planner Richard Greenwood.

Johnson was not available for comment, but his attorney, Gerald Sherman, acknowledged the sewer problem is an issue. "We'll just have to cross that bridge when we come to it," he said, "but that will be determined when we have annexation hearings."

And Sherman said threats of litigation will not dissuade Johnson. "Lawsuits can be filed," he said, "but it's quite another matter to win them. And it's bizarre and not in keeping with the public interest for a public body with underutilized sewer facilities to sue to prevent someone from using their system. What Lake County is saying is you can't use ours, and if you try to use someone else's, we'll stop you."

Schultz challenges Hein

4-2-81 Reminder

Political foes again compete in Wheeling

The Wheeling village race pits William Hein, incumbent village president, against challenger and his long-time political foe Sheila Schultz.

Schultz, currently serving as a trustee, has either managed campaigns or run against Hein for the several elections. Schultz, who heads the Wheeling Upward slate of candidates, prior to the campaign charged Hein with a conflict of interest in his role as liquor commissioner.

The village board recently revised procedure for handling liquor licensing, by approving a new ordinance that takes the sole authority for licensing from the village president and gives it to the board as a whole.

Hein has been criticized with his handling of liquor-related complaints, particularly those associated with the Hein Pub, owned by his parents, during his term as liquor commissioner.

Hein has accused Schultz of a conflict of interest with regard to her votes concerning the Indian Trails Library District where she is employed. Although attorneys have advised Schultz there is no conflict, she abstains from voting on any matter concerning the library district.

Schultz believes that the village should be represented by elected officials at various meetings that involve intergovernmental coordination. Hein has assigned village staff to represent the village at meetings where matters such as cable television have been discussed.

Hein's party, the PRO Wheeling party has been endorsed by several homeowner associations and businesses. The

endorsements came after a letter was mailed seeking their assistance in reelecting Hein for another four-year term.

The letter asks the employers to take a few moments and explain to their employees who reside in Wheeling, the importance of continuing to support Hein. They asked to include the business on an endorsement ad to be carried at no cost to the business.

The letter was signed by Wheeling Businessmen for Election of the PRO Wheeling Party. He would not identify the businessmen who paid for the letter and ad. Hein said he was a businessman in Wheeling and was involved in the PRO Wheeling Party.

Response to the request for endorsement came from 27 businesses in Wheeling, Hein said, including Echo Products, which employs about 800 persons, he said.

Hein said he also received endorsements from several homeowners associations including Tahoe Village, Chelsea Cove, and Harmony Village.

One member of the Tahoe Village Homeowners Association said that the endorsements were not unanimous and often represented only the board of managers and not necessarily the thinking of the residents in those developments. Fay Moroz, who has lived in Tahoe Village for a number of years, said that endorsement represented only the view point of the board of managers.

Schultz, who said the Wheeling Upward Party had not sought endorsements, said the Airport Committee had endorsed her slate of candidates.

The week ahead 4-6-81 Herald

Trustees expected to approve budget

Wheeling village trustees are expected to adopt a proposed 1981-82 budget of \$8 million at tonight's meeting.

The proposed budget is an increase of about 7 percent over last year's spending of almost \$7.5 million, but still reflects some cuts made by village trustees during a budget workshop session last month. The trustees decided not to purchase three cars and a lawnmower.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said the increase in the budget is mainly due to salary increases for village employees approved last year, the increased costs of benefits programs and some planned capital improvements for village sidewalks and streets.

Peters said he "has no doubt" the new budget will increase village taxes, but he could not give an exact figure. Wheeling residents currently pay 86.7 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The stagnant economy is being blamed for an expected 9 percent drop in village revenues to \$6.7 million. Peters said he expects decreases in sales taxes, water revenue and permit fees. But the village has about \$2 million in surplus to balance the budget, he said.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

WHEELING TRUSTEES also are expected to vote tonight on a controversial amendment to the village's mobile home ordinance, which would allow the owners to attach fully enclosed garages if they meet a variety of fire safety measures proposed by village officials.

The amendment would require the installation of a fire wall and curbing along the wall where the garage attaches to the trailer and would require owners to install a second door leading to the outside of the trailer if the garage blocked an existing door.

The last time the board met to consider the amendment, about 100 residents from Whipple Tree Village Mobile Home Park crowded into village hall to protest the second door requirement. Residents say the amendment is too strict, especially when mobile homes come equipped with quick release "kick out" windows that satisfy federal codes.

In addition, the amendment would give residents who already have enclosed garages three years to meet the new code before they were cited by the village.

The village staff has recommended adoption of the amendment without changing the fire safety requirements.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP trustees have rescheduled their usual Tuesday night meeting because of Tuesday's election. The rescheduled meeting will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

THE WHEELING Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday on a request to build a Nauticus Exercise Center in the Riverside Plaza Shopping Center, located at the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling. The hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

A DECISION on the closing of Mair School in Prospect Heights Dist. 23 is expected Wednesday at the Dist. 23 board meeting.

However, the board already has informally agreed to close the school, at Drake Terrace and Oak Street, and move the 252 children to the three remaining elementary schools, Eisenhower, at Schoenbeck and Camp McDonald roads, and Ross and Sullivan schools, both at 700 N. Schoenbeck Road, all in Prospect Heights.

Mair was chosen by the administration and board because it is the smallest school and because the district can lay off nine teachers if it is closed — more than if any other school were closed.

Mair also was chosen because it has the fewest rooms for small special programs and because its electric heating units need to be replaced at a cost of \$85,000. Business Manager Rick Ewanio has estimated the district can save \$146,000 during the first four years Mair is closed.

Because of declining enrollment, the administration plans eventually to consolidate all students on the campus at 700 N. Schoenbeck Road, where there are two grade schools and the junior high. Eisenhower would be closed next if enrollment continues to drop.

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in MacArthur Junior High, 700 N. Schoenbeck Road.

Hein-Schultz tilt headlines races 4-7-81 Herald

Herald staff report

Northwest suburban municipal, township, park and library elections and school referendums are expected to draw up to 55 percent of registered voters to the polls today, local clerks say.

Village and township clerks said interest in most towns has been running high because of many fiercely-contested races. They expect a heavier than usual turnout by the time the polls close at 7 p.m.

"From just the people I've seen at candidates' nights and the interest shown, I really think it will be quite

heavy," Bartlett Village Clerk Linda Harper said.

MRS. HARPER and other clerks said they anticipate turnouts ranging from 12 percent to 55 percent of registered voters.

The heaviest turnouts are expected in the nine towns where there are contested races for mayors or village presidents — Arlington Heights, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Streamwood and Wheeling. There are uncontested presidential races in Elk Grove Village, Inverness and Schaumburg, and all 15 suburbs will

elect new village trustees or aldermen.

In the township races, the reigning Republicans are being challenged by full slates in Wheeling, Elk Grove, Maine, Bloomingdale and Wayne Townships. There are partial contests in Schaumburg, Palatine, Hanover and Vernon Townships.

VOTERS IN Des Plaines and Mount Prospect also will be asked to approve school tax increases that could add between \$40 and \$75 to their annual bills. High School Dist. 207 is asking for a 40-cent rate increase in its educational fund that would boost its rate to \$2.03 per \$100 assessed valuation. River

Trails School Dist. 26 wants to increase its educational fund tax from \$1.60 to \$2.35 per \$100 assessed valuation.

None of the clerks contacted experienced any last-minute problems with the election, which is being conducted for the first time by county clerks because of a new state law that consolidates elections. Chicago-area clerks previously had complained about the confusion and slowness in obtaining materials and information from the Cook County and DuPage County clerks' office.

The local races are:

Wheeling: William Hein, seeking his second term as village president, faces opposition from Trustee Sheila Schultz, his long-time political foe. Both are running full slates of candidates for the three trustee spots on the village board as well as the position of clerk.

Hein's Pro Wheeling slate includes Roger Powers, Rickey Ament and Marilyn Minter, for trustees, and Judy Abruscato for village clerk.

Schultz's Wheeling Upward Party includes William A. Rogers, Joseph Ratajczak and James Goetsch, for trustees, and Elizabeth Hartman for clerk.

In the park district, incumbent

Frank Schnaitmann and newcomers Russell Baker, Gene C. Kavanagh, Donald Lark and Fred Leu are vying for two park board seats.

Wheeling Township: A slate of six incumbent Republicans and three of their backers, calling themselves Government of People, are challenging a full slate of regular Republican candidates.

The Government of People slate is headed by supervisor candidate Ruth Grundberg, an incumbent township trustee, and includes Assessor Frené Yonkers, Highway Commissioner Ar-

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Trustees approve budget; may mean tax increase 4-7-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Wheeling village trustees voted Monday to approve an \$8 million budget for 1981-82, up about 7 percent from last year's budget.

The increases are mainly because of salary increases for village employees

approved last year, the increased cost of benefit programs and some planned capital improvements for village sidewalks and sewers.

Village finance director Gregory Peters had said he "had no doubt" the new village budget will increase village taxes but he could not give an exact figure. Wheeling currently taxes at

86.7 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That means the tax on a \$15,000 house is about \$130.

PETERS HAS blamed the stagnant economy for a projected 9 percent drop in village revenue to \$6.7 million. Peters said he expects decreases in sales taxes, water revenue and permit fees.

The budget doesn't include any new employees; the 8 percent to 10 percent increases in salary requests in this year's proposed budget reflect raises granted last year. According to Peters, the village is still contemplating employee raises for this year.

This year's budget proposal does reflect an 8 percent increase for fire-

fighters and a 9 percent increase for police officers. Both raises are the result of contracts negotiated last year.

Proposed major capital expenditures include sidewalk improvements along areas of Wolf, McHenry, Dundee and Schoenbeck roads as the completion of a 1978 program involving curb and gutter removal and replacement.

Mobile-home garage law to be re-studied

New doubts about the safety of attached, fully-enclosed garages on mobile homes caused Wheeling village trustees to once again send a proposed amendment to the village's mobile home ordinance back to staff for further study.

The proposed amendment would allow residents at the Whipple Tree Village mobile home park to construct the garages after meeting a variety of fire safety requirements including the construction of a fire wall and a second door in the trailer.

Wheeling Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen reported to the board that officials from a mobile home manufacturing company have told him that attaching a garage to a mobile home would put an overload on the outside structure of the trailer. He also said that attached garages could present new problems with proper lighting and ventilation, and recommended that village officials take another look at the amendment.

Village trustees also heard from Stephen Gorman, an attorney representing Ernest Stavros, the owner of Whipple Tree Village. Gorman told the board that requiring garage owners to comply with the ordinance within three years and new owners to comply in 60 days was creating situations that was "not fair nor legal."

Gorman also said placing liability for non-conforming garages on the owner of the park was putting restrictions on the owners unlike restrictions on any other landowner in the village, and called the liability a "great and burdensome obligation on the landowner."

According to Wheeling village attorney David Epstein, village officials had to "pin the liability on someone and the landowner was the logical choice."

Revenue sharing decisions made

Wheeling trustees have decided how to spend \$227,000 the village will receive in federal revenue sharing funds. Trustees voted to give \$7,000 to the village's senior citizen program to help offset the salary and administrative expenses of the program's coordinator.

Another \$60,000 will be spent to finish a police pistol range in the basement of the new municipal complex and \$160,000 will be used to repair the roof in the original municipal building.

According to village finance director Gregory Peters, an analysis of other revenues helped officials decide to spend the funds on village programs instead of giving the money to other projects. The village had requests for revenue sharing funds from Omni House and the Wheeling Park District.

Learning center permit approved

Trustees voted to approve an ordinance granting a special use permit to the Rainbow Path Early Learning Center, 1794 Hintz Road, but did not allow the construction of a fenced play area as the owner had requested.

According to Village Manager Thomas Markus, changes in the village code effective the beginning of this year put the operation of the center in non-conformance with village ordinances. The special use permit was needed to allow the center to operate within village law.

As part of the request for a special use permit, owner Robert Olson also sought permission to build a fenced play area for the children on the side of the building, along Buffalo Grove Road. The Wheeling Plan Commission and Appearance Commission both recommended to allow the playground.

Markus said the village staff questioned whether the location was an appropriate location for a play area, both in terms of safety and appearance, and recommended that the board turn down the request.

Recycling service contract OKd

Village trustees have voted to enter into an agreement with Hel-Mar industry to provide recycling services for an Up With Wheeling Day project proposed by the Senior Citizen Commission.

Hel-Mar will station a truck and scale behind the village hall on May 2 and accept metals for recycling from residents who are helping to clean up the village. Hel-Mar will pay for the scrap metal and then turn 20 percent of the cash outlay amount back to the senior citizens to help finance the construction of the proposed senior center.

The commission proposed the project as their contribution to Up With Wheeling Day and part of their celebration of Senior Citizen Month.

Family counselor joins youth panel

Greg Stockey, a youth and family counselor at Omni House was sworn in as a member of the village youth commission.

For several months board members have sought a commission member from Omni House and even voted to allow a non-resident of the village sit on the commission to accommodate an Omni House representative.

Rehabilitation grant to be sought

Wheeling trustees have voted to submit an application for a \$978,000 federal community development block grant to help fund construction of Wheeling's senior center and work on the Old Wheeling Rehabilitation program, including the installation of street lighting in the area.

The application is for the third year in a three-year program. The village is requesting \$125,000 to continue a low-interest loan program for low-income families to rehabilitate their homes and correct code violations; \$100,000 for street lighting in areas where homes are being rehabilitated and \$753,000 for construction of the senior center.

Funds for high school chorus denied

Village trustees have voted to turn down a funding request for \$850 from the Wheeling High School Choral League.

According to Village Finance Director Gregory Peters, village officials received a request from the league last December for some \$6,100 to help finance trips to England and the Bahamas for two of the school's choirs. Peters said the village asked for more information on the request, but never received the report. Later, the group requested the \$850.

Hein and his supporters somber after losing race

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said at a gathering at Hackney's on Milwaukee Avenue. "Whatever the count, I think we had a real victory because we came out with our integrity intact and that was very important. "It was a very difficult campaign and a tremendous amount of money was spent. The opponents had a very divisive campaign, putting area against area in the village. We would hear people say, 'You think of us as second-class citizens.' That was very difficult to fight." Hein supporters said they were surprised at the level of voter turnout, which they called low. "We thought there would be about 3,000 turnout," one said. "I don't understand it," another said. "It was a beautiful day and the polls were open an extra hour. We thought we'd get a lot of people between 5 and 7 (p.m.) but nobody came."

"I think what it got down to was who could pull the most splits (split votes)." "I looked for 1,700 votes, 1,700 votes would win it." Hein polled an unofficial 1,550 to Schultz's unofficial 1,643. "I think it helped that she was elected two years ago and was coming back now. I think what it got down to was pulling the vote." "BUT I HAD such tremendous people working for me," he said while with supporters at Hein's Pub on Milwaukee Avenue. "I don't think I would have done anything differently. We win together and we lose together." Schultz, who apparently will bring to office with her two new trustees, called her win a hard-fought victory. "We just kept plugging away at the people who were supporting us," she

political boss James Stavros, were impressive - 238 straight party votes for Hein's Pro Wheeling Party to 34 votes for Schultz's Wheeling Upward Party and 336 split votes for Hein to 71 for Schultz. "CROSS YOUR fingers and say a prayer," Hein told the crowd at the party's storefront Milwaukee Avenue headquarters. But the final numbers from the last precinct, No. 79, would not overcome the deficit Hein faced. The voting counter had broken in Precinct 79, delaying receipt of the final total, but when the ballots were eventually counted, Hein had fallen 93 votes short of re-election. "I haven't made up my mind," a weary Hein said about a possible recount. "I always seem to be involved in close races."

by Toni Ginnetti Herald staff writer Four years ago, William Hein's supporters were reveling in the victory of a newly won village presidency. Tuesday night, from the moment the early returns began showing the trend, the mood among Hein's Pro Wheeling backers was somber if not morose. The incumbent Wheeling president was losing to challenger Sheila Schultz, and a crowd of familiar pro-Hein faces was silently waiting for the numbers from a precious precinct, No. 108 representing the Whipple Tree Village trailer park complex, traditionally a stronghold for Hein and his predecessors. The numbers from the complex, managed by the brother of one-time

4-8-81 Herald

Schultz overcomes Hein

Her party wins two trustee spots, village clerk post

by Elida Witthoef

and Gerry Kern

Herald staff writers Incumbent Wheeling Village President William H. Hein Tuesday was defeated in his bid for a second term by Village Trustee Sheila H. Schultz, a longtime Wheeling community activist who fashioned a 94-vote victory.

Schultz beat Hein in the hotly contested election by tallying 1,643 votes to Hein's 1,549. She becomes the fourth woman elected mayor or village president in the Northwest suburbs, joining Virginia Hayter of Hoffman Estates, Carolyn Krause of Mount Prospect and Verna Clayton of Buffalo Grove.

Schultz's Wheeling Upward Party swept two of three village board seats as well as the clerk's office, defeating Hein's slate, the PRO Wheeling Party, by slim margins.

WINNERS IN the village trustee races were: incumbent Trustee William A. Rogers, 1,622 votes; Joseph Ratajczek, 1,592; and incumbent Trustee Roger A. Powers, 1,570. Rogers and Ratajczek both are members of Schultz's Wheeling Upward Party. Powers, who won his second term on the village board, is a longtime Hein ally.

Other trustee candidates were: James Goetsch of the Wheeling Upward Party, 1,535 votes; and Rickey J. Ament, 1,447 votes, and Marilyn Minter, 1,524 votes, both of Hein's Pro Wheeling Party.

In the race for clerk, Elizabeth A. Hartman of the Wheeling Upward Party defeated Judith Abruscato of the PRO Wheeling Party 1,606 to 1,538 votes respectively.

Schultz told a group of cheering supporters, "The victory came before the vote tallies because we came through with our integrity intact and that's the biggest victory. We wanted to say what we believed and do what we said, and we did that." Schultz reminded her supporters, "It's still not going to be easy, and our work will still be hard."

MEANWHILE, HEIN declined to make a concession speech. When asked if he would seek a recount, Hein said: "We'll sleep on it. It seems like I'm always involved in a close race." Hein

retired to his "victory" party at Hein's Pub where he watched the campaign totals develop.

Hein, 41, a longtime village businessman, has been a fixture in village politics since 1971 when he was appointed to the village board. Schultz, who was appointed trustee in 1979 to fill a vacancy, has been a political watchdog in Wheeling, a town beset in recent years by zoning shakedown scandals and bitter political feuding.

Schultz, 50, has been active in local politics for 10 years. She won a seat on the board two years ago by beating one of Hein's allies.

THE BITTER campaign between the longtime rivals was marked by conflict of interest charges on both sides. Schultz claimed that Hein did not keep enough distance between his job as village president and his own and his family business interests. In turn, Hein charged that Schultz's job with the Indian Trails Public Library created a conflict for her on a zoning issue involving the library.

Despite the charges and the fact that they didn't always agree on the methods involved, none of the major issues in the campaign ever really separated the two candidates.

Both Hein and Schultz favored the redevelopment of downtown Wheeling and agreed that the village should buy Lake Michigan water from Evanston to ease the Wheeling's water woes. Although Hein was more vocal in his support of public ownership of Pal-Waukee Airport, both he and Schultz said they would put the question to Wheeling voters in a public referendum.

The two candidates disagreed, though, on the progress the village made in the past four years of Hein's term.

HEIN TOOK credit for Wheeling's industrial growth, spurred by the use of industrial revenue bonds, a village loan program for affordable home mortgages, a new municipal center and planned emergency medical facility as progress made by his administration. Schultz claimed these programs were started before Hein was elected president.



A JUBILANT Sheila Schultz, right, beams after wresting the Wheeling village gavel from controversial William Hein, left, by a slim 93 votes. Schultz, a Wheeling trustee since 1979 and a long-time community activist, unseated the incumbent in a campaign where she charged

Hein had used his office to increase his own political power and said any improvements in town had come in spite of Hein, not because of him.

Daily Herald photos by Scott Sanders

4-9-81 Life

Another plan unveiled by airport consultant

ANOTHER PLAN HAS been unveiled for the acquisition and upgrading of Palwaukee Airport to bring it into conformity with Federal Aviation Administration standards for a public airport.

The plan, unveiled April 2 by Larry Donoghue, president of Ralph Burke Associates, airport consultants, has a total cost of \$41,317,617. That figure is lower than the original estimated cost of the first phase of the airport proposed by Burke by about \$14 million.

It is, however, still about \$7 million higher than a plan proposed by the state of Illinois.

UNDER THE PLAN proposed by Donoghue, there would be no relocation of Wolf Road at Hintz Road, a part of the plan that has met with considerable opposition from area residents and businesses.

Other highlights of the recently announced plan include a total land purchase of 378.5 acres, the acquisition of nine homes and displacement of five businesses.

Donoghue and his associates were commissioned by Wheeling and Prospect Heights to develop a feasibility study looking at the possible purchase by those two communities of Palwaukee, currently a general aviation airport (privately owned for public use). The matter by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Palwaukee Airport.

TAC is made up of representatives of various planning groups along with federal, state and local governments. Donoghue says his plan can "realistically be accomplished in a five-year period." He adds that the first phase is merely to improve the airport in its current state and not to expand either its operations or size.

There has been some concern about the relocation of the displaced threshold, a marking on the airport's 5,000-foot runway.

A change in FAA regulations will move the threshold to 4,635 feet which will limit landings on that runway from the north. Takeoffs in both directions and landings from the south will not be affected.

According to Donoghue, current airport owner George Priester has told him that he "could live with it."

THE STUDY being done by Burke Associates is in the final stage. One of the elements that will be included in the third phase is a environmental impact study. Representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation Aeronautic Division say the environmental impact study will be good through 1990 with a cap on the number of aircraft at the facility.

4-9-81 Herald

Hein says low turnout hurt him

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Low voter turnout combined with a failure to draw supporters to the polls is being blamed for the defeat of a slate of village board candidates headed by Wheeling President William Hein.

Unofficial vote totals show Hein lost the election Tuesday to his longtime political rival Trustee Sheila Schultz by 94 votes. Two of Schultz's trustee candidates, Joseph Ratajczak and former Trustee William Rogers, also were elected, as was clerk candidate Elizabeth Hartman.

Only one candidate on Hein's ticket, incumbent Trustee Roger Powers, won his bid for re-election.

Hein said the election had no "big issues in the community" and that he "is convinced" the light voter turnout contributed to his defeat. Only 3,192 voters cast ballots in the president's race, about 27 percent of Wheeling's 11,730 registered voters.

Hein also blamed his loss on vote-splitting and the fact he is considered a Democrat by many voters.

"I'm labeled as a Democrat and this is Republican country. I saw lots of Republicans out working the precincts and they weren't working for the township candidates," Hein said.

HEIN SAID he has been approached to run for several offices, including Democratic committeeman and state representative, but he "hasn't considered" his political future and will now concentrate on taking his family on "a little fishing trip."

But Hein won't leave Wheeling's political picture permanently. "I'll be around to make sure everything goes all right," he said.

Schultz credits her "open, anti-power and anti-clout" campaign and Hein's "devisive campaign" style for her victory.

"We knew what we were up against and we campaigned on our own

terms," Schultz said. "We stuck closely to our code of campaign ethics and didn't lower ourselves."

"Openness has to be it," said Schultz. "We've been accessible."

Schultz won 14 of Wheeling's 19 precincts, including Hein's home precinct. Hein won five precincts, including his traditional stronghold Whipple Tree Village Mobile Home Park. Hein also won Harmony Village, where his trustee candidate, Rickey Ament, is president of the homeowner's association, and Chelsea Cove, which had endorsed Hein's slate for reelection.

Hein said he didn't think Schultz's victory was a vote of confidence for her administration. "A lot of people would have voted if they knew how close the vote would be," he said.

POWERS, THE only holdover on the board now from the Hein block that was organized in 1977, speculated that name recognition and the fact he is an incumbent helped him win a seat, despite the defeat of the rest of the slate.

"I'm not naive enough to think I'm better than the other candidates," said Powers, adding, "not enough people voted who we had counted on for votes."

In the Wheeling Park District, incumbent Frank Schnaitmann, who was running for re-election to the board also was defeated in Tuesday's election. Schnaitmann, who lost his bid for



Sheila Schultz



Roger Powers



William Rogers



Joseph Ratajczak

a six-year term to political newcomer Russell Baker, said the light voter turnout may also have affected his race.

Schnaitmann said he will remain active in the Wheeling Historical Society, but couldn't speculate on his political future.



NEW VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz greets her supporters Tuesday evening at Hackneys after learning she had won the hard-fought election. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

Hearing held

4-9-81 Life

Many object to proposal for property

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

A STANDING-ROOM only crowd packed the Wheeling Village Hall Wednesday, April 1 as the Wheeling Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals held a joint public hearing on the 200-plus acre Johnson property and approved variances in zoning for the land.

The land, located north of Lake-Cook Road both east and west of Milwaukee Avenue and the Soo Line railroad tracks, is currently in unincorporated Lake County.

William Johnson has asked Wheeling to be annexed into the village. At the public hearing, plans were unveiled for the site which would, according to the proposal, include a variety of shops, housing and light industry.

THE ANNEXATION request is not as simple as others. Johnson's desire to be part of Wheeling is already being fought by the village of Buffalo Grove and Lake County.

Buffalo Grove, which has sewer ser-

vice rights to the land granted by Lake County, in a sphere of influence agreement, is opposed to it not only on that ground, but because "it is not compatible with our master plan," said Assistant Village Manager William Sommer.

The plan presented at the hearing came under attack not only from Buffalo Grove and Lake County officials, but by residents of the Chevy Chase Homeowners Association who were present.

They expressed concern that there had not been enough time to review Johnson's plan and that there is no specific use for many of the parcels on the site.

Some parcels, by virtue of the vote, will be able to be used for one of two kinds of zoning.

Residents were not too happy about this proposal and let commissioners know. "What's going to be allowed in the B-2 zoning," questioned one resident, "Is it going to be more junk like they already have in Wheeling?"

WHILE RESIDENTS expressed

concern for the aesthetics of the any kind of development on the property, county and Buffalo Grove officials focused on others.

A key issue in the possible annexation, at least as far as Lake County and Buffalo Grove officials are concerned, is utility hook up. Seventy-five residents and businesses are currently connected up to the Johnson sewer treatment plant, but that operation is being sued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for pollution violations.

According to the proposal spelled out by Johnson's attorney, Gerald Sherman, the developer, whoever it may be, will be responsible for building an interceptor system which would connect to the Pekara Lane sewage treatment plant.

There will not, under a current proposal, be any improvement of the Johnson sewage treatment plant.

It was pointed out that development of an interceptor system would be constructed at the developer's cost and not at any cost to Wheeling.

Metal drive to aid senior center

4-14-81 Herald

The Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission will sponsor a metal recycling project on May 2 to help raise money for the village's proposed senior citizens' center.

The project will be in conjunction with "Up With Wheeling Day," the village's annual clean-up project. Hel-Mar Industry, a scrap metal firm, will set up a trailer and scales in the parking lot behind the Wheeling Village Hall and will pay for scrap metal contributed by village residents and indus-

tries. Persons contributing metal will be paid on a per-pound basis and will receive payment on the spot.

The senior citizens will receive 20 percent of the total cash paid out during the day and will use the money to help buy furnishings for the proposed center, scheduled for completion in 1983 near the corner of Milwaukee and Strong avenues.

BERNARD NATHAN, commission chairman, said the group will only collect "non-ferrous" metals including

stainless steel, copper, brass, aluminum and lead. Iron, steel, paper or glass will not be accepted at the site.

"People can bring old screen doors, old storm doors without the glass," Nathan said. "We want large things if we can get them. We're looking for heavy things. It takes a lot of aluminum cans to make up some weight."

"It's a good way for businesses and private citizens to remove unwanted metals from their premises," he added.

Employees from the scrap metal

firm and several senior citizens will be on hand to help weigh and deposit the contributions.

Nathan said if the project is a success, the group is considering sponsoring more recycling days in the future.

The proposed \$1.2 million center is being built mainly through the use of federal funds, but village officials have said the costs of furnishing and operating the center will exceed the amount of federal money available for the next five years.

4-16-81 File

7% boost in budget for Wheeling

WHEELING — Although the Wheeling Village Board on April 6 passed a record \$8,014,036 budget for 1981-1982, it refused two requests for slices of revenue sharing funds and a donation.

Up only 7 percent from last year, the new budget remains the biggest on record for Wheeling, despite deletions made at the March budget discussions.

Estimated income totals dropped 8 percent in 1981-1982, including an 11.5 percent drop in Motor Fuel Tax funds and a 21 percent increase in Revenue Sharing Funds.

Both Omni House and the Wheeling Park District asked for a piece of the revenue sharing action, and both requests were denied. The requests were for parking lot improvements at Omni House and the Chevy Chase Country Club south parking lot.

Instead, the \$227,000 in revenue sharing funds will be split — \$7,000 for the senior citizen's program and \$220,000 for roof repair in the old section of the municipal building and the new pistol range.

Park District Director Dave Phillips said that he could understand the village decision because of financial constraints at this time. However, the Chevy Chase parking lot, mainly gravel and pot holes will remain that way until some future date because the project has "no other source of funding," Phillips said.

Moreover, the board turned down a request from the Wheeling High School Choral League for a donation of \$850, to make up the deficit in its fundraising campaign to send the Madrigal Singers to England and the New Dawns to the Bahamas and Disneyworld.

Originally, the Choral League had requested \$6,100 from the village, but the donation was turned down because the village had passed a resolution not to fund more than 20 percent of a not-for-profit organization's expenses — in this case \$3,100, according to Finance Director Greg Peters.

After the December request was denied, because the group had requested more than 20 percent and because the group had not specified the number of Wheeling residents who would take part in the trip, a second request from the Choral League for the \$850 donation for the April 9, trip still did not answer the staff's questions, Peters said.

"There is a question of whether or not village money should be used to fund a couple of students going to the Bahamas," Peters said.

After passing the revised budget with little or no discussion, the board haggled over paying the bills for the month of March. Out of \$405,496.73 paid out, \$300,000 was a purchase of certificates of deposit for the Operating, Water, and Sewer funds. The board questioned \$1,234.92 in auto repairs, and \$2,256.38 for body repairs on two police cars involved in accidents.

4-16-81 Herald

Tree spraying program begins

In an effort to prevent a rerun of last year's bad outbreak of cottony maple scale disease, a program to spray Wheeling's trees has begun, according to the village's operation and maintenance department.

The disease usually affects maple trees and can be recognized by white scales on the tree's trunk and branches. Although it doesn't always kill a tree, it can cause damage over a period of several years.

To prevent the disease, the trees must be sprayed in early spring and

can only be treated when the wind is less than 10 m.p.h. and the tree bark is dry. Officials estimate so far they have sprayed about one-third of the village's trees.

The chemical used to kill the scales is harmless to the tree, birds and other animals in the tree and can be washed off cars and other surfaces it may land on. Because the spraying schedule is determined by the weather and the spray is harmless to cars, village residents weren't officially notified of the program.

4-16-81 *Leifer*

How underdog Schultz beat the odds

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

(Wheeling Life staff writer Stan Zoller followed and covered the recent election which saw Trustee Sheila Schultz upset incumbent Village Board President William H. Hein. After evaluating the returns and reviewing the campaign, here is Zoller's analysis of the election.)

She had everything going against her that critics could throw her way. She is a woman, a librarian, not a

member of the business community and although she was a village trustee for two years, didn't have the apparent support to overcome William Hein's money and political savvy.

But she did. And on May 4, Wheeling's new Village Board President will be Sheila Schultz.

Schultz's election to the top village post most probably stemmed from a slow rolling grassroots movement that shifted into high gear at the right time.

In sports it would be called "peaking at the right time." Tournament time.

SCHULTZ AND her Wheeling Upward Party did just that.

Grassroots because she won the election without Hein's highly visual campaign. Without the billboards and slick campaign literature.

Her movement started out quietly. The low profile approach taken by Schultz's group might have paid off because it didn't start hurling charges at Hein on a continual basis.

Perhaps the most serious charges hurled against Hein and his party focused on alleged purchase of alcohol by minors at Hein's Pub, owned and operated by Hein's family.

THE WHEELING Upward Party, for the most part, remained cool under pressure, especially in response to charges of a conflict of interest between Schultz and the Indian Trails Library District.

Nor did Schultz rise to the bait of charges hurled at her by some critics who wanted to make an issue out of some trouble Schultz's son had gotten into.

Instead, Schultz and her party stuck to the issues. Those issues were varied enough to represent a broad sector of the community.

Hein vowed to run on his record when he first announced his plans to run again. Perhaps that was his downfall. Not necessarily his record, but the past reputation in Wheeling.

It's possible that people were not against the Pro-Wheeling slate, but

Hein himself. The other incumbent on the Pro-Wheeling side, Roger Powers, won his bid for re-election.

So what does that indicate? Maybe that Powers presents himself better than Hein. Or maybe that the residents, at the grassroots level, wanted a change and the top was the place to start.

Don't expect overnight changes in the village. Expect, perhaps, more consideration of issues affecting the residents directly.

Hein, a businessman in the village, was a close ally of business in the village. Schultz, while not an enemy of business, is not in that peer group.

With the election of other Wheeling Upward candidates William Rogers, Joseph Ratajczak and clerk Elizabeth Hartman, more issues "closer to home" will surface.

SPECIFICALLY, THE pending purchase of Palwaukee Airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights. Rogers is a long-time foe of the airport and campaigned heavily on that issue.

Ratajczak is a well-experienced trustee-elect and possibly the best in the six-person field. Even his opponents admitted that.

For the first time in many years, the votes at board meetings won't be split by party. Along with Schultz, Rogers and Ratajczak are Village Board members John Cole and Charlie Kerr who are on Schultz's side. Both supported her this year and successfully ran for re-election on the same slate two years ago when Schultz became a trustee.

Schultz's election to the village presidency will result in what will like-

analysis

ly be one of her first issues. Since Schultz has two years left on her trustee's term, that seat will be vacant when she assume office as president.

It shouldn't be a secret that lobbying for the post has already started.

An appointment will probably be made after Schultz is sworn in and has resigned her trustee post.

One move she could make is to appoint the fourth highest vote-getter from the election. Which, if she decides to stick to party lines, would be the smart thing to do. James Goetch, who ran on the Wheeling Upward slate, was the fourth highest vote-getter in the election. His appointment give Schultz a 5-1 margin, with Powers being the only opponent on the board.

What lies ahead for Wheeling? The exact course is not easy to predict, nor is it fair to say that the course will deviate dramatically by Schultz's election.

The new administration will have to deal with the same things Hein had to during his reign. The coming four years will yield discussions on downtown development and redevelopment of existing areas, developing an effective system for the transmission of Lake Michigan water, cable television and overall beautification of the village.

To Wheeling political observers, the issues and topics may not change, but the way they are approached may be very different.



A GLUM LOOKING William Hein looks over the result as a campaign worker gets the bad news from the precincts. Hein was defeated by Sheila Schultz in the Village President's race in the April 7 election. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

4-17-81 - *Alvord*

Pal-Waukee cost trimmed to \$53 million: consultant

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

The total cost of buying Pal-Waukee Airport and turning it into a public facility during the next 20 years would cost about \$53 million, instead of the \$79 million previously estimated, a consultant hired to study public ownership of the airport said Thursday.

Consultant Larry Donoghue, who was hired by Prospect Heights and Wheeling to study the feasibility of buying the airport, said the local cost to the two villages would be almost \$3.1 million, with the balance paid with state and federal money.

The cost estimate includes the relocation of both Hintz and Wolf roads, although no road construction is scheduled in the first five years of the plan.

Under the plan, Wolf Road would be moved to the northwest sometime between 1985 and 1990 and Hintz Road would be left intact until sometime after 1990, when the Hintz-Wolf intersection would be moved.

THE RELOCATION of the intersection probably will be necessary to maintain full operation on the airport's longest runway. Currently, the end of the 5,000-foot runway is too close to the intersection to meet federal standards for a public airport.

To avoid the relocation of the intersection within the first five years of the airport's purchase, consultants had proposed shortening the runway. But Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus had expressed concern that the shortened runway would impair full

operation at the airport, making it economically unfeasible for the villages to operate.

There also had been questions whether the shortened runway would meet Federal Aviation Administration standards. But according to David Welhouse, an FAA official who met with airport owner Charles Priester, the shortened runway would be adequate for the first five years of public operation, from an economic and safety standpoint.

Donoghue said the bulk of the cost, some \$41.6 million, would come in the first of the four-stage plan. The first stage would include the actual acquisition of the airport and surrounding land needed to bring the facility up to federal standards for public airports.

DONOGHUE SAID physical improvements to the airport would be "minimal" during this stage, and probably would be limited to relocation of a drainage ditch located on airport property and the removal of any obstructions on airport land.

Donoghue also told members of the Technical Advisory Committee, a group of suburban officials studying the airport's purchase, that with this latest report, the project is finally "getting defined," and work on an environmental impact study will begin.

The environmental impact study is the third and final phase of Donoghue's \$120,000 study. Village officials hope to have preliminary environmental reports sometime in July and to hold a public hearing on the plan in late November.

Canvass confirms Schultz victory

Wheeling officials have canvassed the votes from last week's village elections, confirming Trustee Sheila Schultz the winner over incumbent William Hein in the race for village president.

Schultz, who won the election by 94 votes, will take office May 4.

Also declared winners in the official canvass were new village clerk Elizabeth Hartman and newcomers William Rogers, Joseph Ratajczak and incumbent Roger Powers as trustees. Pow-

ers, a long-time Hein ally, was the only member of Hein's slate to win a spot on the board.

The canvass was called after Trustee Charles Kerr expressed concern that the canvass was not scheduled to be completed within seven days of the election, a requirement under state law.

Wheeling village attorney David Epstein said he was aware of the law but said the village probably could conduct the canvass anytime in April, since a

local ordinance set the swearing-in date for village officials on the first Monday in May.

AS SENIOR trustee, Kerr, along with village clerk Alberta Klocke and Hein make up Wheeling's canvassing board. Hein, who left on a vacation after the election, returned and called the canvass meeting which was attended by about 30 people.

After the canvass, Kerr said he was "satisfied."

The official results were: **Village**

President	
Sheila Schultz	1,643
William Hein	1,549
Clerk	
Elizabeth Hartman	1,606
Judy Abruscato	1,538
Trustees (3)	
William Rogers	1,622
Joseph Ratajczak	1,591
Roger Powers	1,570
James Goetch	1,535
Marilyn Minter	1,524
Rickey Ament	1,447

4-18-81 - HERALD

Cleanup effort pleases village officials

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials say they are pleased with the voluntary response they are getting in their campaign to clean up a two-mile stretch of Milwaukee Avenue, as a first step toward the redevelopment of downtown Wheeling.

The cooperation between village officials and property owners has been good, said Thomas Fennell, building and zoning administrator. Although the voluntary conformance continues,

Wheeling police won't begin to issue citations for violations of village building, landscaping and litter laws, he said.

Patrols by village police and staff will continue though, in an effort to continue to convince property owners to clean up.

IN JANUARY, about 300 property owners along a stretch of Milwaukee Avenue, from Wheeling's southern border to Lake-Cook Road, were sent letters asking them to help correct the "unfortunate impression of our village" a motorist driving through

Wheeling on that street might get.

Soon after, village officials began visiting property owners and inspecting for violations of litter laws and other village codes. Since then, Fennell said, the owners are starting to clean up their property.

"We do get the old stinkers and the deadbeats," Fennell said, "but a lot of people are cooperating. We'd rather work with the cooperative people first and then deal with the people who won't go along."

"Essentially our control point is a business license. Annually the business

licenses come up for renewal and it's possible that denial of a license could be recommended for certain infractions of the codes," Fennell said.

IF SEVERAL owners of adjacent property decide to cooperate on the efforts, Fennell said, the village planning department will draw a plan for them, complete with suggestions on property improvement and coordinating landscaping.

Fennell said that cooperation between the owners of adjacent properties and parking lots also could help to

reduce the number of driveways along Milwaukee Avenue, something the village has been trying to do to reduce traffic snags on the heavily traveled road.

A major facelift plan, which includes the demolition of old buildings along the route, has been delayed, though Fennell said it might be easier to demolish some buildings rather than bring them up to code.

"We have gotten several buildings that were structurally damaged and no good to anyone," Fennell said. "We're going more on that basis than amorti-

zation, but if it becomes necessary, we'll trot that out."

Demolition is being delayed while the planning department continues its "considerable reasearch into the historic character" of many of the buildings along the route, Fennell added.

Milwaukee Avenue has been targeted for major redevelopment, including the construction of a senior center, rent-assisted apartments for the elderly and an emergency medical clinic. Village officials also are urging commercial development for the area.

4-20-81 Herald

The week ahead

Interest rate lid may be reinstated

The Wheeling Village Board will meet tonight to consider an ordinance that would re-establish a ceiling on the interest rate at which the village can borrow money by issuing general obligation bonds.

The ordinance would set a ceiling of 9 percent on bonds issued by the village. Previously, Wheeling had an ordinance that set the ceiling at 8 percent, but village officials say current interest rates make that figure unrealistic. Wheeling trustees voted to remove the ceiling to borrow \$1.1 million to help finance the initial construction costs of a Lake Michigan water pipeline to Evanston.

At the time, Trustee Roger Powers said he was concerned that removing the ceiling on the interest rate could have an adverse effect on Wheeling's bond rating, and the board expressed an interest in re-establishing the ceiling after the bond sale.

The village board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

A REQUEST for a special-use permit for a proposed Nautilus Exercise center in the Riverside Plaza, located at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue, will be considered tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

Jerold Chern of Nautilus Exercenters in Lincolnwood is proposing to build the health club in two store units at the far east end of the shopping and office plaza. Officials had expressed concern that a large number of people using the facilities could cause parking lot congestion, but research

Just three hours after surgery begins with a scrub down, right, Marek is ready to head home, below. Later in the day a nurse from the department will call him to check on him.

4-25-81 Herald

Though out of the chamber, her eye for business stays

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Faye Moroz may have quit her job with the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, but she has no intentions of sitting back and watching the action.

Moroz, who joined the chamber in 1978, says she will continue to act as an unofficial liaison between the village and the chamber.

While working as executive secretary, Moroz said she spent her time getting involved in working with village officials over issues that affected Wheeling's business community and said her concern continues even though she quit the job to devote her time to other pursuits.

"I'm protective of Wheeling's business community," said Moroz. "I know what it means on my tax bill. I live here. If I see something the chamber should know about, I'll let them know. I will stay involved."

Moroz said she also worked on improving relations between the chamber and the village. "I tried to make the chamber fair, to consider the whole community and I did a lot of P.T. for the chamber with the village. I think I showed them they should work with the village, not against it, to get things done."

WHEELING VILLAGE Manager Thomas Markus called Moroz the "mama-liaison" between the village and Wheeling's business community and said he didn't know if anyone ever took the time to perform that job before.

"She kept us aware of the business community and their concerns," said Markus. "She made the communication work and that's the important thing," he said. "The village has certain positions and it is important for the village to communicate these concerns. She was able to communicate those and the positions of business back to the village."

Jackie Pollack, the chamber's new



Faye Moroz

executive secretary, said the chamber will continue to work with the village, even if Moroz ends her liaison role. Pollack also said Moroz's familiarity with issues like Wheeling's controversial sign ordinance has been helpful.

Moroz said she has always been involved in community activities and plans to continue her work, probably with youth, one of her special interests. Formerly a member of the village's youth commission and currently active in the junior-high-age youth group at St. Edna's Church in Arlington Heights, Moroz said she is "kicking around ideas for projects" for Wheeling's youth.

"THERE'S NOTHING for kids to do in Wheeling," said Moroz, adding "I have a basic idea of what I want. I'm just not sure of the ways and means yet." Moroz also said she didn't think a youth center was the answer. "A building is not what they need," she said.

Currently Moroz said she is "playing catch-up on two and one-half years in my house," and said she may get a job when her youngest child starts first grade in the fall. And she said she will continue to donate time to various community activities.

Moroz said she thinks her work at the chamber will be continued. "I think we've gained the respect of the village," she said. "We've become reputable."

Cable TV viewer privacy rules OKd

by Anna Madrzyk

Herald staff writer

Representatives of the 11 Northwest suburbs negotiating with Cabletel Inc. agreed Saturday to adopt stricter provisions to protect the privacy of cable television viewers and decrease the potential for what one trustee called "1984" style abuses.

Modeled after a Tucson, Ariz., ordinance, the proposed language prohibits release of the names of cable TV subscribers and their viewing habits, finances, political and religious beliefs or other personal information to any person or, except under court order, any government agency, including the police.

Written permission from the subscriber is required before any personal data about a subscriber may be released.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS Trustee Pauline Buss proposed the language because of concern about the potential misuse of data obtained from viewers

who choose the two-way service option, which enables subscribers to "talk back" to their sets. The two-way system is used for opinion polls and conveniences such as at-home banking or shopping.

Although the 46-page model ordinance under consideration in the Northwest suburbs already contained a general privacy statement, Buss said the more specific language of the Tucson ordinance is a better protection for subscribers.

"We're talking about information that could give you a profile of people — a financial profile, their political beliefs," Buss said.

At the four-hour session Saturday, village officials and representatives from Cabletel put the final touches on the model ordinance, which goes to the village boards. The municipalities negotiating with Cabletel are Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Wheeling, Prospect Heights, Schaumburg, Hanover Park, Streamwood, Bartlett,

Des Plaines, Park Ridge and Niles. THE GROUP is scheduled to meet again May 9 to finish work on the model franchise agreement, or contract, with Cabletel.

In addition to tighter language on privacy, several other changes in the model ordinance were agreed to Saturday.

Village officials said a schedule of penalties should be included in the ordinance, spelling out the daily fines to be assessed if Cabletel fails to meet construction deadlines or maintain a state-of-the-art system. The fines would be taken directly out of the security deposit the firm will be required to put up in each town.

Municipal officials also proposed that the \$200,000 performance bond Cabletel is required to put up in each town be changed to a \$200,000 letter of credit, which would be easier to collect in case of default. Cabletel executives complained that a letter of credit is more costly to issue, but village offi-

cials say it give the company more incentive to get the system hooked up on time.

Municipal "buy-out" of the cable TV system upon expiration of the 15-year franchise should be based on the fair market value of the system, municipal officials agreed. The representatives also asked Cabletel to return the municipal share of the subscriber fees monthly, rather than quarterly, so the municipalities rather than the company will benefit from the interest on the money.

Panel suggests making Sarasota a private drive

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

To prevent residents of future developments on the Arlington Country Club from using Sarasota Drive as a through street, the Wheeling Plan Commission is recommending the village turn part of the street into a private road.

If the village board agrees with the recommendation, Plan Commission Chairman Anthony Altieri said about 55 feet of Sarasota, from Berkshire Drive to the village's western limits, would be turned into private property.

"The sooner we get this done, this street will be taken away as an access route to a developer," said Trustee Charles Kerr, who lives on Berkshire, as do Trustee John Cole and outgoing Village President William Hein. "There's a strong feeling that the land will be developed and that Hollywood Ridge streets are not built to handle that kind of traffic."

HOLLYWOOD RIDGE is the subdivision where Berkshire and Sarasota

are located.

Kerr said by vacating the street, the village may be avoiding a problem like the one that arose with Robert Avenue on Wheeling's south side.

Robert Avenue, a narrow residential street in Prospect Heights, became the subject of a three-year court battle when Prospect Heights asked a Cook County judge to ban residents from a Wheeling condominium development from using the road to get to Elmhurst Road.

The judge closed the road except during the rush hours, but last year Prospect Heights constructed a barricade with one-way spikes on the street, saying Wheeling residents were ignoring the order. Another judge ordered the spikes removed, but a speed bump remains.

ABOUT 30 persons, many of them residents of Hollywood Ridge, attended the plan commission's public hearing last week, where Altieri said there was no opposition to the plan.

"If there was anyone there who was



advantage of a light at the intersection with Dundee Road.

Village Manager Thomas Markus had warned trustees that their actions were premature. The only formal development planned for the golf course includes 126 condominiums to be built on five acres along Dundee Road. That land has been annexed to Buffalo Grove.

THE BALANCE of the land is unincorporated and owner Daniel Taggart has been trying to sell it for years. Taggart's son Dean would not comment on the plan commission's recommendation, saying he didn't know about the situation. He did say his father has not yet made any deal to sell the balance of the golf course.

Kerr said village officials would want to control access to the street whether the rest of the golf course is annexed to Wheeling or Buffalo Grove. He also said he didn't believe vacating the street would discourage developers from investing in the land for future developments.

against it, they did not speak up," he said.

The public hearing was scheduled after village trustees expressed concern that Berkshire Drive, which intersects Sarasota, would become a major thoroughfare if a high-density development such as a condominium complex was built on the adjacent golf course. By using Berkshire, drivers have the

Village expects large turnout for clean-up

Wheeling officials are expecting "twice as many people as last year" to turn out Saturday to help clean up the village in the second annual Up With Wheeling Day.

The clean-up campaign kicks off at 9 a.m. in the village hall parking lot, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Last year when the program was started, Village Planner Richard Greenwood said it was all part of an effort to get Wheeling residents and property owners to think positively about their property.

"We kept hearing complaints about the trash and the way Wheeling looked, so we thought we'd try a program to clean it. We tried the shotgun approach and worked with individual businessmen to get them to clean up their property," said Greenwood. "As a kickoff, we invented a litter pick-up day."

LAST YEAR about 80 people turned out to work on the clean-up, and about one-half were village employees who donated their time along with their families. Greenwood said the short notice on last year's activities may have hurt the turnout of residents, along with a forecast of "lots of rain." But this year, Greenwood is optimistic that better organization will create a larger turnout.

village to pick up trash.

While the areas for the clean-up have not been designated, the cleaning will probably be concentrated on areas of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee and Wolf Roads. Wheeling police and firefighters will patrol the areas along busy streets to protect the volunteers from the traffic.

THE CLEAN-UP operation is a cooperative effort and Greenwood said even state officials will be involved, providing bags and red safety vests for those people working on busy roads. The state will also sweep state routes sometime in the week following the clean-up.

The Wheeling Park District has committed manpower and trucks to the clean-up and the village will provide a hot dog lunch at noon, with the Lions Club doing the cooking.

While volunteers are cleaning the village, Wheeling's Senior Citizens Commission will sponsor a metal recycling drive to help raise money for the village's proposed recycling center. Representatives from a recycling firm will be on hand in the village hall parking lot to collect and weigh all non-ferrous metals and will pay for the metal on a per-pound basis. The seniors will receive 20 percent of the proceeds.

4-29-81 Herald

Schultz 'forced' to renew pub's license

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Newly elected Wheeling President Sheila Schultz said Tuesday that "legal ramifications" forced the village liquor commission to renew a liquor license for a local tavern despite allegations that minors purchased beer at the pub as recently as February.

Schultz said that the "cause necessary to deny renewal is greater than to deny an original issuance," and added that it was the general feeling of the commission that the incident couldn't serve as a basis to deny the renewal of the license for Hein's Pub, owned by the parents of former village president William Hein.

"From previous discussions we are pretty well convinced of, but not necessarily happy with the limits we must work in," Schultz said. She added that the problem relates back to inability of the commission to legally distinguish between a complaint and a report.

LAST MONTH, Village Manager Thomas Markus told the commission that as far back as last October when Hein was still president — Wheeling police filed reports indicating that teen-agers bought liquor at the tavern, located at 141 S. Milwaukee Ave. The most recent incident occurred in February when two youths with beer were picked up by Wheeling police. Initially, the youths told police they bought the beer at the pub, but in later statements said someone bought it for them.

When the commission heard of the incident, there was debate over whether the police report of the incident constituted a complaint. Unable to agree on the issue, the commission directed Markus to further investigate Hein's Pub case was the first test of the incident. Markus reported back to the commission that he was recommending "no further action" on the incident, and Schultz said his report indicated that the facts in the case were vague and "very difficult to deal with."

Schultz said she was not sure the one incident "merited not renewing the license."

4-29-81 Herald

Hein's Pub license among 23 renewals

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Wheeling liquor commissioners voted Monday to renew 23 liquor licenses, including a license for Hein's Pub, despite allegations earlier this year that minors bought beer at the pub on three occasions.

Action on the renewal of another license also held by the owner of Hein's Pub was postponed because of zoning conflicts. Ida Hein, mother of outgoing Village President William Hein, applied for renewal of her license for the Village Tap. That tavern was located at 81 South Milwaukee Ave. but was demolished for the construction of Riverside Plaza, a shopping center located at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Ave.

Mrs. Hein is planning to open a package liquor store in Riverside Plaza and is seeking to have the license transferred to a store unit in the shopping center.

ACCORDING TO Village Manager Thomas Markus the zoning for River-

side Plaza would not allow for a package liquor store in the center. He recommended the commissioners hold the license in abeyance until the village board decides whether to allow an amendment to the zoning code or a special use permit for a package liquor store.

The commission also again discussed the difference between a police report and a complaint. Markus told the commissioners that village attorney David Epstein is working on a complaint form to be used by police when a liquor license holder is involved in an incident.

Last month Markus told the commission that as far back as last October Wheeling police filed reports indicating that teenagers bought liquor at Hein's Pub, 141 South Milwaukee Ave. The most recent incident occurred in February when two youths with beer were picked up by Wheeling police. Initially, the youths told police they bought the beer at the pub, but in later

statements said someone bought it for them.

UNABLE TO AGREE whether the police report constituted a complaint, the commission directed Markus to further investigate the incident. Markus said Monday that he completed the report but refused to comment on his findings.

Markus did tell the commission that after a subsequent discussion with the Wheeling police officer who filed the report he was recommending that the commission take no action "at this time."

Before the commission approved the license renewal, Markus told the commissioner he had reviewed police records on each establishment dating back to 1978. While he felt none of the incidents reported constituted grounds for not renewing the licenses, Markus said he would in some cases be "sitting down with the management to discuss their operations."



Pumping station gets

y Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

In another step toward controlling flood problems in Wheeling, village officials have turned on the newly completed pumping station at a drainage pond in Heritage Park.

According to Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance for the village, the station was turned Monday test its automatic function and was set on automatic through Tuesday to test how it worked through the day's heavy rains.

Gray said the station pumped through Monday night and lowered the water level of the basin by some two feet to its normal level and dried out some of the land surrounding the pond.

BEFORE THE construction of the pumping station, rainwater ran directly into the eight-acre pond, lowering its capacity for handling floodwaters. Inadequate control of this water caused the land around the pond to remain soggy and marshy, prompting park officials to dub it "yucca flats." The swamp-like conditions prevented the park from using the pond for boating and fishing, as was originally intended.

In 1969, the park district donated the land to the village to use as a drainage pond with the understanding the area could be used for boating and fishing. For more than 10 years park officials have sought to enlarge the pond and dry out the land.

The pumping station is part of a final agreement hammered out last year between park and village officials and the Metropolitan Sanitary District to convert the pond at Wolf and Dundee roads to a flood control facility and a recreational area. The plan includes construction of the pumping station, storm sewers and other flood control devices designed to divert storm water to the Wheeling Drainage Ditch.

The MSD agreed to pay the \$45,000 needed to construct the pumping station and the village will pay \$180,000 to install the pipes and storm sewers needed to divert the water to the drainage ditch.

ACCORDING TO Parks Superintendent David Phillips, the park spent

help them grow and mature." A ROOM WILL be set aside in Maine East to house the memorabilia and awards gathered during the life of the school. Next fall, 644 students about 65 percent of the total at Maine North will go to East. Most of the others will go to West; 86 students will

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4-30-81 Herald

Cablenet income guess 'feasible': consultant

by Susan Duerksen
Herald staff writer

A second consultant has concluded that Cablenet Inc. has the financial strength to build a cable TV system in 17 North and Northwest suburbs, but acknowledges that his report is based largely on revenue estimates provided by the cable firm.

A rival cable TV company, Warner-Amex Cable Corp., has criticized Cablenet's revenue expectations, questioning whether Cablenet can afford to build the expensive 120-channel system it has promised, while Cablenet contends Warner could build the same thing if it accepted lower profits. Warner is providing 54 channels in the five Northwest suburbs it will serve.

Financial consultant Paul Williams, who was hired by the Northwest Municipal Conference, concluded that Cablenet will have 75 percent more revenue than it needs to pay the cost of building the cable television system.

But Williams admitted it is impossible to verify the company's estimate of how much income their system will generate.

"AT THIS TIME there aren't enough communities with the same market cross-section to say absolutely if they will get that (amount of revenue)," he said. "It's a business decision by Cablenet."

Williams, of the Chicago consulting firm John Nuveen & Co., said he checked with several bankers and cable TV market experts, and they all thought Cablenet's projections are "feasible."

Warner officials Wednesday refused to comment on the Nuveen report.

Avis Nepar, franchising director for Cablenet, said the company's estimate that the 17 suburbs will generate \$30 million gross revenue a year by the fifth year — the estimate Williams used — is based on a belief that 93 percent of all cable TV subscribers will take one optional movie channel and

77 percent will take two. Each movie channel adds \$7.95 to the monthly bill for cable TV.

But because the expected revenue is 75 percent more than needed, Williams said Cablenet has "a margin for error" and still could cover its debts even if the actual income is somewhat lower than expected.

WILLIAMS AND officials of the Northwest Municipal Conference, which is coordinating the suburbs' negotiations with Cablenet, said the purpose of his financial review was not to evaluate the revenue projections but the financial strength of Cablenet's parent company and the commitments for loans to build the system.

It is basically the same review performed a year ago by another consulting firm, Malarkey Taylor and Associates, said William Grams, executive director of the municipal conference. But he said much of the information has been updated since then.

4-30-81 Herald

James Goetch nominated to fill trustee vacancy

James Goetch, who lost his bid for election as Wheeling village trustee by 35 votes, will be nominated to fill the spot on the board created by the election of Sheila Schultz to the village presidency.

As president, Schultz has the option of naming someone to serve the remaining two years of her trustee term. Schultz said she expects the village board to approve the nomination at Monday's meeting after the newly elected trustees and Schultz are sworn in.

Goetch, a former Wheeling representative to NORTRAN, ran for a spot on the board on a slate headed by Schultz. Two other candidates for trustee on Schultz's slate, William Rogers and Joseph Ratajczak, won spots on the board April 7. Incumbent Trustee Roger Powers, a political ally of outgoing President William Hein, won the third trustee spot.

Schultz said it was "fortunate" that Goetch ran with her and was the "next highest vote-getter."

"Had there been a vacancy he would



James Goetch

have been elected," said Schultz. "He's qualified, and he showed his interest in serving by running for the board."

Goetch said Schultz approached him about filling the board vacancy and said he would work to keep his campaign promises, including working to bring better transportation to Wheeling.

Goetch, 50, is a senior representative for Allstate Insurance Companies.

4-30-81 Country Journal

Up with Wheeling Day means down with trash, up with fun

By SHERRY BOEMMEL

Citizens who volunteer to help clean up Wheeling Saturday will be rewarded with hot dogs and baseball during Up With Wheeling Day.

Volunteers will meet behind the village hall at 9 a.m. and divide into groups. Smaller children like Brownies and Cub Scouts will go to the parks to do some summer planting. Older volunteers will be bused to various locations, especially along Milwaukee, Dundee and Wolf Roads.

Those picking up litter along roads will have orange vests provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation, said Julie Woods, assistant village planner. Woods said police officers will block off lanes to make the clean-up safe. Full garbage bags will be picked up by village employees so none will have to be carried Woods said. There will be plenty of supervision for children, she said.

Clean up will end at noon, and a picnic will begin. A baseball diamond is reserved, Woods said.

Both Village President William Hein and Village President-elect Sheila Schultz had

favorable comments on the Second Annual Up With Wheeling Day.

"Last year was the first year we had Up With Wheeling Day," Hein said. "I'd like to see more emphasis on up with Wheeling all year than just one day. I hope more organizations participate this year than last year. Hein said, "Anything good for the village is fine with me."

Schultz said, "I think it's a great idea. I'm glad to see it continue. Last year was good. Indications are it's going to be more impressive this year."

Schultz said the idea for the clean up came from informal conversation between the trustees and staff. She said the staff had worked out a plan by the next time the staff and trustees met.

Woods said all village departments are involved. Some like the police are doing jobs related to department functions while others like the fire fighters are providing general labor, Woods said.

The village reports 150 persons and organizations are committed to help during Up With Wheeling Day.

5-1-81 Herald

Village panel seeks out best of area buildings

Members of Wheeling's appearance commission are looking for buildings to receive the commission's second annual concept and design awards.

Marilyn Minter, commission vice-chairman, said the award program was started last year as an incentive to Wheeling property owners to maintain and improve their property. Members of the appearance commission then awarded plaques to the property owners based on several criteria, including overall appearance, landscaping, maintenance and architectural design.

"There's no reason why builders can't be made to do this," said Minter, adding "some are taking money out of the community. There's no reason why they can't put some of it back into approve appearances."

The commissioners made their first exploratory trip on Monday night, to survey the village and make notes on buildings they may want to include in

the awards. Minter also said the commissioners will consider nominations from citizens or local civic groups, but didn't receive any recommendations this year.

THE AWARDS will be given in five categories: industrial, commercial, non-profit and planned unit developments, such as a condominium project, and a special award for an older building that has been renovated. Minter said this would cover any renovations being done in the older sections of the village, including the downtown area.

Last year, the awards went to the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, Holmes Junior High School, Lake of the Winds condominiums and E-Z Por Corp.

Minter said commissioners will visit a location up to three times before deciding on an award.



Herald 5-4-81

Stavros probe over, but not made public

An investigation ordered by Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus into the police handling of a traffic charge against Gregory Stavros has been completed, but Markus refuses to discuss the findings until the report is presented to the village board.

Markus asked attorney Robert DiLeonardi to investigate the matter following charges the police were told to "handle with kid gloves" a traffic accident involving the nephew of James Stavros, a principal character in a massive zoning scandal that rocked Wheeling in 1974.

The charges for the accident were dismissed, but Markus pledged to continue the investigation. Markus now says he will ask DiLeonardi to present his findings to the village board sometime, perhaps later this month.

"At that time, we'll discuss what action will be taken," said Markus, adding village trustees have not yet seen the report, which he described as "a half a foot tall."

THE INVESTIGATION was sparked

after Trustee Sheila Schultz told Wheeling officials she was contacted by a Wheeling resident who said she heard Stavros' name while she was monitoring police broadcasts. She told Schultz she heard the matter should be handled "carefully" and "with kid gloves."

The traffic incident occurred when Stavros, 25, who was driving a pickup truck eastbound on Dundee Road, allegedly swerved into the next lane forcing another driver off the road. Witnesses told police the pickup truck then fled the scene. A license check led police to Stavros' home in Prospect Heights.

Stavros was charged with improper lane usage, but Circuit Court Judge Nicholas Pomaro dismissed the case because witnesses could not identify Stavros as the driver.

James Stavros was listed as the owner of the pickup truck involved in the incident, but Alfred Stavros, Gregory's brother, said he bought the truck from his uncle.



SCHULTZ

Wheeling

Population: 23,098
 Incorporated: 1894
 Motto: Wheeling: Where Progress Is By the People
 Budget: \$7,859,560 (1980-81 fiscal year)
 Total Employees: 153 full-time
 Police Dept.: 56
 Fire Dept.: 44
 Public Works Dept.: 25
 Form of Government: Village President and 6 trustees elected-at-large. Appointed manager.
 Village president: Sheila Schultz
 Water supply: Wells
 Parks: Wheeling Park Dist.
 Schools: Elementary children attend Wheeling Township Dist. 21. High school students attend Wheeling Elk Grove Township Dist. 214 schools. Served by Harper Jr. College.
 Average per capita income: \$7093
 Geographics: Wheeling is 7 square miles and is served by 4 highways—3 Illinois routes, 21, 68 and 83, and U.S. Route 45. Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road are major thoroughfares.
 Total sales tax receipts for fiscal year 1980-81: \$1,500,780
 Outstanding features: Many fine restaurants, including Le Francois. Palwaukee Airport.

Herald 5-5-81

Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates treat Hoffman Estates High School students Perry Gerstein (below), and Allison Blom (left), for injuries.



whether it will be cheaper to repair points in the system where non-sewer water is seeping in, or to just continue to treat the extra water along with the sewage at the treatment plant.
 The study will be conducted by Clark, Dietz and Associates, a Chicago engineering firm.
 THE GRANT will finance the first

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Cole	Kerr	Powers	YES	YES	YES	YES
Selected decisions from the village board meetings of Apr. 6 and 20.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To adopt an \$8 million budget for fiscal 1981-1982. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To spend \$7,000 in federal revenue sharing funds on the Senior Citizen Program and \$200,000 on repairs to the municipal building roof. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To grant 6 percent raises to some village employees. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To establish a 9 percent ceiling on the interest rate at which the village can issue general obligation bonds. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Herald 5-4-81

THERE WILL BE change in command in Wheeling tonight when the newly elected village officers are sworn in at the village board meeting.

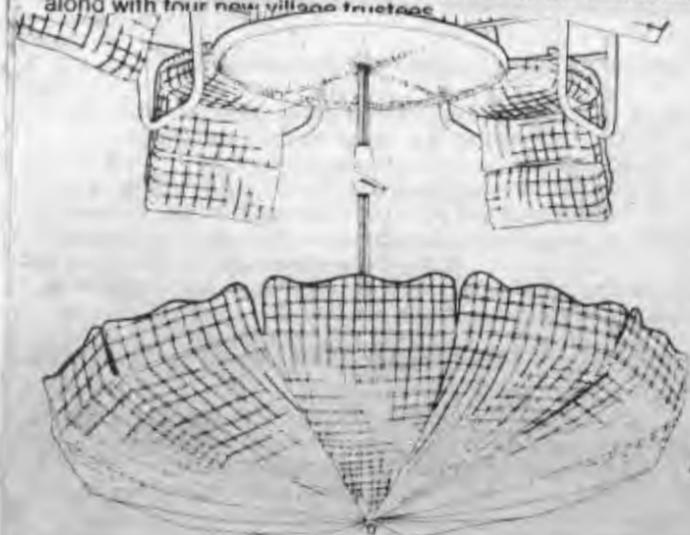
Sheila Schultz, who won her April 7 bid for president, will be sworn into office, along with newly elected trustees Roger Powers, William Rogers, and William Rataczak. Elizabeth Hartman, the new village clerk, will also be sworn in Monday.

Schultz, who currently serves as a village trustee, will resign her seat and nominate James Goetch to fill the vacancy.

Goetch, 50, ran for trustee on a ticket headed by Schultz, but lost his bid by 35 votes. The board is expected to approve his nomination. The board will meet at 8 p.m. in village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.



Herald photo
VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz smiles as she presides over her first Wheeling village board meeting Monday, after her election on April 7. Schultz was sworn in at the board meeting, along with four new village trustees.



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Up with Wheeling

There was an impressive turnout of Wheeling citizens for the second annual "Up with Wheeling" cleanup day. Starting at 9 Saturday morning the streets of Wheeling were littered with people picking up trash, recycling cans, and sweeping the sidewalks. (Staff photos)

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Schultz completes sweep with pic

5-7-81 LIFE

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

VILLAGE BOARD President Sheila Schultz completed her sweep of the April election by appointing James Goetch to replace her as a trustee on the Village Board.

Goetch, the only member of Schultz's "Wheeling Upward Party" who didn't get elected, finished fourth in the race for three trustees.

Schultz, who up-ended incumbent Village Board President William H. Hein, is now surrounded by her running mates. Other trustees who were elected in April and sworn in at the Village Board meeting on Monday, May 4, include Joseph Ratajczak and William Rogers.

The third winner in the election was Roger A. Powers, the only member of Hein's "Pro-Wheeling Party" chosen to serve on the board. He is now in his second term. Elizabeth Hartman was victorious in her bid for Village Clerk.

Goetch finished behind Powers by only 35 votes. "I'm disappointed about not being elected to the board," Goetch said. "But with the race as close as it was, I felt more or less like a runner up and I am very happy to be chosen."

HE WILL serve the remainder of Schultz's trustee term, another two years.

As for the new administration, the May 4 meeting was little more than a

formality and "celebration" of sorts as all were sworn in.

Only one of the four outgoing officials was present at the meeting. Hugh Sommerfeld who opted to run for Wheeling Township Trustee was on hand to receive a plaque of appreciation.

"I leave this forum with a very deep sense of gratitude," Sommerfeld said. "The office I am leaving might appear to be easy, but it is a task to do in the manner in which the community can be proud."

Outgoing Village Clerk Alberta Klocke was unable to attend the meeting because of a death in her family while Hein and former trustee Robert Ross were also not in attendance (see related story).

SCHULTZ TOLD the overflow crowd at the Wheeling Village Hall that "I have just taken a solemn oath of office and I look forward to serving the next four years as Village Board President."

She reiterated her vow to serve with "trust and confidence," something the entire Wheeling Upward Party vowed to do during the campaign.

Schultz did display pleasure that her candidate for the remainder of her trustee term was "the choice of the electorate and the board. He (Goetch) understands the community and is well qualified to serve on the board."

With the appointment of Goetch to the board, the only member left from the Hein administration is Powers. And if the May 4 meeting is an indication of what is to come, there might not be too much dissension on Power's part. He voted in agreement with the rest of the board on all of the votes taken.

In Hein's absence, Trustee Charles Kerr was president pro-temp. He and Trustee John Cole are senior trustees on the board and both supported Schultz and her slate for election in April.

Aside from some minor business, the meeting was highlighted by introductions of village staff to the new administration and some light-hearted conversation between staff and the board.

Kerr, for example, was set to handle the proverbial passing of the gavel to Schultz in Hein's absence but found there wasn't a gavel to pass.

"Congratulations, Sheila," Kerr said, "If I had a gavel, I'd pass it to you."

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus got in a few barbs of his own. When it came time to approve accruals, Markus joked that the staff generally leaves "10 minutes at the end of the meeting for Trustee Kerr."

Kerr is often kidded about his watchful eye on village expenses.

Not to miss an opportunity, Kerr noted a \$500 charge for kitchen expenses. "I was just wondering if Bernie (Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen) had gotten a microwave oven for the fire department."

Koeppen retorted, "No, but I have an extra one I could sell you."

Hein absent as new board seated 5-7-81 *Remover*

Schultz takes gavel

By SHERRY BOEMMEL

Wheeling citizens and village staff members jammed the council room Monday for the installation of new village board members.

New Village Clerk Elizabeth Hartman, sworn in earlier by outgoing Clerk Alberta Klocke, conducted the installation of a new village president and four trustees.

Trustee Sheila Schultz became village president replacing William Hein, who was defeated for reelection. Since Hein was absent, Trustee Charles Kerr, president pro-tem, passed "the gavel" to Schultz.

"I'd pass you the gavel, but it isn't here," Kerr said laughing.

Trustee Roger Powers, reelected for another term, William Powers and Joseph Ratzczak took their oaths as trustees after Schultz.

Then Schultz resigned as trustee and appointed James Goetch to fill that vacancy. Goetch was an unsuccessful candidate for trustee in village elections April 7.

"The board is now complete with trustees who understand the issues and understand the community," Schultz said

following Goetch's appointment.

After the new board was installed the only member present of the four outgoing board members received a plaque in gratitude for his service. Hugh Sommerfeld served as village trustee between 1977 and 1981. He was sworn in as Wheeling Township Trustee earlier Monday.

"I leave this from with a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Wheeling," Sommerfeld said as he left office.

Schultz said the village wished the absent outgoing official well in the other parts of their lives. She said they could be justly proud of all their good efforts.

The village staff members were introduced to the audience. Police and fire fighters, office and maintenance personnel, and all the titled officials stood and said their names.

How delightful it is to see the room filled," Schultz said after the introductions. "We would like to see you here every week," she said, and the audience laughed.

"We expect you to challenge us, Schultz said, to help us do better and better."

5-7-81 *Reminder* Goetch trustee—

(Continued from page 12)

Goetch said. "But the election was so close—only 35 votes. I was really happy when Sheila asked me," Goetch said after his installation.

Goetch said he felt as though he was still campaigning. He said he would continue to talk to people and get their views.

Transportation problems are a major concern to Goetch. He said he has a strong background in traffic and safety from years teaching drivers education and working Allstate's Divisions. He is now a senior representative in the loss prevention division at Allstate. He also served as Wheeling's representative to NORTTRAN for over two years.

Goetch said Wheeling has been "short changed" in getting a share of funds for Wheeling roads because Hein did not attend the Northwest Municipal Conference where disbursement recommendations are decided.

Goetch, 50, lives with his wife Wilma, who works in television traffic (scheduling) at 382 Sunset Drive. The Goetchs, who have lived in Wheeling for 11 years, have two grown children.

Goetch appointed village trustee

James Goetch narrowly missed election to the Wheeling village board last month, but he became a trustee anyway—by appointment Monday.

When Sheila Schultz became village president Monday, she resigned as trustee, she appointed Goetch to fill the vacancy.

Goetch finished 35 votes behind Roger

Powers, who won reelection for trustee on Village President William Hein's ticket. Goetch, who ran with Schultz, said Powers was the only one on that ticket who won. New trustees William Rogers and Joseph Ratzczak also ran with Schultz.

"I was disappointed not be elected,"

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JAMES GOETCH

5-7-81 *Rem* Outgoing officials absent

ferred a back injury and said he spent Monday night "in a lot of hot water with epsom salt."

Alberta Klocke, outgoing Village Clerk, had a death in her family and could not make the meeting.

Despite their absences, Schultz commended them for their work and contributions to the village.

"For those outgoing members not here," she said, "I do wish them well. They can be justifiably proud of the good things they have done for the village."

swearing in of Board President Sheila Schultz because of a business commitment. "I sent a letter to the board about a week before," Hein says, "letting them know I could not attend."

Outgoing trustee Robert Ross sut-

WHEN THE new Wheeling Village Board members took office Monday, May 4, several members of the outgoing board were conspicuously absent. Outgoing Village Board President William H. Hein could not make the

Hein's Pub written up in liquor sale complaints

5-9-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Less than a week after Wheeling's liquor commission renewed its license, a local tavern again has been written up in Wheeling police reports for selling liquor to minors.

The tavern, Hein's Pub at 141 S. Milwaukee Ave., is owned by the parents of former Village President William Hein, who served as the village's liquor commissioner until the village board stripped him of that power in January. He lost his bid for re-election last month.

Although earlier police reports indicated that minors had reported purchasing liquor at the tavern on three occasions since last fall, the village board renewed the pub's license two weeks ago.

The latest report indicates that, on May 1, Patrolman William Hubner discovered James Kedroski, 20, sitting in the tavern with an open bottle of beer.

Kedroski told police he and two friends had been served the beer by bartender William Merrill, who did not ask them for any proof of age. Kedroski's friends were not at the pub when police arrived.

WHEN POLICE questioned Merrill, 28, about the beer, he said he "did not recall serving" Kedroski. The same report said that during the questioning, in the adjacent liquor store, "the beer bottle disappeared and was not recovered."

Kedroski told police he knew Merrill from previous trips to the tavern, and that Merrill had previously carded him and refused to serve him liquor.

Merrill was charged with selling alcohol to a person under 21. Kedroski, 255 S. Wheeling Ave., was charged with purchasing alcohol. Both posted bond and were released.

A court date has been set in Cook County Circuit Court on June 8 at 9 a.m. in the Wheeling branch, 225 W. Dundee Road.

Tavern owner Gordon Hein would

Markus said he would be investigating the most recent incident and would report back to the commission.

"There's a court date set and typically I've taken the position that I want to see how the court handled it before I make any recommendations," said Markus.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz said the liquor commission's action would depend on Markus' report, adding it was "unfortunate these things come up with some regularity."

"The shift from a commissioner to a commission and a new awareness of this among owners will probably bring to light a lot of non-incidents that have happened all along," said Schultz, adding "I'm glad to see the enforcement."

"Incidents like this may cause us to hold regularly scheduled liquor commission meetings," she said, adding, "obviously it's not something you'll close the place down for."

"It's good that the commission is aware of all these incidents," she said.

not comment on the complaint.

Earlier this year, a new village ordinance stripped Hein of the power to issue and revoke liquor licenses, creating a liquor commission comprising all the village trustees. During the commission's first meeting, it was revealed that as far back as October, when Hein was still president and liquor commissioner, police had filed reports indicating teen-agers had bought beer at the tavern.

IN FEBRUARY, two youths with beer were stopped on Milwaukee Avenue with beer they initially told police they bought at the pub. Later, the youths said the beer was bought for them. Unable to agree on whether the police report constituted a complaint, the village liquor commission directed Village Manager Thomas Markus to investigate the incident.

On April 27 the commission met to renew licenses, and at the meeting, Markus told commissioners he was recommending "no further action" on the incident.

The week ahead 5-11-81 Herald

Trustees to tour empty fire station

Wheeling village trustees will take a tour of the abandoned fire station tonight to try to determine what to do with the structure.

Village officials had planned to raze the building, which was abandoned late last year when Wheeling's firefighting operations were moved to two new locations. An inspection of the building earlier this year revealed several violations of village heating and electrical codes. In addition, the building sits closer to the roadway than village ordinances allow, and there is a shortage of parking at the site.

In February, former Village President William Hein suggested the village consider sparing the building until it could be determined if there was a community group which wanted to use the facility.

The station was built in 1951 at a cost of \$24,000. A second floor was added in the late 1950s for \$40,000. Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen has recommended the building be razed, saying it has "served its purpose."

The tour starts at 8 p.m. at the fire station, 312 E. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING Township board will hold a special meeting Tuesday to discuss the township budget.

When elected on April 7, the trustees promised to cut the budget by 10 percent. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for May 26 and the board must approve a budget before May 30.

The board meets at 7:30 p.m. at township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

THE NORTHWEST Municipal Conference will have a vehicle and equipment auction on Saturday.

Items from various area villages and townships will be on display from 10 a.m. to noon. A public auction will follow from noon to 4 p.m.

The auction will be at the Wheeling Public Works garage, located behind the village hall, at 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE VARIOUS sources and procedures for paying for local roadwork will be explained to suburban officials Wednesday night.

Andy Plummer, director of the Chicago Area Transportation Study, will speak to the Northwest Municipal Conference, a coalition of 23 suburbs and seven townships, about the funding sources.

Plummer's organization is a planning arm of the Illinois Department of Transportation and is used to funnel much federal funding to the suburbs for local roadwork and other transportation expenses.

But the federal funding comes from several different sources — in addition to state and county funding — and often when a roadwork project is waiting in line for one money pot it is barred from consideration for another.

Plummer will speak at a monthly meeting of the municipal conference, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Wheeling Township Hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Firehouse would need a lot of work

5-12-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Wheeling village staff told village trustees Monday night a great deal of renovation work would have to be done to convert the village's abandoned firehouse to a structure suitable for public use.

In an attempt to decide what to do with the fire station, trustees toured the building, located at 312 E. Dundee Rd. The station was abandoned last fall when Wheeling moved its firefighting operations to new facilities at Wheeling and Hintz roads and the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

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Village staff, including fire chief Bernie Koeppen, have recommended that the structure be torn down. Last February, former Village President William Hein recommended village trustees explore remodeling the building for various community groups.

ACCORDING TO A study done by the village community development department, it could cost as much as \$190,000 to remodel the structure so it would meet various village codes. In addition, zoning variances would be needed because the building sits too close to the street and lacks adequate

parking spaces. Tom Fennell, building, housing and zoning administrator, told trustees that work would have to be done on both the inside and outside of the structure. Although the actual structure of the firehouse is not defective, Fennell pointed out cracks and settling that have appeared in the brick. Displacement of the top corners of the building have also caused the roof to leak. Koeppen said the building has been roofed several times and Fennell is recommending that another new roof be put on the building.

Fennell also told trustees the present furnace was inadequate to heat the entire building and that the furnace would have to be replaced and extensive insulation installed. A ventilation system would also be needed to utilize the large open area that was once the fire truck garage.

Additional electrical wiring and lighting would have to be installed. Old gas pipes and electrical conduits also would have to be removed. The stairway in front of the building is too steep and more head clearance would have to be provided. Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village has received a low bid of \$13,740 to raze the structure and he would present all the bids to the village board at next week's village board meeting.

5-13-81 Life

Child welfare agency asking village for help

Shelter, Inc., a non-profit child welfare agency that provides emergency temporary housing for children in the northwest suburbs, has asked Wheeling trustees for some \$3,000 in funding.

Warren Simon, social work supervisor for the agency, told trustees that future cuts in federal funding, particularly federal revenue sharing, has made it necessary for the agency to seek funding on the local level.

Simon told trustees that the money would be used to help fund the agency's home for adolescent boys in Arlington Heights and to possibly help finance a home for girls being started in Schaumburg.

Simon told the trustees the agency has asked 17 communities and several townships in northwest Cook County to provide \$500 to \$4,000 each. He said that Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Roselle, Schaumburg and Streamwood have already agreed to contribute

money while Mount Prospect, Park Ridge and Rolling Meadows have refused requests for funds.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus asked Simon for the budget and several financial statements of the agency, before the board considers the request.

According to Simon, between 1976 and 1979, Shelter received some 33 requests to house Wheeling residents. He also told trustees that the agency operates on referrals from all types of local agencies, including the Wheeling Police Department.

Typically, Simon said the agency will receive requests to provide temporary shelter for runaway teen-agers or children whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them because of illness. Simon said most of the children are eventually placed back with their families.

Should it be demolished? Look at fire house

5-14-81 Life

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

WHEELING — Six village trustees toured the vacant old fire station building at 312 E. Dundee Road Monday evening, May 11 to help them decide whether or not the 30-year-old structure should be demolished. Village President Sheila Schultz was unable to attend the meeting.

Last February the board agreed to advertise for bids for the demolition of the station, as well as getting estimates of the costs to preserve the building.

The fire department already has moved its equipment to new quarters at the municipal complex and also has opened a branch station at Hintz and Wheeling Roads.

During the walk-through, Thomas Fennell, village building, housing and zoning administrator, pointed out areas in need of waterproofing, tuckpointing, caulking and other maintenance. Among other things, the building needs a new roof, better insulation, rewiring of the electrical system, additional toilets, a modified stairway and new heating and water systems, he said.

Fennell termed the structure "an architect's nightmare," and said it contains numerous code violations. "The codes have taken great strides in the last seven or eight years. Things that were legal seven years ago are just 'Oh my God's' (today)," he added.

The building was erected following approval of a 1951 referendum. At that time it was a one-story structure. The second floor was added in the late '50s.

ANOTHER PROBLEM, Fennell said, is lack of adequate parking spaces, should the building be used for public meeting purposes.

Village Manager Thomas Markus told the board that the cost of remodeling the old structure could approach the cost of demolishing it and replacing it with a new one-story 3,000-square-foot building using the same foundation.

Markus estimated the remodeling could cost as much as \$190,000. He also advised that the low bid for removal of the building was \$13,740. "The village must be careful in how we treat this building, for it will certainly be treated as an example," he said.

IN OTHER business, the board agreed to allow for installation of

Cedar Drive and both sides of Strong Street between Milwaukee and Wolf — will have to wait until next year for funding. Those areas and others will be part of the proposed five-year capital improvement program, scheduled to be discussed by the board on Tuesday, May 26.

The board also heard about a possible solution to flooding problems at Lakeside Villas. Operations and Maintenance Director Robert Gray said the lake in the development was designed to receive the water flowing from the Cambridge on the Lake development in Buffalo Grove, as well as from Tahoe Village. But, he said, it is about three feet higher than it should be, which prevents regular maintenance of the sewer lines, catch basins

5-14-81 Life

Fire bill will not affect village

WHEELING VILLAGE Manager Thomas Markus doesn't expect a bill eliminating residents paying taxes to both a municipal fire department and rural fire protection district to affect the village.

Markus says steps are already in progress to phase out the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District and that the village does not levy a fire protec-

tion tax.

Markus says fire protection costs are taken out of the village's general fund.

"I don't expect any problems unless the phase out (of the fire protection district) fouls up," Markus says. He adds that the village is currently providing fire protection for areas outside of its jurisdiction.

Those areas, he points out, are mainly in unincorporated Cook County, parts of Prospect Heights and half of Palwaukee Airport.

After the phasing out of the fire protection district, Markus says he expects the village to continue to provide fire protection to these areas on a contractual basis.

5-14-81 *Countryside*
Wheeling manager says village will tighten liquor sales control

The sale of liquor to minors in Wheeling taverns and restaurants will be under closer scrutiny than it has in the past, according to Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Hein's Pub, which earlier this month received annual liquor license renewal, was cited by Wheeling police for selling liquor to minors. The tavern, at 141 S. Milwaukee Ave., is owned by the parents of former Wheeling Village President William Hein.

Recent police reports said Patrolman William Hubner discovered 20-year-old James Kedroski reportedly in the tavern

with an open bottle of beer. Kedroski told police that the bartender at Hein's Pub served the beer to him and two of his friends, without asking for proof of age.

William Merrill, the bartender, told police he did not remember serving the youth. Merrill was charged with selling alcohol to a person under 21 and Kedroski was charged with purchasing alcohol.

The matter will be heard in Cook County Circuit Court at 9 a.m., June 8. Markus said he had planned to wait until the matter is heard in court before making any recommendation to the liquor commission.

"I may meet with them earlier," said Markus. He said he planned to sit down with all those liquor license establishments with a large number of complaints.

"I'll talk with them about tightening their organizations," he said.

It is not the first time Hein's Pub has been reported for sale of alcohol to minors. Police have reports of three separate incidents of alleged sale of liquor to minors.

Earlier this year the village passed a new liquor control ordinance. One of its provisions transferred the authority of

liquor commissioner from the village president, then Hein, to the village board as a whole.

The entire operation with all accompanying procedures came under review. Under the old system there was no close monitoring.

"We've done a three-year history," said Markus. "We will review things closer than we have before," he said.

In the shift to the new ordinance, there may be a need for some additional meetings. But he hoped a lot of the details on enforcement could be handled administratively in time.

5-14-81 *Life*
Fire system is not connected

ALTHOUGH WHEELING Fire Chief Bernhardt Koeppen says the school buildings in District 21 are as safe as any other buildings in the village, the alarm system for the schools is not connected to the fire department's central alarm board.

In fact, none of the district's 14 schools are connected to a central monitoring system.

Koeppen says that Wheeling High School is connected into the department's main board and if an alarm is pulled, it automatically notifies the fire department.

But in District 21, a fire alarm which is sounded during the school day must be reported to the fire department by a secretary.

WHEN SCHOOL is not in session, it is a different story.

Although the alarms in each of the district's schools are audible, if no one hears the alarm, no one will respond to it.

The district did, at one point, have an alarm system which was monitored 24-hours-a-day. That system, however, broke down several years ago and the company which had initially installed it is out of business.

The district ended up in court in a suit filed against the company (see related story), a matter which was recently resolved.

Superintendent Carl Holmstrom says installation of a new alarm system is in the preliminary budget and should be included in the total package which will be presented to the Board of Education by July 1.

Holmstrom says he's looking into one of three possible systems for the district. One, he says, is a regular fire system which would be connected to the fire department.

The district, he adds, is also considering a total security package which

would not only alert area fire or police officials about related emergencies, but enable designated persons to be contacted about problems with internal functions, such as boilers, in a particular school.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY is connecting into a cable television system. Security features have been one of the items included by some cable companies in their bids for local franchises.

In the meantime, Holmstrom says the current procedure is "adequate." He does, however, indicate that a better system will be connected once the board decides which system the district will purchase. He expects the board to be given the administration's recommendations in time to act on them by July 1.

The suit was filed in 1973 and finally settled last summer with the district receiving \$50,000 and damages.

The system cost \$79,000, Barger says, however, that the district withheld the last \$9,000 payment for the system.

5-16-81 *Herald*
IPEC requests village financial aid

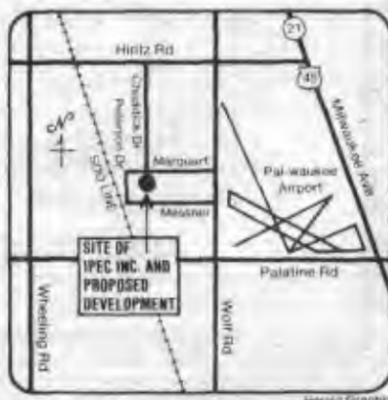
by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

A Wheeling firm is asking the village to issue some \$1.65 million in industrial revenue bonds to help the company finance a new building adjacent to their plant on Marquardt Drive.

By issuing industrial revenue bonds the village would allow IPEC Inc., a manufacturer of printing equipment, to finance the planned expansion at lower-than-normal interest rates.

Company president Leonard Kosoglad said the company is considering using the money for "several options" to expand the company's business.

"WE'LL DEFINITELY put up a building," he said. "Whether we put up more buildings and bring in independent factory operations will depend on



building, adjacent to the company's property, located in an industrial park west of Wolf Road. He said he expects construction to start soon after the board's decision.

Kosoglad said the expansion is expected to create 15 to 20 jobs and "maybe more."

While the village would issue the bonds to borrow the money for the project, the company would be responsible for paying back the money. By putting its name on the bond issue, the village can borrow the money at a lower interest rate, because investors who buy government-backed bonds don't have to pay federal income tax on their earnings. Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters said the bonds generally save the company 2 to 3 in-

terest points compared to conventional financing.

Peters said IPEC's request will probably come before the village board in early June.

THE VILLAGE began the bond program over two years ago, and since then Peters said the village has issued "in excess of \$20 million" in bonds to nine companies. Five of those companies have completed their projects.

The bond program has also brought the village some \$53,000 in fees collected from the companies for issuing the bonds. In 1979, village officials decided to charge companies a fee for lending the village name to a bond issue. The borrower is required to one-half of 1 percent on the amount to the bond issue, not to exceed \$25,000.

the outcome of the village's decision." Kosoglad said the company already has "a hole in the ground" for the new

5-19-81 Herald

Village gets \$535,000 in federal funds

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

The Cook County Board Monday approved the distribution of almost \$17 million in federal funds, including \$5,000 to Wheeling and \$222,000 to Over Park.

Wheeling plans to use the money to begin construction of a senior citizens' center, and Hanover Park will use the money for improvements at the Trousdale Terrace apartment complex.

The money is part of the federal Community Development Block Grant program. The allocations still must be approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, but local officials said HUD usually follows the recommendation of the county.

OF 36 SUBURBS receiving portions of the money, only Wheeling and Hanover Park are in the Northwest area, and County Commissioner Carl Hansen, of Mount Prospect, said he believes the Northwest suburbs are being slighted.

"The standards for qualification are such that a lot of these communities that have higher income levels are disqualified from receiving these funds," Hansen said. "This is a major failure in the program. Simply because a community has kept itself up and has money, that does not mean they

shouldn't have the funding."

Only towns with populations of less than 50,000 receive the funding through the county. Arlington Heights already has been awarded \$481,000 directly from HUD to buy land for a senior citizens housing complex. Mount Prospect has applied for \$382,000 and Schaumburg for \$276,000, and decisions on both are expected from HUD by early July.

RICHARD GREENWOOD, Wheeling village planner, said the village originally had requested about \$700,000 for its planned senior citizen center, but had agreed to split the construction into two years when it was apparent that sum wouldn't be approved. The 1981 allocation to Wheeling includes \$310,000 for the seniors center.

In addition, Wheeling received \$125,000 to help homeowners pay for rehabilitating their houses. Greenwood said the village received \$75,000 for the program last year but hasn't spent any of it yet because "we haven't decided how to go about it." He said the village had planned to help homeowners get low-interest home repair loans, but now is considering a combination of grants and loans.

Wheeling received another \$100,000 for streetlighting at the seniors complex and downtown.

x 5-20-81 Herald

Board OKs extending probe of Stavros case

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Despite the completion of a report by a special investigator, the Wheeling Village Board has approved a request by Village Manager Thomas Markus to "further investigate" the police handling of a traffic charge against Gregory Stavros.

Markus said he is "satisfied" with attorney Robert DiLeonardi's original investigation of the matter but refused to elaborate, saying he felt "there was a need for further investigation."

Markus had asked DiLeonardi to investigate charges the police were told to "handle with kid gloves" a traffic accident involving the nephew of James Stavros, a principal character in a massive zoning scandal that rocked Wheeling in 1974.

DILEONARDI COMPLETED his report last month, and Markus refused to discuss the findings until the report was presented to the village board. Now Markus said the original report won't be presented to the village board until the entire investigation is completed.

Markus said DiLeonardi would be involved in the new investigation "to a certain extent," but declined to say who else would be involved.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the board approved Markus' request to continue the investigation "because the village manager feels there's a need for further investigation."

"Because it's a personnel matter, it falls in the province of the village manager," said Schultz, adding she has not seen DiLeonardi's report.

The investigation was sparked after Schultz, at the time a village trustee, told Wheeling officials she was contacted by a resident who said she heard Stavros' name while she was monitoring police broadcasts. She told Schultz she heard the matter should be handled "carefully" and with "kid gloves."

THE TRAFFIC incident occurred when Stavros, 25, who was driving a pick-up truck eastbound on Dundee Road, allegedly swerved into the next lane, forcing another driver off the road. Witnesses told police the pickup truck then fled the scene. A license check led police to Stavros' home in Prospect Heights.

The week ahead 5-18-81 Herald

Sarasota Drive may go private

The Wheeling Village Board tonight will consider turning part of Sarasota Drive into a private road to prevent residents from future developments on the Arlington Country Club from using it as a through street.

If the board votes to vacate the street, the legal term for turning it from a public road to a private road, about 55 feet of Sarasota from Berkshire Drive to the village's western limits would be turned into private property.

Currently, the only development planned for the golf course property is a 126-unit condominium development to be built on five acres along Dundee Road. That land has been annexed to Buffalo Grove. But residents of Wheeling's Hollywood Ridge subdivision, where Sarasota is located, have expressed concern that Berkshire would become a major thoroughfare if that land was developed further. By using Berkshire, drivers have the advantage of a light at the intersection with Dundee Road.

The balance of the golf course land is unincorporated and owner Daniel Taggart has been trying to sell it for years.

Village Manager Thomas Markus has expressed concern that any action on the vacation by the board may be premature, but is "cautiously" recommending the board vacate the street. The plan commission already has recommended the vacation.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

WHEELING TRUSTEES are expected tonight to create a special sign district for the Riverside Shopping Center.

The proposed ordinance will standardize the signs throughout the shopping center and includes a provision that will let the village plan commission decide on any variations from the sign code.

The village staff is recommending passage of the ordinance, saying it will add to the attractiveness of the development, located at the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

BIDS FOR THE demolition of the abandoned fire station at 312 E. Dundee Road will be considered tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

The village fire department, community development department and Village Manager Thomas Markus are all recommending the building be torn down.

The village has received a low bid for the excavation of \$13,740 from Robinette Demolition, of Villa Park.

In an attempt to decide what to do with the building, trustees toured the fire station last Monday night. Tom Fennell, building, housing and zoning administrator, told the board a great deal of renovation would have to be done to bring the building in line with village codes. A study done by the community development department set the cost of renovation as high as \$190,000.

The station was originally built in 1951. A second floor was added in the late 1950s. The building was abandoned last fall when Wheeling moved its firefighting operations to new facilities at Wheeling and Hintz roads and the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The village board meets at 8 p.m. in village hall.

THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP board will meet Tuesday to continue discussion on the 1981-82 township budget. The trustees also will discuss how to spend some \$548,000 in federal revenue sharing funds, which are traditionally used to fund various social agencies that service township residents.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

A HEARING ON the request by the Wheeling Township Republican Organization to hold the rival GOP Club of Wheeling Township in contempt of court for circulating campaign literature in Arlington Heights that included pictures of elephants — the traditional symbol of the Republican Party — will be held Thursday in Cook County Circuit Court Judge Reginald Holzer's courtroom.

The Republican organization charges that a sample ballot, circulated on behalf of Village President James Ryan, violated an earlier court order that the GOP Club include information in its literature, disassociating the group from the regular Republican party.

In the contempt-of-court motion, attorney Robert Ahern called Citizens for Ryan the "alter ego of the GOP Club" and asked that the club be forced to change its name to delete any references to Republicans.

The hearing is at 3 p.m. at the Daley Center.

Village board wrapup 5-20-81 Herald

Old fire station to be demolished

Wheeling trustees have voted to demolish the village's abandoned fire station at 312 E. Dundee Road and award the demolition contract to a Villa Park firm.

Robinette Demolition, the firm that submitted a low bid of \$13,740, will be hired to do the work. Demolition should begin within two weeks of when the final contracts are signed.

With their action, the trustees ended speculation that a village group would claim the building and renovate it, a move some village officials estimated could cost as much as \$190,000.

The station was originally built in 1951. A second floor was added in the late 1950s. The building was abandoned last fall when Wheeling moved its firefighting operations to new facilities at Wheeling and Hintz roads and the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Portion of street to become private

A portion of Sarasota Drive in Wheeling will be turned into a private road to prevent residents from future developments on the Arlington Country Club from using the road as a through street.

The village board has agreed to vacate about 55 feet of Sarasota, from Berkshire Drive to the village's western limits, and divide it between the two homeowners who live on that part of the street.

In the vacated strip, the village will remove the curbs, gutters and walks and fill the area in with dirt and grass seed. Maintenance of the area will become the responsibility of the homeowners.

Unpaved street vacated by village

Wheeling trustees have decided to turn North Street into private property, dividing it between homeowners on either side of the street.

Located between Fletcher and Edward streets just west of Elmhurst Road, the unpaved right-of-way was designated as a street in unincorporated Cook County. Later, changes in state laws made the street the responsibility of the village.

A lack of maintenance caused the area to become overgrown with weeds and other debris. Since Wheeling maintains no utilities or pavement on the land, village officials sought to vacate the road to relieve the village of responsibility for the land.

By turning the land into private property, homeowners on either side of the street will be able to extend the length of their backyards, but will be responsible for maintaining the area.

Bidding waived for radio purchase

Competitive bidding will be waived for the purchase of 14 mobile radio units for Wheeling's operations and maintenance and community development departments, at a cost not to exceed \$15,330.

Last year as part of a two-year radio program, the village bought 16 radios for the departments from Motorola. In an effort to standardize equipment and lower maintenance contract costs, Village Manager Thomas Markus told trustees he approached Motorola for a bid this year. The company's bid came in at 3.5 percent higher than last year's figure, and Markus said he felt the small increase justified waiving the bids.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the move, saying he didn't like waiving bids and didn't agree different types of radio equipment weren't compatible.

Sign district created for center

A special sign district will be created for the Riverside Shopping Center in Wheeling.

The new ordinance will standardize signs throughout the shopping center and includes a provision that will allow the village plan commission to decide on any variations from the sign code.

The village staff had recommended passage of the ordinance, saying it will add to the attractiveness of the development, located at the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Village funds headed for 14 banks

The Wheeling village board has authorized Village Finance Director Gregory Peters to deposit village funds in 14 banks or savings and loans located throughout the area.

In a written report to the board, Peters said the village operating fund fluctuates monthly between \$5 million and \$6 million, and by depositing the money in various institutions, the village can "secure the best rates of return on short-term investments."

The following institutions have been designated as official depositories for village funds: Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank; The Northern Trust Company; Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago; First National Bank of Chicago; Glenview Guaranty Savings and Loan Association; First National Bank of Wheeling; Olympic Savings and Loan Association; Talman-Home Federal Savings and Loan Association; First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago; Hoyne Savings and Loan Association; Pioneer Savings and Loan Association; Cragin Federal Savings and Loan Association; St. Paul Federal Savings and Loan Association; and Irving Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Four commission seats available

The resignations of three members of Wheeling commissions have been accepted by the village board.

Thomas and Gene Kavanagh resigned last month from the municipal relations commission, citing personality conflicts and personal reasons. Joseph Ratajczak resigned his spot on the village plan commission after he was elected village trustee in the April 7 election.

A fourth opening is available on the village police and fire commission. Commissioner Jack Metzger's term expired April 30.

Applicants for the spots must live within Wheeling's boundaries. For more information, call the village hall, 459-2600.

Fire station's brass pole not worthless to museum

5-21-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials could not find anyone to use the village's abandoned fire station, but at least one local group is lining up to stake a claim on the station's brass firepole.

Crisanne Irmiter, curator of the Wheeling Historical Society's museum, believes the society should have the pole and has asked the village board to consider awarding it to the museum.

"We think it should stay here. It's like an extinct animal. You don't find them in firehouses any more," she said, adding the society would have to get permission from the park district to install the pole in the museum.

Wheeling Park District owns the museum building, and installing the pole would involve cutting a hole in the floor.

IRMITER SAID she "believes" the village promised the pole to the historical society and wants to get it before Wheeling gets bids from other contenders for the pole.

"It's the only one in the Northwest suburbs and I don't want to see it leave town," she said.

Fire Chief Bernie Kooppen said the pole has been removed from the ceiling of the old firehouse and "we have no use for it as far as I'm concerned."

The station was abandoned when Wheeling's firefighting operations were moved to new facilities that are built on one level.

"It's not valuable because no one's got any use for them anymore," Kooppen said. "You don't need a pole when a station's built all on one level. The only one who might need it is where they're building a station with limited floor."

space, so they have to build up." A new pole can be purchased for about \$4,000.

KOEPPEIN SAID historical society members approached him about the pole a few months ago, and he told them to send him a letter asking for it. He said he has not received any written requests for the pole.

Irmiter also said she heard the park district may be interested in the pole, but Park Superintendent David Phillips said he did not know of any efforts by the park board to get it.

The village board has directed Village Manager Thomas Markus to accept written requests for the pole. Kooppen said it will be stored at the fire department.

"We'll wrap it up and put it somewhere," he said.

State grant will allow increased traffic patrols

5-22-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Wheeling police will receive a \$25,000 state traffic enforcement grant this year and will use the money to increase traffic patrols along Dundee and Elmhurst roads and Milwaukee Avenue.

Sergeant Jack Kimsey, head of Wheeling's traffic division, said the Selective Traffic Enforcement grant will be used to hire a part-time supervisor, part-time clerk and two officers, and the unit will concentrate on patrolling the village, especially in high-accident areas, to try and reduce the number of accidents.

Formed in 1978 when the department first applied for a STEP grant, the traffic unit is a five-man unit that specializes in traffic enforcement and investigations. Kimsey credits the unit with a 16 percent drop in the number of traffic accidents in the department

handled in 1980.

ACCORDING TO figures compiled by Wheeling's community development department, Wheeling's 22,000 population increases by as much as 75 percent every day with the influx of persons who work at the village's 640 businesses. Kimsey said the traffic increase coupled with the decrease in accidents is proof of the effectiveness of the increased patrols.

This year Kimsey said patrols will be stepped up along Dundee and Elmhurst roads and Milwaukee Avenue, streets with the village's highest accident rates. The patrols will concentrate on speeding, right-of-way, improper lane usage and drunken driving violations, which make up 84 percent of the violations in Wheeling.

This is the last year Wheeling is eligible for the STEP grant to help fund the village's traffic safety program. When the village started the unit, the state contributed \$77,000. Last year,

Wheeling received \$75,050 to increase patrols in high accident areas of the village, including Lake-Cook Road. In 1979, the village received \$102,718 to conduct traffic studies, increase personnel and step up traffic patrols along Dundee Road.

UNDER THE STEP program, the amount of state funds decreases each year while the village's share of expenses increased, from 25 percent the first year to 75 percent this year.

Kimsey said he hopes the village will continue to fund the traffic division when the state money runs out next year.

"In my opinion the figures showing a decrease in the number of the accidents with the increase in traffic justifies the existence of the unit," he said.

"This is a specialized unit, trained in traffic investigations. In major accidents or fatal accidents, that's important."

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SUN TIMES

AIRPORTS: *New problems on horizon*



Pilots of small airplanes will have a hard time finding a place to land in the suburbs if political pressures continue to discourage airport expansion. As more suburbanites rely on airplanes for business, recreation and instruction, the demand for runway space soars. Aurora Municipal Airport in Sugar Grove provides a nest for Norton Richards (above) and his Beechcraft Bonanza, but private landing fields could give way to industrial parks and housing if owners accept offers from developers. Photography: Cruze

By Pan Demetrakakes

As suburban pilot Norton Richards waits to take off at Pal-Waukee Airport in Wheeling Twp., a large, twin-engine turboprop lands and taxis toward his plane. Passengers disembark and two sleek black limousines glide up to meet them.

The plane is part of a growing suburban business fleet that depends on suburban airports. Using Pal-Waukee means that the businessmen coming off that turboprop don't have to circle O'Hare Airport for one hour and then battle traffic out of the city for another.

Richards takes off. A few minutes later, the suburbs and Pal-Waukee are 2,500 feet below him. An occasional reminder of the business traffic crackles over the radio: "One Zero Quebec, you have a Lear jet coming from the west at 3 o'clock."

At 2,500 feet, the suburbs spread out like a colorful three-dimensional map. The shapes of homes and factories poised virtually at the ends of Pal-Waukee's runways illustrate the serious problems suburban airports face: The disappearance of vacant land puts pressure on airport owners to sell their land for development, and the increasing number of nearby residents puts political pressure on airports not to expand.

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suburban airports are caught in a paradox. Just as the

airports are becoming increasingly important to the area's business community, economic and political pressures are preventing expansion or encouraging busy airports to close.

The 21 "general-aviation" airports in the suburban area are hosts to about 2 million takeoffs and landings a year, according to the Chicago Area Transportation Study, a regional-planning agency. Seven airports in the suburban area have more than 100,000 takeoffs and landings a year. The total number of flights will increase by 50% in the next 20 years, the study predicts.

General-aviation airports are devoted to almost every kind of flying except commercial and military. Most flights at the suburban general-aviation airports fall into one of three broad categories: recreational, instructional and business. The last category is increasing fast.

But as air traffic increases, there is a corresponding growth in economic and political pressures to close airports or to keep them from expanding.

Pal-Waukee — the largest privately owned airport in the United States — is perhaps the best example of an airport facing economic pressure to close. When George Priester bought the 275-acre airport in 1953, very little development bordered Pal-Waukee. Now, it is virtually hemmed in. The area's development has increased the land's value and its property taxes. A similar combination of factors led the

owners of Sky Harbor in Northbrook to close that airport in 1973.

Maintenance costs at Pal-Waukee also have increased significantly — particularly the cost of repairing runways with blacktop. If owner Priester, now in his 70s, should die suddenly, inheritance taxes could force the airport to close.

"If George Priester dies, that scares me," says Charles Anesi, manager of Du Page County Airport in Wayne Twp. "I don't know what kind of plans have been made."

Anesi and other airport managers have good reason to be scared. Pal-Waukee is a major "reliever" of O'Hare Airport. The Wheeling Twp. airport reduces congestion at O'Hare by serving small corporate aircraft that otherwise would have to use the Chicago airport. If Pal-Waukee folds, other suburban airports would be hard put to pick up the slack, airport managers say.

"There is no way the system could take care of those planes" if Pal-Waukee folds, says Charles Priester, George's son and heir apparent.

A 1975 study by the Chicago Area Transportation Study concluded that public ownership is the only way Pal-Waukee will survive as an airport. Charles Priester doesn't go quite that far, but he does concede that public ownership would confer some powerful advantages.

The Priester family probably could sell the airport at a

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George Priester (left) is among the owners of private airports facing financial pressures to sell their land for development. Priester and his son Charles (right) operate Pal-Waukee Airport in Wheeling Twp., the nation's largest privately owned airport. Pal-Waukee, one of the metropolitan area's most important "reliever" airports, is beset by increasing maintenance costs and property taxes.

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New problems loom on horizon for local airports

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handsome profit. However, Charles Priester says simply: "We like the airport business."

In about 10 minutes, Richards and his passenger are over the Fox River Valley, where development alternates with emptiness. Undeveloped stretches lead right up to the runways of two major airports — Du Page, bordering West Chicago, and Aurora Municipal in Sugar Grove.

Space is only one element that a suburban airport requires to expand. Another important factor is community support, which can be hard to find. As Charles Priester says: "Airports are not popular, pure and simple."

The biggest problem is the fear of noise. Airport officials say when people living near an airport hear that runways are going to be lengthened, they foresee huge commercial jetliners passing a stone's throw away from their houses.

Chicagoland Airport in Lincolnshire had been the third-busiest privately owned airport in the state, with a peak of more than 120,000 operations in one year. However, by the mid-1970s, owner Jack Schelter found himself in a financial twilight zone. Chicagoland was beginning to get hit with high property taxes. Yet it could not attract the large corporate-owned planes it needed to expand its market because its runways were too short.

"We were too big to be little any more, and too little to be big yet," Schelter says. "We were in a position where we had to expand or die."

However, Schelter's plans to lengthen the airport's runways to accommodate turbine-powered aircraft provoked an uproar among Lincolnshire residents and officials.

"It was emotional to the point of hostility," Schelter says. "They felt that increasing our runway would mean 747s skimming their rooftops."

The board passed an ordinance forbidding Schelter to lengthen his runways. Fighting Lincolnshire in court would have meant several years of operating Chicagoland in financial limbo, he says. So he gave up. In September of 1978, he sold his 210-acre airport to a consortium of developers for about \$2 million.

Richards is approaching his home base, Aurora Municipal Airport, about four miles west of the Aurora city limits. He is pretending that the bright blue sky is choked with clouds to a point where he can see only a few hundred feet ahead. He

shows how he would have to approach the airport with its present equipment — passing over a populated area, including Waubesa Community College, at low altitude.

Then he shows how he would approach the airport if it had an Instrument Landing System (ILS), which sends a radio beam to guide a plane to the end of a runway. This time, he waits longer before lowering his altitude and guides the craft over farmland.

In March, 1979, Aurora Municipal Airport officials applied to the Federal Aviation Administration for an ILS and the additional land necessary to implement it. The move led some residents of Sugar Grove, which almost surrounds the airport, to form the Area Residents Opposed to Airport Development (AROAD).

Opposition between AROAD and pilots grew to a peak during the Aurora Air Show last September, when members of the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's precision flying team, flew over Sugar Grove at what AROAD estimated to be about 500 feet.

"Some of us thought we were being bombed," says Gayle Neuendorf, AROAD president.

The month after the Blue Angels incident, a noise-abatement subcommittee of six pilots and six AROAD members was formed to iron out the differences. However, the pilots and AROAD found themselves unable to agree on noise-abatement procedures. Last November, the committee voted against recommending an ILS.

In January, the Federal Aviation Administration found that installing the ILS would have no significant environmental impact.

Sometimes, fears of what airport development will bring blossom into battles for airport control. Du Page County Airport, the state's second-busiest airport after O'Hare, was the object of litigation for about five years. Municipalities tried to form an airport authority and the county tried to retain control. The municipalities eventually won in December, 1978, and formed the Fox Valley Airport Authority. Among the FVAA goals was keeping big planes out of the airport.

When there was talk about two years ago of building an airport in northwest Kane County, area residents led by the chairman of the county planning commission hastily formed a Kane County Airport authority to keep any such airport out of the rural townships.

The biggest airport-expansion battle is the current fight between the suburbs and O'Hare. Although O'Hare is legally

part of Chicago, it is surrounded almost entirely by suburbs which bear the brunt of thunderous jetliner noise. Four suburbs are suing the airport to stop expansion plans. A suit will go to trial this fall, a federal judge ruled last month.

Not all airports suffer from political problems. One of the more harmonious relationships between an airport and community exists at Waukegan Municipal Airport, where tower and ILS equipment will be installed within the next two years. Victor White, executive director of the Waukegan Port Authority, says he expects the improvements to increase corporate traffic.

The Village of Lansing had some political problems when it bought Chicago-Hammond airport in 1979 and renamed it Lansing Municipal. However, things have quieted down now, says airport manager Wendell Jones. Current plans to lengthen one runway by about 1,000 feet have not met significant opposition, Jones says.

Richards, 39, has been flying for 16 years. The Kane County resident started when he was in the Navy, stationed in Charleston, S.C., because flying was the quickest way to get out of town. Now, he often uses his plane in his career as a business consultant. Early this month, he flew to Defiance, Ohio, and back in a day. The journey that might have taken three days by commercial transport.

As business use of airplanes increases, airports become more important as industrial lures.

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce estimated in a January report that Aurora Municipal Airport has attracted \$16 million worth of business in the Fox Valley. Charles Priester pins his hopes for Pal-Waukee's survival on local governments seeing that letting the airport attract industry is more practical than building on the airport's land.

However, Priester also sees a basic conflict between expanding airport needs and public suspicion. "I'd like to think it would be resolved, but I don't think it will be," he says.

Schelter, the former owner of Chicagoland Airport, says the public needs to be educated.

"You're dealing with a public that doesn't know how general and corporate aviation contributes to transportation in this country," Schelter says. "They see the planes as toys and tools of big business, and they don't see the role they play. What's needed is a public-relations campaign — some educating."

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Village drafts 5-year renovation plan

5-28-81 Herald

Wheeling village officials have drafted plans for an estimated \$18.9 million in improvements to village streets, sewers and the water system over the next five years.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski, who helped coordinate the report, said the program will "enable the board and citizens to see what's coming down the pipe" in village improvements and will help the board make future budgeting and revenue decisions.

Included in the plan are \$6.8 million in water supply improvements, made necessary when the village starts getting Lake Michigan water. Proposed improvements include a 2.5-million-gallon water storage tank and installation of several mains to transmit the lake water throughout the village.

The program also includes \$6.4 million in road and bridge work, including

\$5 million to worth of improvements to Wheeling and Dundee roads.

Also proposed is \$3.2 million in storm water improvements and \$1.8 million in miscellaneous projects, including construction of the proposed senior center. The program also includes \$478,000 in sanitary sewer work and \$209,750 in sidewalk improvements.

THE FUNDING for the projects is expected to come from a variety of sources. In order to finance the water system improvements, the largest project in the program, Fialkowski's report proposes that the village borrow the money for the improvements with a combination of tax-backed general obligation bonds and revenue bonds. Property taxes levied on all the property in the village, and money earned the sale of water to village resi-

dents, would be used to repay the loans.

He said financing the improvements with general obligation bonds could cause the tax rate in the village to go up, but could not estimate how much. Village officials have yet to determine whether bringing Lake Michigan water to the village will raise the water rates.

The street improvements could be paid with motor fuel tax funds, but Fialkowski said the village could borrow the money for the improvements with a bond issue so the work could be financed all at once, and pay the bond issue back with the motor fuel funds. State and federal grants may also be available for road work.

THE PRELIMINARY sewer reports and work on projects like the senior center are being financed at least, par-

tially with federal grants, and village officials are optimistic that these funding sources will be available in the future.

Final approval of the five-year program rests with the village board. Trustee Charles Kerr said "this is the first time in all the years that I've been in Wheeling that we've had something that made sense and was so well-planned. Now we'll just have the problem of matching the plan with finance sources." He said it would be "premature" for the board to make any decisions on financing the program.

Village President Sheila Schultz said while the board has made no recommendations on the program, a public hearing on the proposed projects "may be a good way to go" especially since the plan could involve some large expenditures of public money.

Ambulances sent to nearest hospital

Herald 5-29-81

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Under a new policy soon to be adopted by the Wheeling Fire Department, residents needing ambulance transportation will be transported to the nearest hospital instead of the hospital they request.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he has received no objections to the proposed policy change from the village board and intends to implement the policy within the next week.

Currently, fire department ambulances will transport patients to any one of six hospitals, including Condell Memorial in Libertyville, Highland Park Hospital, Glenbrook Hospital in

Glenview, Lutheran General in Park Ridge, Holy Family in Des Plaines and Northwest Community in Arlington Heights.

UNDER THE new policy, a patient will be transported to the nearest hospital that provides the type of emergency care the patient needs. Paramedics are advised by doctors at Highland Park Hospital, who keep radio contact with the fire department ambulances.

Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen recommended the change after a committee of paramedics studied the question and recommended the same change. According to the committee report, giving the patient a choice has "no real advantages to the public and some disadvantages" to the fire department.

"So much time is being used up and we've run into problems when we've bypassed the closest facilities," Koeppen said. "There are still people who think they can see their own doctor when they get to the hospital."

The committee report also said the policy resulted in "larger-than-necessary expenditures of fuel, time, vehicle mileage, and reduced availability of manpower to meet other emergencies."

KOEPPEN SAID the old policy was developed when all the hospitals in the area might not have been equipped to deal with a variety of medical emergencies. "Now that all the hospitals around us are all qualified for this, there's no reason we can't go to the closest," he said.

Markus said the new policy won't affect that many residents because several of the hospitals are about the same distance from the village.

The village fire department has three "mobile intensive care units" staffed by paramedics, two of which are used daily while one is kept in reserve. Koeppen said the department gets between 150 and 200 calls a month for the service. Residents pay for the services with tax money, but are not charged a separate fee at the time of the call.

Koeppen said the department will also transport patients to the new emergency clinic scheduled to be finished next fall, "but only if the base hospital says it's OK."

Fire training tower buy mullied

5-30-81 - Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Fire Department officials once again are studying the possibility of purchasing a prefabricated training tower for village firefighters to practice on.

Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen said the department originally planned to purchase the tower at the same time the fire department was getting ready to move into new quarters in the municipal complex, but the tower was dropped to save money. Now Koeppen hopes to include the \$30,000 tower in next year's budget.

Koeppen said he wants to purchase a metal training tower similar to the one used by Streamwood firefighters. That tower, the first of its kind in the country, is made of metal and stands three stories high.

The tower would be used to train and drill firefighters, something that Koeppen said is a continuous process "from the day a firefighter starts until the day you leave."

"THERE'S ALWAYS something to learn. You must keep going over this stuff. It's not something you use every day," he said.

The tower is equipped with replaceable roofs and different types of windows on the outside and a staircase and rooms on the inside. Koeppen said the structure would allow firefighters to practice opening holes in roofs, opening windows to release smoke and setting ladders on the roof.

"You will have a stairway where you can advance with hoses. We can fill rooms with smoke. This is training that these men have to learn," said

Koeppen, adding that certain amounts of training are required by the department's insurance companies. "The training also helps protect these people from hurting themselves at real fires."

Currently, fire department personnel train on buildings around Wheeling, but Koeppen said drilling on real buildings has its disadvantages. "We can't chop up the roofs or fill these buildings with water," he said. The tower would be built in an open area of the village away from streets and other buildings.

Streamwood Fire Chief Thomas Holz said the tower has helped his department train both volunteer and professional firefighters. "We can weed

out a lot of people who want to train as firefighters once they see how dangerous it is," he said, adding that the tower is used to provide volunteers with "good basic training."

THE TOWER ALSO is used to keep veteran firefighters' skills sharp. "The firefighters can experiment with new fabrics and new chemical fires to see how quickly they burn and how hot they get," said Holz. "We can also see what kinds of chemicals will put these fires out."

Koeppen said he is collecting information about the tower and will recommend that the village allot money for the tower in next year's budget.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Selected decisions from the village board meetings of May 4 and 18.					
	Cole	Goetch	Korr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
To appoint James Goetch to fill a vacancy on the village board. (Passed 5-0)	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES
To award a demolition contract of \$13,740 to Robinetta Demolition to demolish the abandoned fire station. (Passed 8-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To authorize the village manager to hire special council to continue the Stavros accident investigation. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Trustees OK 88-unit condo plan

6-3-81 Herald

After nearly five years of planning and legal battles, Wheeling trustees have approved a final plan for the development of a 88-unit, 10-acre condominium development on Hintz Road.

Known for years as the Springview Manor Homes, the condominiums will be developed by the Lexington Development Corporation, an Arlington Heights developer who also designed Wheeling's Lexington Commons development along McHenry Road.

The land is owned by developer Albert Zale, who has unsuccessfully tried to develop the land for several years. Lawrence Freedman, attorney for Lexington said the developers have entered into a contract with Zale to purchase the land.

Originally Zale asked the village to



approve a plan for 82 duplexes on the tract. Wheeling officials denied the request, saying the density was too high. Zale took the village to court and in

1977 won an order forcing the village to allow development of the land.

THE VILLAGE approved the preliminary plans and in 1978 Zale asked for permission to postpone the development, citing poor market conditions for the sale of duplexes. Later that year Zale came back to the village, seeking approval for a 96-unit townhouse development. The village gave preliminary approval to an 88-unit plan.

Freedman said the major differences in the final plans and the preliminary plans approved earlier by the village include changes in the density of the development and the change from townhouse to quadrominium.

Larry Oppenheimer, director of community development for Wheeling

said the development will consist of 12 buildings and will be built on three cul-de-sacs that open onto Lakeview Drive. Those streets are to be maintained by the village.

In approving the final plans, the village board included an agreement with the developer that would prevent the owners of recreational vehicles from parking them within the development. The developers have also agreed to build a additional 780-foot lane on the north side of Hintz Road, running east from Lakeview Drive, to help prevent traffic congestion on Hintz as drivers slow down to make right turns onto Springview Drive.

Oppenheimer said the developer hasn't set any target dates for completion of the project.

Outline plan to correct problems

6-4-81 LIFE

By DARCY GANS
Correspondent

The Village Board reviewed a five year capital improvements program at a May 26 meeting. The 60-page document recommends water supply, sanitary sewer, storm water, road, bridge and sidewalk improvements which should be completed by 1986.

The program was developed by assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski and Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance. Fialkowski explained that the current report will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis. "This is Wheeling's first capital improvements program and it has been designed with flexibility in mind. "We are particularly interested in hearing reactions from the village board and residents on these suggestions," he explained.

THE CAPITAL Improvements Program was prepared following a study of engineering and planning reports previously completed for the village. Staff members in the police, operation and maintenance, community development and finance and administration departments were consulted in the preparation of the report.

Several of the high priority projects included in the program are improvements in Wheeling's water storage and distribution system. Many of

these construction activities would prepare the village to receive water from Lake Michigan.

The board will be studying the program in upcoming weeks and will then offer suggestions to staff members involved in the preparation of the report. It is possible that a public hearing on the program will be scheduled at a later date.

IN OTHER business at the May 26 meeting, the Village Board discussed current procedures regarding appointments to village boards and commissions. The board unanimously agreed to interview all applicants for board and commission appointments. The interview would consist of an explanation of commission functions and responsibilities, as well as an overview of Wheeling's village government. The board also decided to send out a letter to commission members whose terms are expiring, asking the individual if they wish to continue working on behalf of the village.

Village President Sheila Schultz said she believes that it is important for the village to have a uniform system regarding commission appointments. "I believe that it is very important that we treat applicants for village posts as individuals, and I think it is vital that prospective commission members understand the nature of their responsibilities," she concluded.

Zale land to be sold, developed

6-4-81 LIFE

Albert Zale has notified the village of their intentions to sell the property to the Lexington Commons II.

In its final state, the plan calls for 12 buildings clustered around three cul-de-sacs. Each cul-de-sac would have room for 14 cars to park in the middle of it.

In voting approval, the board also approved several ordinances granting variances from current zoning ordinances. These changes were necessary because village ordinances have been amended or changed since the project first won preliminary approval two years ago. Most would not have been necessary had the buildings been erected at that time.

Among the restrictions, the land owners will be prohibited from parking recreational vehicles on the property. Village Manager Thomas Markus said the developer has requested the elimination of RV parking.

Markus said he expects the village will take over maintenance of the lane because of county and state attitudes in similar cases in the past.

Markus said the county will not approve certain road improvements unless the village president writes a letter stating that they are needed and assuring that the village will assume maintenance of them. He said he does not foresee the state or the county parting with funds, because of the current economy, so the village should "take it where we can get it—from the developer."

Markus and the trustees said the county and state force maintenance of their roads on the municipalities, but don't give them additional motor fuel tax dollars to handle the maintenance. "I don't like the position the county and state are taking on these improvements," he said.

In a related action, the board approved the inclusion of Wheeling in a resolution sponsored by the Northwest Municipal Conference opposing the jurisdictional transfer of road maintenance by the state and the county.

LEXINGTON FURTHER plans to install an additional lane east of Lakeside Villas to allow traffic to enter the development from another traveling

WHEELING—Final construction drawings for an 88-unit quadrominium development were approved June 1 by the Village Board. The plan had won preliminary approval from the village in June 1979, but building was delayed by market and economic conditions.

The less than 10-acre site at the northeast corner of Hintz Road and Lakeview Drive, east of Mallard Lake, west of Lakeside Villas and south of Tahoe Village, has an interesting history. According to Larry Oppenheimer, Wheeling's Director of Community Development, in Sept. 1977 the village was presented with a court order that allowed the developer to construct 41 duplexes at the location.

Trustee Joseph Ratajczak, who had been a Plan Commission member at the time, recalled that the commission had been unenthusiastic about the decision, but reluctantly approved the preliminary plan in October, 1978.

After the village gave its approval in 1979, the project just sat until recently, when the village was approached again, Oppenheimer said.

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Bike auction on Saturday

6-4-81 LIFE

THE ANNUAL auction of bicycles, abandoned vehicles and surplus material will be held Saturday, June 6.

The auction of all items except vehicles will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the village complex. Inspection of items starts at 8:30 a.m.

The auctioning of vehicles will be held at Insurer's and Lender's Auto Auction, 611 N. Milwaukee Ave., starting at 11 a.m. or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the equipment auction.

Cash or business checks with proper identification will be accepted. All equipment purchased on June 6 must be removed on that date.

For more information, call the Village Hall, 459-2600.

6-4-81 HERALD

Villages negotiating common boundary

by Debbie Absher

Herald staff writer

Hoping to avoid territorial disputes in the rapidly growing areas of southern Lake County, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling officials are negotiating an agreement that would set a common boundary at the Soo Line Ry. tracks and Lake-Cook Road.

Village auction Saturday

Bikes, abandoned vehicles and surplus municipal equipment will be sold Saturday at Wheeling's annual village auction.

Equipment to be auctioned includes 17 vehicles, a house trailer, four motorcycles, 39 bikes, a stove, dishwasher, trailer-mounted generator and various desks, chairs and filing cabinets.

The bikes and municipal equipment will be available for inspection at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the village complex, 255 W. Dundee Road. The auction will start at 9:30 a.m. The vehicles will be auctioned at Insurer's and Lender's Auto Auction, 611 N. Milwaukee Ave., beginning at 11 a.m. or 30 minutes after the bike and equipment auction, whichever time is later.

The items will be sold on a cash basis. Business checks will be accepted with proper identification. All purchases must be removed from the auction site Saturday.

For more information, call the village hall at 459-2600.

But some Buffalo Grove trustees are opposed to the plan, saying the village would be "selling out" because it would have to relinquish prime property to Wheeling.

For more than six years, the two villages have been squabbling over unincorporated land and which town has the right to annex it. The main area of dispute has been a 150-acre parcel surrounding the Chevy Chase Golf Course in Wheeling, which is owned by developer William Johnson.

BOTH VILLAGES had hoped to annex the area surrounding the golf course for industrial development. Wheeling said it belonged to that town because of an agreement made in 1977 when the Wheeling Park District purchased Chevy Chase. Buffalo Grove officials have contended the disputed land is a vital part of their master plan and cannot be bargained away.

The boundary and land use plan now being considered by both towns would give Wheeling 150 acres east of the railroad tracks, a second parcel bounded by the tracks, Lake-Cook Road and Surrey Road that is slated for industrial or office-research use, and a third parcel known as the Schwinn Farm bounded by Lake-Cook Road, Weiland

Road and Route 83, which is slated for residential development.

Buffalo Grove would be allowed to annex about 50 acres of Johnson's property west of the Soo Line and north of Lake-Cook Road. That land is slated for industrial or office-research use. In addition, a small tract between Lake-Cook Road, Route 83 and Buffalo Grove Road would be disannexed from Wheeling and annexed to Buffalo Grove.

"**THE VILLAGES** for some time have discussed the issue of boundaries," Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling said. "It's important to stress that the independent villages of Buffalo Grove and Wheeling will determine the land use."

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said he and Balling have been working on the agreement "for some time" and he is "in general agreement with it." Although a few details of it still have to be resolved, Markus said he will recommend his village board approve it.

However, Buffalo Grove Trustees Bobbie O'Reilly and John Marienthal said the village would be "giving away" land that was in its master plan. They also warned it could jeopardize the village's 1972 agreement with Lake

County, which controls sewer hookups.

"**I FEEL WE'RE** selling out the Village of Buffalo Grove and selling out Lake County," Marienthal said. "I cannot be in support of this particular boundary agreement."

Trustees Elliott Hartstein and Marc Schwartz said they think the agreement is a "move forward" for the village and that the Soo Line tracks is a "natural boundary" between the towns.

Buffalo Grove's trustees have referred the agreement to the plan commission, and Markus said his village board will study it later this month.



6-4-81 LIFE

Repeal repealers

Board updates airport zoning laws

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

WHEELING—Village officials adopted a series of ordinances Monday night, June 1 designed to update the zoning and governing ordinances for PalWaukee Airport since the northern portion of the airport was annexed to the village last year.

The first order of business was to make permanent certain provisions of the municipal code dealing with airport zoning and airport hazard areas by repealing clauses in the code that would have repealed those sections automatically on July 1.

Trustee John Cole explained that the repealer clauses were put into the original ordinances before the airport owners requested the annexation to the village. Because of the annexation, Village Board members concurred with village staffers who decided it was time to "repeal the repealers."

The net effect is that the portions of the code covering airport zoning and hazard areas now become permanent.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY Gary Weintraub said the agreements concerning the airport were written when the airport study was begun and the results of the study were expected to be known before July 1, but, "the airport

study has taken longer than estimated." Phases I and II of the study have been completed and Phase III is now underway.

Next, the board approved ordinances creating airport zoning district and then rezoning the property from its present residential zoning to airport zoning.

Especially, the new ordinances allow things at the airport to remain as they are. That also applies to the ordinance granting a special use permit for the operation of the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant near the airport, which was approved by the board.

IN OTHER business, the board:

- Authorized Village President Sheila Schultz to enter into a contract with the Wheeling Township Rural Fire Protection District to provide service to a portion of the district lying within the northwest corner of Wheeling. The district will agree to pay the village \$790,000 for its fire and ambulance services through April 30, 1982.

- Both Weintraub and Village Finance Director Greg Peters pointed out the agreement will not prevent the village's planned disannexation from the district on Dec. 31, 1981.

- Granted a special use permit for a hot dog restaurant at Riverside Pla-

za shopping center, even though, "If we pass this, it will be the third restaurant we've approved for that shopping center," Trustee Charles Kerr commented.

Approval was given after Alan Garfield, an attorney for the restaurant owner, said the proposed restaurants would "serve different people" than the Italian sandwich shop and the sit-down type restaurants already approved.

Garfield said more restaurants at the center are unlikely because the economy and village requirements for parking spaces would be "self-limiting."

- Adopted a resolution recognizing the Wheeling High School band for "outstanding achievements." Schultz was to present the resolution to the band at its June 3 awards dinner.

- Denied a request for a free-standing sign for Taylor Rental of 503 S. Milwaukee Avenue. Board members agreed with Village Manager Thomas.

Markus said the banner sign on the building was sufficient and in compliance with the village sign code. Garfield said the owner was requesting the sign because his building was blocked by buildings on either side and customers often had to make U-turns into his property.

Nude dance club wants to move here

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The owner of a Half Day club that features nude female dancers said he is negotiating with owners of a closed Wheeling restaurant to move his club to the village.

Mark DeFoor, who owns the Cheetah II located at Routes 21 and 45, said he will close the club at that location because of recent bomb threats the club has received. An employee at the club who refused to give his name said the establishment is scheduled to close June 30.

DeFoor said he has talked with the owners of the old Spaghetti Factory restaurant, at 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., about the possibility of moving his club

into that building, but said "nothing final" has resulted from the talks.

"This is all premature. We're just in the negotiating stages," he said.

RESTAURANT OWNER Joseph Madrigano of Kenosha, Wis. could not be reached for comment. The Spaghetti Factory was located in one of Wheeling's oldest buildings, the Hartmann House.

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz and Village Manager Thomas Markus both said that no one from the club has approached the village about moving to the site. Markus said he would be opposed to the move. "We're trying to upgrade Milwaukee Avenue. There are many fine businesses along there. I personally don't think that would be a positive step."

Village Attorney Gary Weintraub said village ordinances include one that prohibits "indecent conduct" and one that makes it "unlawful to operate a public dance without a license." Weintraub said both may apply to the club, but added the village has no specific ordinance against "topless-bottleless clubs."

Weintraub also said if the club plans to serve food or liquor, it would need a special use permit and a liquor license, both of which must receive approval from the village board.

IN THE PAST few months two bombs have been discovered on the roof of the Cheetah II. Responding to a fire at the club on March 18, police discovered dynamite, blasting caps, a timing device and liquid accelerant on

the smoldering roof. The dynamite was blown across the roof but did not explode. The roof was damaged, but no one was injured. On April 3 a workman repairing the roof discovered another bomb. Police say a faulty timing device prevented its detonation.

In 1976 DeFoor received immunity from criminal prosecution for testimony in federal court that he paid \$1,000 a month between 1971 and 1973 to former Lake County Sheriff Orville (Pat) Clavey and his chief deputy to guard against police harassment. Clavey was acquitted on the extortion charge but was convicted on three counts of tax fraud and one count of perjury.

DeFoor has also been in court several times over whether or not his club should be allowed to serve alcohol.

Hein's clerk charged with sale to minor

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

For the second time since its license was renewed by the Wheeling liquor commission in April, a local tavern and liquor store has had an employee charged with selling liquor to a minor.

The tavern, Hein's Pub at 141 S. Milwaukee Ave., is owned by the parents of former Village President William Hein, who served as the village's liquor commissioner until the village board stripped him of that power in January. He lost his bid for re-election in April.

Despite earlier police reports indicating that minors had reported buying liquor at the tavern on three occasions last fall, the board renewed the pub's liquor license in late April. Less than a week later, police arrested a bartender and a 20-year-old customer for liquor violations.

The latest incident occurred on May 29 when Patrolman Richard Poppenga reported encountering a young girl carrying beer from the liquor store. Poppenga reported that she produced a driver's license showing she was 17 years old but said the clerk had not asked for identification.

CLERK THERON Palm, however, told Poppenga that he had checked the girl's identification and said he must have read the age incorrectly.

Palm was charged with selling alcohol to a minor. The girl was charged with illegal possession of alcohol. Both posted bond and were released. Police confiscated the beer as evidence.

A court date has been set in Cook County Circuit Court on July 6 in the Palatine Branch, 200 Wood St.

Ida and Gordon Hein, owners of the pub, could not be reached for comment.

WHEELING VILLAGE Manager Thomas Markus said he will wait to see what happens in court before he makes any recommendations to the liquor commission. He also said he hasn't decided if he will meet with the owners on this incident.

"I met with the owners on the previous case and discussed it with them," he said. "I recommended no further action at that time. I think they have an understanding of the policy now, how the commission works and my feelings on the subject."

Village President Sheila Schultz said she hadn't heard about the latest incident, but that the commission would wait for a report from Markus before making any decisions on what action to take.

In January, a new ordinance created a liquor commission comprising members of the village board and stripped Hein of his role as local liquor commissioner. During the commission's first meeting it was revealed that as far back as October, when Hein was liquor commissioner and president, police had filed reports that minors had pur-

chased liquor at the tavern.

In February, two youths with beer were stopped on Milwaukee Avenue. The youths originally told police they bought the beer at the pub, but later told police the beer was bought for them. Unable to agree on whether a police report of an incident constituted an official complaint, the commission directed Markus to further investigate the incident.

When the commission met on April 27 to renew licenses, Markus told the board he was recommending "no further action" on the incident.

The week ahead

Tahoe drainage ponds on agenda

The Wheeling Village Board will meet tonight with representatives of the Tahoe Village homeowners association to discuss the development's drainage ponds.

Village President Sheila Schultz said engineers from the village and the development will also be at the meeting to discuss possible solutions to maintenance and silting and bank erosion problems of the ponds.

Schultz said the board agreed to discuss the problem with the homeowners since the ponds are a part of the village's entire drainage and flood control system.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING village board will meet tonight to discuss a fire department proposal to stop the policy of transporting emergency ambulance patients to the hospital of their choice.

Currently, the Wheeling Fire Department will transport ambulance patients to anyone of six area hospitals. Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen has recommended that the village abolish the policy, saying it could be dangerous to a patient's life, and that it wastes both gas and time.

Koeppen has based his recommendation on the fact that all the hospitals in the area are qualified in administering emergency medical treatment, something that might not have been true when the original policy was instituted.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING Village Board will meet tonight to discuss a revised personnel manual for the village.

The manual was prepared by Bheula Peterson, the village's personnel officer. Some of the changes include increasing a new employee's probationary period from three to six months, modifications in the village's disability leave policy and a change in health insurance coverage for retired village employees.

In order for the village to use the new manual, the board will have to vote to adopt it. Village Manager Thomas Markus has recommended adoption.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The Wheeling Plan Commission will hold a public hearing Thursday on a request from the Cook County Housing Authority for rezoning and a special use permit to build a 100-unit senior citizen housing complex in the village.

The complex is planned for the same site as the proposed senior citizens' center, near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street.

The plan commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

6-10-81

Police response at condos 'lax'

by Elida Witthoef
HERALD STAFF WRITER

Residents of Wheeling's Tahoe Village condominium development say they have had problems getting the village police department to enforce the village's litter and speed ordinances.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he has already spoken to police officials about the charges. "I discussed it with Lt. (William) Ralston, who's acting chief, and gave him copies of the ordinances. I told him I wanted them enforced," said Markus, adding he thought it was a communication problem that could be corrected.

"It's indicative of a lax attitude in some areas," said Village President Sheila Schultz. "The communication between the police and residents must

be worked on. Some changes will have to be made."

Police Chief Theodore Bracke is on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

Peg Ball, president of the Tahoe homeowners' association, said her group has gone to the village with the complaints on "numerous occasions" to try to solve the problem and that they will "see what happens" on the latest incidents.

THE COMPLAINTS were aired during a meeting with representatives from the homeowners' association and the village board.

Ball told board members that her group was getting "no help" from the police in enforcing the village's litter ordinance within the development, and there is no enforcement of speed limits on the streets there.

"Most of the time it's been on little things," said Ball. "I don't know of any big situation where someone really needed the police and they didn't come, but people out here don't feel they're getting much for their tax money. The police should be here and take care of this."

Under village ordinances, residents are prohibited from putting garbage out before sunset on the evening before the pickup. Ball said a rat problem has developed at Tahoe Village, partly from people putting out open bags of garbage and letting them sit for several days before the pickup. The police have been called and Ball said she is not aware of any citations being issued to the residents who violated the ordinance. "We want the fines," she said.

Ball also said drivers speed through

the development and run stop signs on Tahoe Circle. "If they don't want to do anything they should take the signs down," said Ball. "The stop signs are a nuisance but we need them. They should be enforced."

IN ANOTHER INCIDENT, Ball said a resident called the police about some minor vandalism to her home and the dispatcher refused to send an officer to the scene.

Trustee John Cole suggested the village begin monitoring the police calls and the responses to them. "To the best of my knowledge we're not in a high crime area," he said. "Our police aren't so busy chasing down bank robbers to respond to calls."

Markus also he occasionally does "spot audits" of police tapes and will take action to correct any future problems he finds.

6-8-81 HERALD

'Sick economy' causing building permit decline

by Elida Witthoef
HERALD STAFF WRITER

A sick economy is being blamed for the overall 31 percent drop in the number of building and renovation permits issued by Wheeling in the fiscal year ending this April.

But despite the drop, including a 54 percent decrease in the revenues raised from the permits, one village official said Wheeling is in better shape compared to surrounding communities.

Thomas Fennell, building, housing and zoning administrator said that many of the suburbs surrounding Wheeling have experienced 80 to 100 percent drops in the number of permits issued. "Compared to that Wheeling's in super shape. We have several individual months that we're well ahead of last year's figures."

For the 1980-1981 fiscal year which ended in April, the village issued 88 building permits and 270 permits for building additions or renovations. That's compared to 188 building permits and 516 renovation permits for fiscal 1979-1980. Fennell said the drop

is directly tied to the economy. "It happened in the middle 1970s and it seems to be happening again," he said.

THE VILLAGE collects various fees for issuing permits and the revenues from those permits was \$257,900 last year, down 54 percent from \$560,200 from the previous fiscal year. The money is included in the village's general funds and Village Manager Thomas Markus said decreases in other revenues have caused the village to make a general shift towards "making due with less." Markus said the village has also moved more towards concentrating on "redevelopment instead of new development."

The largest single drop in the number of permits issued was for single family homes. During the fiscal year just passed, Wheeling issued one permit for a home, which Fennell said was a model home constructed in the village. For the previous year the village issued 69 permits for single family homes.

The estimated value of the buildings, additions and renovations was \$28,371,000, down from \$47,717,510 for the previous fiscal year.

6-9-81 HERALD

Hein Pub case transferred

A case involving the alleged sale of liquor to an underage customer at Hein's Pub was transferred Monday to the jury division of Cook County Circuit Court and continued to July 17.

On May 1, Wheeling police arrested James Kedroski, 255 S. Wheeling Ave., and William Merrill after an officer discovered Kedroski sitting in the tavern with an open bottle of beer.

Kedroski, 20, was charged with purchasing alcohol. Merrill, 28, a bartender

at the pub, was charged with selling alcohol to a person under 21.

The tavern, 141 S. Milwaukee Ave., is owned by the parents of former Village President William Hein. Hein served as the village's liquor commissioner until the village board stripped him of that power in January when a new village ordinance created a liquor commission comprising all the village trustees. Hein lost his bid for re-election as village president in April.

The commission renewed the pub's

liquor license on April 27, a week before the incident.

The new court date has been set for at 9:30 a.m. July 17 in the Cook County Circuit Court, Evanston branch, at 2100 Ridge Ave. According to a clerk in the Wheeling court branch, it will be determined at that time whether the case will be heard by a jury.

6-11-81 LIFE

Paramedics say closer is better

WHEELING PARAMEDICS will take residents to the nearest hospital unless instructed to do otherwise by a medical resource person handling the call.

That seemed to be the consensus of the Village Board when it discussed the problem at a workshop meeting Monday, June 8.

The discussion focused around concerns by Trustee Roger A. Powers that persons with specific medical problems be taken to a requested hospital.

Powers had told THE LIFE in previous interviews that in an emergency the closest hospital would be the logical choice. He did say, however, that if there was a "bonafide reason," a person should be transported to a requested location, within reason.

"It's important to establish which hospitals are the closer ones," Powers says adding that the village could "pick three hospitals and establish them as the close hospitals."

THE WHEELING Fire Department residents to one of six area hospitals in an emergency.

Trustee Charles Kerr asked fire department representatives what role the 24-hour ambulatory treatment cen-

ter being constructed by Holy Family Hospital will play on the handling of emergency calls.

Fire Chief Bernardt Koeppen said the facility, which is scheduled to open in September, will relieve some of the emergency runs by the paramedics.

"Some people will walk in or go over to a facility like that on their own," Koeppen said. "If a patient needs to go to a regular hospital, they can be transported from there. The beauty in those situations is that patients can be stabilized before being transported."

Fire Lt. Andy Nearing told the board that going to a hospital past the closest one is a risk taken by not only the paramedics, but patients as well.

"Don't put the paramedic in a precarious position," he said. "All we are asking for is, with the information we get, is to transport a patient to the closest, most accessible hospital. We're looking for the most efficient, proficient care for the patient."

Nearing told the board not to "put us in a position to squeeze another two or three miles out of it (emergency trip to a hospital). Leave the decision up to qualified personnel who can tell us to go to the best facility. We will go to the best hospital for the patient."

6-11-81 TOPICS

Local Property Transfers

Here are the property transfers in this area, according to the latest report released by Sidney R. Olsen, county recorder.

2407 Oak Lne., Unit 4, Rolling Meadows, Charles W. Jacobs to Joseph J. Keyzer; 1514 S. Kenicott, Unit 1, Arlington Hts., Jack Jehn to David H. Raborn; 1630 S. Fernandez, Arlington Hts., Jerome C. Levey to Earl L. Whetstone; 2304 Algonquin Rd., Unit 9, Rolling Meadows, Devon Bk. Tr. to Eric M. Karr; 305 W. Victoria Lne., Unit 3, Arlington Hts., Jack N. Best to Raymond H. Collins; 5509 Millstone Lne., Rolling Meadows, Wm. H. Storck to Wm. A. Wolma; 2025 Ginger Creek Dr., Unit A-Bldg., 32 Palatine, Marlis Development Co., to Jonathan K. Wakely; 905 Kings Row, Palatine, Unit 1720-1, Kingsbrook Co., to R. Leon Elliott; 634 Greenwood Dr., Palatine, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., to Peter R. Urban; 905 Kings Row, Unit 1720-3, Palatine, Kingsbrook Co., to Michael L. Sidel; 1076 Randville Dr., Palatine, Charles Harmon to John F. Rinella and 1419 Joan Dr., Unit 1, Palatine, The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S. to Charles D. Phillips.

Local property transfers also include the following:

100 Deborah Lne., Unit 19-B, Wheeling, Cameo Terrace No. Condominium, Gladys G. Evert to Cecelia Schiffer; 372 Jerome Pl., Wheeling, Unit 3, General Motors Corp., to Michael F. Thomas; 811 E. Frederick, Arlington Hts., Christopher D. Fredona to Michael Streich; 132 W. Northwest Hwy., Arlington Hts., Irving A. Lore to Richard P. Gluekert; 2819 N. Dryden Pl., Unit 2, Arlington Hts., M. Douglas to Dennis R. Dwyer; 1234 Mae

Ct., Unit 19-C, Wheeling, Cornelius Valenti to Wm. Pettigrew; 2630 N. Windsor Dr., Unit 140, Arlington Hts., Falcon Development Co., Inc., to Robert Sheridan & Partners; 2642 N. Windsor Dr., Unit 188, Arlington Hts., Falcon Development Co., Inc., to Robert Sheridan & Partners; 2642 N. Windsor Dr., Unit 186, Arlington Hts., Falcon Development Co., Inc. to Robt. Sheridan & Partners; 121 S. Vail, Unit 202, Arlington Hts., Jane C. Bockrath to Arthur V. Perry; 11 Oak Creek Dr., Unit 2112, Buffalo Grove, Am. Nat'l Bk. Tr. to Mark L. Zisook; 1168 Silverwood Ct., Unit A-2, Wheeling, Central Nat'l Bk. Tr. To Geo. J. Grassmuck; 1609 Waverly Dr. East, Unit 9, Arlington Hts., James R. Williston to Stephen G. Glumac; 905 Kings Row, Unit 1720-4, Palatine, Kingsbrook Co., to Michael Moran; 2417 Crystal Lne., Arlington Hts., Unit Nos. 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, 2-B, 3-A, 3-B, Central Nat'l Bk. Tr. to Ahmad R. Kahn; 4220 Bonhill Dr., Arlington Hts., Unit Nos. 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, 2-B, 3-A, 3-B Central Nat'l Bk. Tr. to Ahmad R. Khan; 1537 Silver Strand Circle, Unit 2-33 Palatine, Ronn A. Lozner to Randall K. Gibson; 1213 E. Anderson, Unit 3, Palatine, James Scherf to Employee Transfer Corp.; 968 Venture Dr., Palatine, Robert H. Carr to Michael L. Makarewicz; 2167 Dogwood Lne., Unit B, Bldg. 46, Palatine, Thomas W. Barnicle to Cathleen M. Orchell; 924 Kings Row, Unit 1711-1, Palatine, Kingsbrook Co., to Ronald A. Saluta; 653 Lakeside Dr., Palatine, Geo. H. Neuffer to Alex T. Piteo; 1751 Taft Ave, Rolling Meadows, Unit 3, The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S. to Susan M. Czernik; 886

Coach Rd., Unit 1723-2, Palatine, Kingsbrook Co., to Robert Guthmann and 945 N. Stark Dr., Palatine, Frank C. Caizzi to Procter & Gamble Mfg., Co.

Other local property transfers are:

1346 St. James Ct., Palatine, Unit 1, Executrans, Inc., to Arthur W. Williams; 915 Stark Dr., Palatine, Lowell T. Cooch to John D. Sweeny; 253 W. Kenilworth, Palatine, Robert J. Yaeger to Robert M. Yaeger; 619 Westwood Ct., Unit 2, Wheeling, Leslie H. Jacobs to Charles L. Cohen; 647 E. Clarendon, Arlington Hts., Patrick J. Toal to Alan B. Moss; 216 Belaire Dr., Unit 1, Buffalo Grove, Joseph F. Bileddo

to Craig A. Livermore; 1182 Silverwood Ct., Unit C-2, Wheeling, Central Nat'l Bk. Tr. to Patricia L. Aspril; 1326 N. Chicago, Arlington Hts., David M. Baxter to Frederick H. Peter, Jr.; 805 Kingsley Dr., Unit 1,

Arlington Hts., Kennedy Brothers, Inc., to Larry Friedman; 171 Wheeling Ave., Wheeling, Phillis J. Schmidt to Michael T. Rossie and 506 Kingsley Dr., Unit 1, Arlington Hts., Kennedy Brothers, Inc., to John Pyrczak.

Village help sought for private use

6-11-81 LIFE

RESIDENTS OF Tahoe Village found at Monday, June 8 that public funds are for public projects and private projects must get private funds.

Representatives of the development were seeking village help in correcting an erosion problem along the banks of one two retention basins.

Peg Ball, president of the Tahoe Homeowner's Association asked the board if it was possible for the village to help either financially or through use of equipment for the repair of the banks.

She also told the board there were other problems at the development that could be corrected with an increase in village services. Ball said neighbors are putting garbage out too early, which has attracted rats while other residents are speeding through the development. In both cases, she said, when the police were called, residents were reportedly told there was very little that could be done.

The most pressing problem, however, seemed to be the condition of the retention basin banks.

Ball told the board the situation is becoming increasingly dangerous and that the homeowner's association didn't want to assess members the cost to cover the amount, because, she said "80 percent of them couldn't afford it."

THE BOARD discussed the situation with Ball at length, but it appeared that the crux of the issue was if the village could offer support to a private area.

Ball contended, however, that the retention basins are part of the village's flood control. Trustee John Cole, however, said it would be like a private homeowner asking the village to replace a sump pump. "That's part of a

system too," he said.

Ball added that it might be possible to fill in the retention basin which would eliminate the problem, but that it would not be a viable long-term solution. She asked if the village could not help defray the cost, if it would be possible for utilization of village equipment to be used.

Village Attorney Gary Weintraub pointed out that there might be some problems with insurance in that situation.

Ball said there is no enforcement of the village garbage ordinance which prohibits garbage being placed by the curb before sundown the day before collection. She said there are also residents in Tahoe who do not properly store their trash for collection which has resulted in report of rats in the area.

"AN OFFICER has not been out and there has not been a citation issued," said Roseman. "We cannot enforce it ourselves."

Both Roseman and Ball said drivers are constantly speeding around the area and when a Wheeling police officer was asked about the situation he said speeding tickets are not issued unless the offender is going at least 12 miles per hour over the posted limit.

Sgt. Jack Kimsey, head of the police department's traffic unit, said on Tuesday that officers will generally stop speeders when they are going 10 miles per hour over the posted limit.

He cited the same reasons Tahoe homeowners had been told by an officer. "The judge will throw it out if it is not a decent speed," says Kimsey. "It's kind of an unwritten law. If it is anything less than 10, the offender may get a slap on the wrist."

Trustees to consider funding for Shelter

The Wheeling village board will meet tonight to consider a funding request from Shelter Inc., an agency that provides temporary emergency housing for children.

The agency has asked the village for \$3,000. According to figures compiled by the agency, Shelter served 33 Wheeling residents last year, some as referrals from police departments and other local social service agencies.

Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending that the board turn down the request because the agency receives funds from both townships and villages.

Wheeling, Elk Grove, Schaumburg and Palatine townships have all approved funding for the agency, as have Arlington Heights, Streamwood and Des Plaines. Several suburbs have turned down the request.

The village board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING village board will meet tonight to consider granting raises to non-supervisory workers in the village's Operations and Maintenance Department.

After negotiations with the workers, the village is recommending a two-year plan that provides for an eight percent raise for the 1981-82 fiscal year and a six percent raise in fiscal 1982-83. Two new salary ranges have also been proposed to give the department flexibility when reclassifying jobs.

The village personnel manual will also be amended to include a provision that will grant a \$400 yearly bonus to all employees who have worked for the village for 12 or more continuous years. Currently some police personnel receive \$400 and other employees receive \$350 annually. The change in policy would make the bonus uniform among all village employees.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING village board is expected to accept the resignation tonight of Meredith Tripp from the Board of Health. Tripp is stepping down from the board to pursue other interests.

Tripp's resignation leaves three vacancies on the board. Village trustees are currently interviewing applicants to fill numerous vacancies on village commissions.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

WHEELING VILLAGE trustees will meet tonight to consider a request to spend motor fuel tax funds allocated to the village to pay for three street and traffic maintenance programs planned by the village.

Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance, is asking the village to approve the expenditure of \$140,620 in motor fuel tax monies for traffic light maintenance at three locations; purchase of road salt in conjunction with the Northwest Municipal Conference; and curb and gutter work on var-

ious streets in the Dunhurst subdivision.

All three programs were included in this year's budget and Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending the board approve the request.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING Township board will meet for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Village police have future computed

6-15-81 Herald

Every time a new card is filled out. Even though the information will initially have to be typed into the computer, Hermes said once the information is stored the department will avoid the duplication and make searching for the information a lot easier.

Later, crime statistics will also be programmed into the system, allowing the police to call up cases and statistics without manually sorting through files. In addition, the department will be able to generate daily statistics and the monthly and year-end crime reports. Hermes said the year-end report used to take two clerks and a cadet over a week to compile.

The computer will also eventually be used to store vehicle sticker information that will allow an officer to get a list of vehicle owners by simply typing in the color of a car. Duty rosters and other personnel information will also be programmed into the computer.

SGT. JACK KIMSEY, head of the department's traffic division said the computer will be used to store traffic statistics and will allow officers easy access to statistics on accident causes, frequencies and locations.

Eventually everyone in the police department will be taught to operate the computer to some extent. "It will let us do things that for all practical purposes we don't have the capability to do now," said Hermes, emphasizing the system will save time when statistics are needed. "They tell us the first program is the hardest because they're getting to know what we want. From then on it will be easy."

SGT. MICHAEL HERMES, head of police records, said the police are working with computer technicians to design a system especially suited to the department's needs. Currently police personnel are working to put the department's name card file into the system, a process Hermes estimates may take a year.

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information on the types of materials stored in the buildings and will suggest special fire equipment that should be sent to the scene.

Hermes estimated this is only one of four specialized systems operating in the area. The department will also eventually be hooked into the state's computer to provide licensing and crime information for all of Illinois. The police now rent a terminal and printer from the state, and once the village computer is tied in, Hermes

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Police litter ticket blitz blasted

6-16-81 HERALD

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz Monday night said that the issuance of 200 tickets for violation of the village litter ordinance one night last week raises some questions about the enforcement and purpose of the ordinance.

Schultz told the village board that while she was grocery shopping, one resident complained to her that sometime early Thursday morning an officer appeared at her door and "informed her she was getting a ticket and that he was doing this at the request of the village president."

Schultz said that attempts by police department personnel to attribute the ticket blitz to herself or Village Manager Thomas Markus to angry residents who swamped the department with complaints were "either an attempt to discredit them or a dismal display of ignorance on how our legislative and administrative bodies operate."

THE POLICE issued about 200 citations for violations of the village litter law last week after a group of homeowners from the Tahoe Village Condominiums appeared before the board complaining they were having trouble

getting the police to enforce the ordinance.

At that time, Markus directed the police to enforce the ordinance. Under the law, all garbage must be in sealed containers and must not be put out before sundown on the night before the garbage pickup.

The citations were not limited to the Tahoe development. But Tahoe Homeowners Association president Peg Ball said she heard of several people getting tickets in the development. Ball herself was cited for improperly

disposing of wood.

Trustee Charles Kerr called the ticket blitz "unprofessional," adding it "reflected a complete loss of any kind of management in the police department." He added that by not enforcing the law all along, the department encouraged residents to violate. By issuing 200 citations in one night, Kerr said the police created an entrapment situation for the residents.

Letters will be sent to all residents receiving citations informing them of their rights to either pay the fines or appeal the tickets in court.



Shelter Inc. denied funding

A request by Shelter Inc., for \$3,000 in funding was denied Monday by the Wheeling village board. Shelter Inc. is a social service agency that provides temporary emergency housing for children.

The agency served 33 Wheeling residents last year and requested the \$3,000 from the village to help finance its services. Village Manager Thomas Markus urged the board to deny the request, saying the agency already receives funds from townships. Markus said that by giving the agency village funds, residents would be paying twice for the services.

Wheeling, Elk Grove, Schaumburg and Palatine townships have all approved funding requests as have Arlington Heights, Streamwood and Des Plaines. Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove, Palatine, Park Ridge, Roselle and Elk Grove have denied the funding requests. Schaumburg denied a cash contribution, but agreed to donate the use of a village-owned home for use as a girls' shelter home.

Uniform office terms adopted

Wheeling village trustees have adopted an ordinance that would establish uniform terms of office for members of the village zoning board of appeals. The terms of six members of the commission expire on June 30, 1982. The new ordinance provides for the village board in June 1982 to fill one, two and three year terms. Two commissioners will be appointed in each category. As those terms expire, new commissioners will be appointed to three-year terms.

Currently the commissioners serve five-year terms.

Village attorney Gary Weintraub said the change will bring the zoning board in line with the terms of other commissions.

The board also voted to adopt a new term for student members of the village's youth commission. The new term will be from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, enabling students to serve through the summer. Before the change student terms ran through the school year and expired on May 31.

Ambulance policy changed

The Wheeling village board has authorized the village fire department to begin transporting emergency patients to the closest hospital. In the past, paramedics took patients to their choice of six area hospitals.

Under the new policy the paramedics will consult with doctors at a base hospital and transport a patient to the closest hospital that has the kind of treatment the patient needs.

Fire Chief Bernie Koepfen asked for the change after receiving a report from department paramedics saying the procedure would save time and gas, and could save lives.

Board donates village flag

The board has donated a village flag to the Wheeling Historical Society for use in the chapel at Childerly Park, but denied a request to also donate an American flag.

Trustee Charles Kerr said the village might be the only source for a Wheeling flag, but asked the society to buy its own American flag. "Every time the park district comes to us they have their hand out," said Kerr.

Markus pointed out that the park owns the chapel and property but the request came from a representative of the historical society, the group responsible for restoring the chapel. The flag will be used on the altar of the chapel.

Non-supervisory pay hikes granted

Non-supervisory workers in Wheeling's Operations and Maintenance department have been granted raises by the board.

The two-year contract provides for an 8 percent raise for the 1981-82 fiscal year and a 6 percent raise in fiscal 1982-83. Two new salary ranges were also adopted to give the department flexibility when reclassifying jobs.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the raises, questioning the size of the raises and the advisability of setting salaries for two years. "Our employees are being treated damn well. I'm never going to be afraid of someone not getting a raise in Wheeling because it's never happened," said Kerr.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said past experience has shown that two-year contracts work well, adding that other area towns are having trouble settling for 9 percent raises. Markus also said that with this contract, the operations and maintenance salaries would be more in line with local averages, rather than the high level the salaries used to be at.

The current yearly salaries cost the village some \$459,000. With the raises salaries will run \$495,800 in 1981-82 and \$525,600 the following year. During the first year of the raises, salaries for the department will range from \$11,097 to \$25,053.

The board also voted to amend the personnel manual to include a provision that will grant a \$400 yearly bonus to all employees who have worked for the village for 12 or more continuous years. Under the old policy some police personnel received \$400 and other employees received \$350 annually. The new policy will make the bonus uniform among all village employees.

Wheeling okays employee raises

By MARGARET McMULLAN

The Wheeling Board of Trustees has adopted a compensation schedule for village operations and maintenance personnel. The new schedule provides for an eight per cent increase in salaries for these village employees for 1981-1982 beginning May 1, and another six per cent increase beginning May 1 for 1982-1983.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the two year agreement would benefit the village as it will eliminate the necessity for salary negotiations in the years to come. Compared with salaries being paid for similar positions in surrounding communities, Markus said he thought the settlement "only reasonable."

In addition to the adjusted salary increases, village employees are subject to another possible eight per cent "merit" increase. Markus said this would mean the employee who had a better idea of doing a job or spent extra time in his services would receive this benefit.

Several trustees objected to the new proposal, saying the merit increase was too high or altogether unnecessary.

"I don't want the board to be a Santa Claus," Trustee Charles Kerr said.

Kerr said he knew of no case where village employers had not received a raise when he or she deserved one. Kerr also said that with the fluctuating economy, a program of this nature would not necessarily be sound.

The new schedule also includes the provision that all personnel who have been employed with the village for 12 consecutive years will receive \$400 annually, instead of the \$350 they now receive.

The schedule was finally adopted by the board, three to one. Trustee John Cole reluctantly agreed, because he said, "We must back the village manager at this point."

Give 'em pole, they want flag

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FIRST IT WAS a fire pole, now it's some flags.

The Wheeling Historical Society has struck again.

The society recently approached the Village Board seeking the fire pole out of the village's fire station which is scheduled to be torn down.

At the board's meeting Monday, June 15, trustees voted to donate one of the two flags requested by the society even though the secretary claims she didn't know anything about the request.

THE BOARD received a letter from Alberta Klocke, chairman of the Childerly Committee, one which is renovating the chapel at Childerly Park. That chapel will be dedicated on June 28 in memory of Lorraine Lark.

In a letter to Village Manager Thomas Markus, Klocke said she was requesting the flags to "greatly enhance the appearance of the altar."

Trustee Charles Kerr said he can understand why the society would want a village flag but added that American flags are readily available for purchase.

"It appears to me that every time the Park District comes to us, it's with their hands out," Kerr said.

KLOCKE ADDED that the letter should have read that she was requesting the flags "on behalf of the Childerly Committee," and not on behalf of the Historical Society.

Trustee John Cole seemed to think a request for two flags was not an outrageous one and questioned Markus about the availability of American flags in the village's possession.

He voted for the issuance of the one flag, but strongly indicated he did so even though he felt the society should have both flags, not just one.

Schultz lashes out

6-18-81 Life

Hits police issuance of tickets for litter violations

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

ISSUANCE OF more than 200 tickets by Wheeling Police to residents who apparently violated the village's litter ordinance brought a rash of phone calls to the Village Hall and also resulted in a strongly worded statement by Village Board President Sheila Schultz.

The tickets were issued following charges by residents of Tahoe Village that neighbors were violating the litter ordinance and that the police department appeared, at least to them, to be lax about enforcement.

In her statement, Schultz said reports back to her indicate that at least one officer allegedly said the citations were being issued at the request of the

Village President. Some residents were allegedly awakened by police and presented with the ticket.

"TO FIND A policeman at your door at that hour would be a frightening at best, and for a reason such as this, inexcusable."

Some residents were also reportedly told that the Village Manager had requested tickets be issued. Schultz said that a proper response should have been delivered by officers indicating that "the officer found you in violation of a village ordinance."

Schultz added that "attributing such a ticket blitz to the Village President alone or with the Village Manager is either an attempt to discredit them or a dismal display of ignorance how our

legislative and administrative bodies operate."

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus says he met with police officers last Tuesday during the regular staff meeting.

"I told the police department about the concerns of the Tahoe residents," says Markus. He added that the ordinance has been effect and that it is too bad "it took one group of homeowners to get it enforced."

The action by police was ordered by Lt. William Ralston who says he told shift supervisors the litter ordinance was to be enforced.

"Perhaps we were over enthusiastic," says Ralston. "As time goes on, there will not be any heavy emphasis on lids or covers."

Ralston says he thinks it is more important for the department to concentrate on major crime and dealing with accidents. "We were lax with the litter enforcement," says Ralston.

THE ACTION by the police department brought some sharp criticism by some trustees.

The strongest came from Trustee Charles Kerr. Calling it an "unprofessional police action," Kerr said the village performed "entrapment on residents. We've been encouraging them to do this by not enforcing the ordinance then all of a sudden we do."

Kerr said it was unprofessional "management and supervision."

Markus told the board that letters would be sent to every resident who

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Schultz hits police on ticket flurry

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was ticked informing them they had the option of paying the fine and not going to court, or going to court to fight the charge.

"It's not appropriate for the board to step in between between," Markus added.

Trustee William Rogers said the whole event was "frightening." Rogers said he thinks that it is because "a person comes to the board, something we encourage them to do, and it causes a knee-jerk reaction. We won't get resident to attend meetings and tell us

their concerns if this is the type of reaction they'll expect."

There was some defense for the police department. Trustee John Cole said it is important not to condemn the entire department for the actions of a few officers. Cole added that it might have been possible that the entire board over reacted.

"WE SAID, myself included, that the ordinance should be enforced."

Trustee Roger Powers said it might have been best to alert residents of enforcement before recommending the police crack down on violators.

Water restrictions

6-18-81 Herald Neighbor

Lawn sprinkling and other non-essential uses of water are prohibited between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. from July 1 1981 to Sept. 30, 1981. During other hours watering is allowed as follows:

Odd addresses may water on odd calendar days.

Even addresses may water on even calendar days.

Note your address and the days you are allowed to sprinkle. Prohibited water uses include, but are not limited to, watering lawns and shrubbery, washing cars and filling swimming pools. These water restrictions are a conservation effort to prevent future water shortages.

Your cooperation in complying with these restrictions will minimize the possibility of having to declare a total ban on all non-essential uses of water. Because of several water system improvements made during the past year, the village does not anticipate a total water ban this year.

Animal tags due

Animal tags for the 1981-82 year were due June 1. A current rabies certificate is required to purchase the tag. The fee is \$5.00 per dog or cat.

Truck sticker deadline

1981-82 truck stickers and vehicles with Illinois license plates ending in TA or TB must be displayed by July 1, 1981. Information needed at time of purchase includes vehicle identification number, license plate number, make and year of vehicle. Stickers purchased after July 1, 1981, will require an additional fee of \$5 per vehicle.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Offices are not open on Saturday.

For your convenience, there is a 24 hour night depository in the lobby of the Municipal Building. Prompt attention will be given to all applications received by mail.

If you wish an application, or require any information as to fees, call 459-2600.

IF THIS IS summer in Wheeling, then it must be time for water restrictions. The annual village water restrictions start July 1 and will continue until Sept. 30. Residents with odd-numbered addresses can water on odd dates while residents with even-numbered addresses can water on even dates. Village regulations prohibit the non-essential use of water between 2 and 8 p.m. Those uses include watering landscaping, washing cars and filling swimming pools. Officials for the village are hopeful there will not have to be a need for a total watering ban this year as there was during the summer of 1980. They attribute their optimism to a series of improvements made to Wheeling's water system. Persons with questions about the water schedule can call the Village Hall, 459-2600.

Water ban into effect

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By MARGARET McMILLAN
The Tahoe Homeowners Association pleaded June 8 for help from the Village of Wheeling to clean up the subdivision's garbage. But in the end, the board was apologizing for the mess the Wheeling Police Department stirred up. Tahoe residents complained of a rat problem in the residential area and said several residents were the cause of that problem. "These are all the same people who persist in disobeying village laws and we need more cooperation from the village to enforce these laws," Peg Ball, president of the Tahoe Homeowners Association said. The board pledged its full cooperation. The following Sunday, 200 citations for littering were issued to Tahoe residents in one evening. In some instances, the residents said police came to their doors at

Police take rap in war against Tahoe litterers

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midnight to issue the charges, explaining that the president of the village board told them to do so. Sheila Schultz, village president, read a public letter of apology at last Monday night's board meeting, explaining that the village president has no authority to direct village employee action. Schultz said the purpose of the garbage ordinance is to provide safety and sanitation, not to "fill ticket requirements." She described police action as "unprofessional" and said it was a "dismal display of ignorance." Schultz said she was disappointed with the police department's misinterpretation of the board's request to enforce an old ordinance. Trustee Charles Kerr said it was as though the board had implemented a new ordinance altogether, though the garbage ordinance had been "in the book

for a long time." Trustee William Rogers described the incident as a "knee jerk reaction" to the board's decision to re-enforce the garbage ordinance. "If this is the kind of action the village takes, people are going to stop coming to us with village problems," Rogers said. Trustee James Goelch said there had been some "spotty enforcement" in Wheeling and suggested that the police department have a training session to refresh the officers of village ordinances. Meanwhile, residents who received citations will be sent letters from the village explaining the ordinance. If the residents have legitimate defenses they may appear at their scheduled court times, and if not they will not be required to appear.

Airport buy opposed in Mt. Prospect

6-22-81 Herald

by Jean Rudolph

Herald staff writer

Citing fears of increased noise and air traffic above their homes, residents in northeastern Mount Prospect are organizing a petition drive against the possible purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Susan Clark, a resident of Mount Prospect's Woodview section, said she and her husband are two of about 10 people actively circulating the petitions, but there are "several hundred" interested citizens who oppose the public purchase of the airport.

"Mount Prospect will not have a vote in it per se," Clark said, but "we feel as if we should have some feedback and some say-so."

Pal-Waukee Airport is located partially in Prospect Heights and partially in Wheeling, and the two towns have hired a consultant to study the feasibility of buying the privately owned airport. Officials have said they hope to have preliminary environmental reports sometime this summer and hope hold a public hearing on the plan in late November.

BUT EVEN THOUGH the airport physically does not lie within Mount Prospect's boundaries, residents in the village's northeastern section are accustomed to the air traffic it gen-

erates. And they're worried that if the airport is sold, the Federal Aviation Administration may designate it as a relief facility for Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, creating even more jet traffic and noise.

"We are adamantly opposed to it," Clark said. "It's bad enough as it is, and it's getting worse." She said the petition drive is to "express our concern and opposition" to any public sale of Pal-Waukee, and the signatures will be sent to the area's elected officials in hopes they will take a stance on the issue.

"We're not really downtown out here, so they sometimes tend to forget about us," she added.

Clark said many Mount Prospect residents do not realize the sale of the airport could affect them in any way, and "what we don't want to do is have it all ended with no one aware of what is going on."

Mount Prospect Mayor Carolyn Krause said she recently has received several letters from citizens expressing their concern, and the issue will be one topic discussed at a neighborhood meeting with the village board at 7:30 tonight at the village hall, 100 S. Emerson St.

BUT KRAUSE SAID Pal-Waukee "is not within our jurisdiction," and she will not commit to a stance on the pos-

sible sale before learning more about how it would affect Mount Prospect. "We are interested in monitoring the situation," she said.

Clark said her group will function as an arm of the Citizens Airport Activity Group — which comprises Prospect

Heights and Wheeling residents critical of the airport purchase — and will concentrate on alerting Mount Prospect to what is happening. "It's not that we're opposed to the airport," she said, "but I think it's just gone far enough."

Cablenet pact, rules on agenda tonight

6-22-81 - Herald

by Elida Witthoelt

Herald staff writer

Wheeling's proposed cable television agreement with Cablenet Inc. and the rules that will govern the company's operation in the village will be discussed tonight by village officials.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the board could approve both documents as early as July 6, paving the way for the Canadian company to start attracting customers and making plans to install the system.

A majority of the Northwest suburbs chose Cablenet over Warner-Amex Cable Corp., the firm known for its pioneer QUBE system, a device that allows viewers to "talk back" to their television set.

Fialkowski said the board will discuss adopting an "enabling ordinance" that would establish rules for the cable operation in Wheeling. The ordinance was drawn up with the help of the Northwest Municipal Conference and already has been adopted in several area suburbs.

"govern" the cable process, regardless of what company the village finally chooses.

The agreement with Cablenet will carry an effective date of Aug. 1 and give the company 15 months from that date to provide service to 15 percent of Wheeling's population. The whole village must be hooked up within two years of that date to avoid various penalties from the village.

Fialkowski said that under the agreement, the basic cable service with 120 channels could be installed for \$15 with a monthly charge of \$5.95. Six additional services that include "premium movies" will be available for \$3.50 or \$7.95 a month.

An "interactive service" similar to Warner's QUBE television will also be available for a \$25 installation fee and a \$2 monthly fee.

Fialkowski said a security system that provides police, fire and medical alert alarms and services also will be available for a \$199 installation charge and a \$13 monthly fee.



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The week ahead

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Mobile home law to be discussed

A new version of Wheeling's mobile home ordinance will be discussed tonight during a board workshop.

The board has been working for almost two years with the residents and owners of the Whipple Tree Village mobile home park to revise the ordinance to allow owners to construct attached garages. Park owner Earnest Stavros has said he fears he will be liable for existing garages that do not meet village codes.

The ordinance would give Stavros responsibility for the common areas of the park and would allow residents to construct the garages after they meet a variety of fire safety criteria, including the construction of a fire wall and curbing along a wall between the garage and the mobile home. A garage cannot be constructed blocking a door unless a second door leading to the outside of the trailer is also constructed.

Park residents have protested, saying a second door requirement goes beyond federal fire safety codes and would be an unnecessary expense. Wheeling Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen disagrees, saying a second door is safer.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING VILLAGE staff will present an update report to the village board tonight on improvements to Wheeling's downtown district.

The redevelopment includes 100 rent-assisted apartments for the elderly to be built by the Cook County Housing Authority near the corner of Strong Street and Milwaukee Avenue. It would be located just south of an emergency medical clinic being built by Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines.

A commercial development and some condominiums have also been discussed for the site, along with several public improvements including sidewalks, a street and some sewer work.

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The chapel was named for Lark, a park commissioner who died last year. Lark served on the board for 13 years, and was president of the board for eight years.

The dedication will be at 2 p.m. at the park, 506 McHenry Road. For more information call 537-2930.

Trailer park garage talks

6-24-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoelt

Herald staff writer

In a final attempt to resolve the two-year-old issue of whether mobile home owners can add garages to their homes, Wheeling village officials later this summer will meet again with residents and the owner of Whipple Tree Village Park.

Trustee Joan Cole requested the additional meeting because trustees and residents Monday night still were at odds over the latest proposal to allow owners of the park to construct fully enclosed, attached garages to their mobile homes.

The main issue of dispute is over who would be responsible for making sure that fire and building codes were enforced in the park.

Wheeling officials have spent nearly two years revising the ordinance to al-

low residents of the park to construct garages without violating a variety of fire safety requirements.

Whipple Tree Village Park, Park owner Ernest Stavros said last night, he feared he would be liable for garages that did not meet village codes.

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Mobile home questions stalled

WHEELING—The responsibilities of a mobile park owner and the question of whether the village should charge unit owners a registration fee were issues that stalled the proposed amendment ordinance to the current statutes on recreational vehicles and mobile homes, Monday night, June 22.

Trustees decided to schedule a workshop meeting for late July on the proposed revised ordinance in order to have all interested parties attend and to "resolve it once and for all," as Trustee John Cole put it. In addition to the Village Board, those invited to attend the July meeting include a committee appointed by the Whipple-tree Mobile Home Owners Association, village staff members and Ernest Stavros, owner of the park.

Under contention was one section relieving the park owner of responsibility with regard to existing garages that do not now conform to the requirements of the village with respect to fire safety. As proposed, the present owner of

an individual unit would have to remedy the deficiencies within three years of the date the ordinance takes effect unless his unit is sold, in which case, the new owner would have to make the same changes, but within a 60-day time period.

THE REVISED ordinance would put the responsibility of common areas of the park on the park owner, but would make individual owners responsible for their own units.

Bernard Becker, a resident of the mobile home park, told the board that persons who put up the garages in the first place did so with the permission of the park owner. "I have no evidence of whether or not the village was consulted," he said.

Becker called the whole plan "unfair" to the present owners of the mobile homes. "Since the park owner gave permission and now he doesn't want to be concerned about the so-called 'illegal' garages, which weren't

when they were put up, why should he get the monkey off his back while the homeowner is saddled with the burden?" he asked.

He and other residents advocated that the owner share in the responsibility of the existing non-conforming structures. Trustee Cole said he agreed with what Becker had said.

"In no way will I agree to relieve the owner of the responsibility," Cole said. "He knew at the time those units were illegal. In my opinion, he's attempting to dodge his responsibilities in running a business."

ANOTHER BONE of contention was the requirement that the park owner report annually to the village the identity of all lessors or unit owners. Stephen Gorman, attorney for Stavros, said the owner should not be responsible to report who is in the park, but instead, he suggested, the village should register the owners and charge a minimal two- to five-dollar fee, as in the proposed ordinance.

He said new fees and stickers should be issued only when the units change ownership.

Village President Sheila Schultz said she did not understand why such a fee would be necessary and questioned what was being enforced. "I've received a lot of comment about the tax I was going to place on mobile homeowners and I told them there was no tax in the ordinance. This whole thing is new to me."

Village Attorney Gary Weintraub, said the fee was a "mechanism to make it easy for staff to enforce" the ordinance.

And, according to Gorman, "It was not intended to be a tax or a penalty, simply a method to advise the village of a change of ownership." He added that it was not a question of too great a burden on the park owner, but rather a matter of the privacy of the individual owners. "You're making the park owner a police officer and I don't think he should be a police officer," he said.

VAGA objects to Johnson land annexation

WHEELING—Village officials have received an objection to the annexation and rezoning of the more than 200-acre Johnson property located northwest of Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

The objection came in the form of a resolution in opposition of the proposed annexation and development by the Vernon Area Government Association. The resolution states that VAGA members consider the annexation petition

on April 23 following the April 1 public hearing held by the village of Wheeling.

VAGA concurred with staff members of the Lake County Department of Planning, Zoning and Environmental Quality who had objected to the petition at the public hearing. A substantial portion of the property would require filling of the Aptakisie Creek floodplain, which would significantly

reduce the effectiveness of a water retention installation located north of the property, according to the resolution.

OTHER REASONS given for the objection were that the current Lake County sewer proposal referred to by the Illinois Pollution Control Board in its Feb. 5 opinion and order would be inadequate to properly serve the proposed densities for the development, the Johnsons did not demonstrate at

the public hearing that the property would be properly sewered and a "significant number of Lake County residents" indicated at the hearing that they object to the planned rezoning of the property.

The Johnson family has been cited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for allegedly dumping five-times the legal amount of untreated waste into the sewers.

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Cop suit progress report expected

Attorneys for both sides in the year-old police lawsuit in Wheeling will be in court Tuesday morning to give the judge a progress report on the case.

Last year, eleven Wheeling police officers filed suit against Chief Theodore Bracke, former village president William Hein and members of the village police and fire commission, charging them with basing promotions on political ties rather than merit or test results.

The hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in the courtroom of U.S. District Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras.

THE WHEELING Fourth of July Festival committee will meet Wednesday to finalize plans for the village celebration. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. with the fireworks committee. The whole committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

THE WHEELING Park Board will meet Thursday to discuss an agreement with Commonwealth Edison to provide security lighting in Childerley Park.

Park officials are planning to install the lights to encourage residents to use the park, including the newly-restored chapel, during the evening hours. The park will rent the service until provision can be made to purchase a permanent lighting system.

The park board will meet, starting with committees at 7 p.m., at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. The full board will meet at 8 p.m.

WHEELING OFFICIALS have received two requests for new liquor licenses and the newly formed liquor commission will meet tonight to consider the requests.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said George and Efrain Mallet have applied for a license for the Newberry Place restaurant, 1750 Hintz Road. The restaurant was closed late last year and Markus said the two men plan to open a restaurant called Puerto Vallarta.

The Mallets currently own El Amigo, 1 S. Wolf Road, Prospect Heights. Neither man could be reached for comment on their plans.

Walgreen's Drug Store, 548 Dundee Road has also applied for a license to sell packaged liquor.

The village currently issues 24 liquor licenses and Markus said it would take action by the village board to increase that number. There is a license available for a restaurant, but Markus said all the package liquor licenses have been issued for the year.

In the past the village trustees have expressed an unwillingness to increase the number of licenses.

The liquor commission will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Village police investigated on violence charge

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Wheeling police are conducting an internal investigation on charges by a 24-year-old Prospect Heights man that he was beaten and shoved by two Wheeling police officers after he attempted to place one of them under "citizen's arrest" Thursday.

Walter Bielech, 11 S. Alton, Prospect Heights, said he has filed a complaint

with the police department and also has reported the incident to the Cook County state's attorney.

Lt. Ronald Nelson said he talked with Bielech, contacted Police Chief Theodore Bracke, and will "conduct an internal investigation" of the incident. Nelson also said he called the state's attorney and the office of special prosecutions and both offices will be conducting "independent special investigations" of the matter.

Bielech said he was "smacked in the face" and "shoved" by patrolmen Robert Presley and Juan Rivera after he went to the station to post bond for a friend who had been arrested for driving a motorcycle without a tail light.

AS HE ARRIVED at the station, Bielech said, one of the policeman drove up on the motorcycle and he "tried to place the officer under citizen's arrest" for riding without goggles.

Bielech said the officers "laughed" and he "asked another officer to place the policeman under arrest." Bielech then said Presley and Rivera told him he was being booked for driving a car with expired license plates and for letting his friend drive the motorcycle. Bielech said the plates on the car do not expire until 1982 and that he does own the motorcycle.

"Rivera told me to stand there until Presley could book me," said Bielech.

"Then Presley told me to come with him, but I told him Rivera had told me to stand there." Bielech said that Presley called him "many, many" profane names and then he "wound up and smacked me in the face."

Bielech also said that Presley shoved his face and shoulder into the wall and that Rivera "shoved" him

down the corridor and was booked.

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IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF Lorraine Lark, the Childerley Park Chapel is being renamed the Lorraine Lark Chapel of the Orchard. (Photos by Jerrold Turner)



FRANK SCHNAITMANN in his painstaking task.



ENTRANCE TO THE chapel as workmen are busy inside.



LETTERS ARE painted in in preparation for the opening.

Remembering Lorraine Lark

Chapel dedication set for Sunday

By JEFF EICHENFIELD
Correspondent

TURNING OFF busy Route 83 onto the freshly laid stone driveway of Childerley Park in Wheeling, one can almost convince himself it's the trodden English countryside of Yorkshire of Wessex. The old Port House, once used for weekend retreats, is unmistakably Tudor in style. At its rear is such a vast area of rolling green that it could justifiably be called a meadow. On the right, a grove of orderly fruit trees provides apples, cherries and pears for the picking.

It is in this setting, hidden from the roadway by a wall of thick bushes, that volunteers from the Wheeling Historical Society have been working long hours to renovate tiny Childerley Chapel in memory of Lorraine E. Lark.

Lark was commissioner of the Wheeling Park District for 13 years and, as is stated on a small plaque inside the chapel, a woman who was "committed to the preservation of the history of our community." She died in September.

"LORRAINE AND I were very good friends, so I have a personal interest," said Alberta Klocke, chairman of the Childerley Committee. According to Klocke, Lark was instrumental in purchasing Childerley, and saved the park from becoming a heliport for St. Francis Hospital.

Watching the committee work is a lesson in group effort, as well as religious toleration. The chapel is non-denominational and many of the workers, including Klocke, are Jewish.

"Look at him, he's beautiful!" Klocke exclaims with a thick Yiddish accent as a co-worker hangs her picture of a rabbi on the wall of the chapel library.

"Now, what are these?" she asks as she uncovers the original alter cloths. She then proceeds to explain how the 14 crosses along the chapel walls symbolize the 14 stations of Christ.

"We knew Lorraine, and Alberta pushed us into it," said committee member Lonnie Schnaitmann. "We're very excited—it's goint to be fantastic."

The Childerley property was purchased in 1910 by a woman named Frances C. Lillie. According to Klocke, Lillie built the Port House and modified an existing log cabin into a chapel. Borrowing the name of an English village, she named the property Childerley, or children's meadow.

LILLIE CONVERTED to Catholicism in Rome in 1920 and built a new chapel in 1926, Klocke said. The land was later donated to the Calbert Foundation of the University of Chicago which used Childerley as a retreat for widows of Crain plumbing employees. In 1977 the Park District bought the area and maintains it as a park.

The chapel itself sits in a front corner of the grove, hidden by a canopy of fruit trees and surrounding foliage. If not for the "dong,ding" of the chapel bell (it rings in reversed order because of a religious whim of Lillie's) it would be completely overlooked. This location is unfortunate because much of the structure's beauty cannot be fully

appreciated.

Lillie had the chapel designed as a blend of Greek, Roman and Spanish architectures. The overall structure looks much like a Greek temple—four stone columns topped by a broad-based triangle embody the front facade. The columns, however, are separated by arches and the entire single story building is done in red brick. What is more, the roof is shingled with Spanish terracotta tiles.

The committee began work on the interior in early January, deciding on decor as they went along, Klocke said. "The place was an absolute disaster—vandalized, windows broken". Klocke, working with her husband Ed, Lonnie and Frank Schnaitmann, John and Renee Piazza, Shirley Mueller, Pat Hancock and Don and Scott Lark, quickly set about renovating virtually every inch of the old chapel.

USING MONEY raised through annual brat and beer fests the original chairs, kneelers, lectern and interior woodwork was stripped and refinished. Once the Park District had repaired a collapsed portion of the library ceiling, the entire inside was given a fresh coat of paint. The original stone floor was cleaned and polished and yellow stained glass windows, designed by Hancock, were put into place. Lettering was re-painted, new ceramic sculptures were hand-made and a Casablancas-type fan was installed on the chapel ceiling.

Among the original furnishings discovered and preserved is a 7-by-5-foot painting of the holy land painted

by Kay Klitzguard in Woostock, N.Y. in 1927.

The Baron Von Huegel library also was renovated—from the wood beamed ceiling to the red carpeting on the floor. The Baron is supposed to have influenced Lillie in her conversion, Klocke said, and his books will again adorn the room along with religious ornaments of many faiths. As a finishing touch the committee resurrected a flower garden outside the library door which now boasts marigolds, petunias, alysum, ageratum and salvia.

To date the committee has spent approximately \$1,100 and Klocke estimates spending another \$1,200 before the opening on Sunday, June 28. Glenn Meir, president of the park board, will perform the dedication at 2 p.m., followed by an outdoor reception. Music will be provided by Matt Eisenberg, Kim Deason and the Wheeling High School Band.

ONCE COMPLETED Childerley Chapel will be opened to the public for weddings, communions, confirmations and other religious ceremonies. The Von Huegel library will be used for lectures and as a reading room.

The Historical Society's next project will be the restoration of the log cabin which sits across the garden from the library, Klocke said. Although she is still researching its background, she believes it was built in 1825 and later moved to its present site.

For the present, however, all energies are being expended on the chapel. "We're all tired," Klocke said, but "we'll be ready for Sunday's opening."



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Reveal conflicts in police probe

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Reports vary on accident

SUMMARY

AN ACCIDENT involving a Wheeling police car is being investigated by Village Manager Thomas Markus.

The accident, which happened April 2, occurred on Dundee Road just west of the Wheeling Post Office. The officer driving, Adrian Russell, suffered minor injuries.

The investigation was called for following conflicting stories between a report filed with the police department's Accident Review Committee and a statement filed by a witness to the accident whose bicycle was grazed by the police car.

Police Chief Ted Bracke has done an investigation for Markus who is still working on the situation.



TED BRACKE

Investigation second one Markus has handled

THE INVESTIGATION into an accident involving the Wheeling Police Department is the second being done by Village Manager Tom Markus.

The first was in November when a vehicle being driven by Greg Stavros, nephew of former Wheeling committeeman

Markus turned that matter over to attorney Robert DiLeonardi who submitted one report to Markus who then asked for additional information on the matter.

MARKUS SAYS that situation is still being reviewed and has delayed comment on it.

The latest investigation has some members of the police department upset.

"Markus wasn't happy with that (the first) investigation (into the squad car accident). It's frustrating. Everytime someone takes a leak, they need a report or investigation," said one member of the police department.

The conflicting reports between an eyewitness and police officers have Markus concerned, however.

The accident involving the squad car has been before the department's Accident Review Committee which found no fault on behalf of the the patrolman, Adrian Russell, who was driving the car.

Wheeling Police Chief Ted Bracke says investigations like the two being done are not unusual.

"We haven't had a substantial number of investigations," he says, "but we will do them as they appear necessary."

Bracke adds that "It's always good for the public to know the police can cleanse their own house no matter if it's positive or negative results."

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VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus is in the midst of another investigation involving the police department.

Markus, who investigates problems with any village department, is working with Police Chief Ted Bracke on an internal examination of an accident in which a police car sustained \$2,700 worth of damage.

The amount of damage, and the fact that a police officer was slightly injured in the accident, isn't the thrust of Markus' concerns, however.

There are conflicting stories between members of the police department and a single eyewitness who, Markus says, told police the rear wheel of her bicycle was struck by a police car moments before the car hit the back of the vehicle it was pursuing.

THE ACCIDENT being investigated occurred April 2. According to Bracke, and supplemental reports given to Markus, patrolman Adrian Russell was eastbound on Dundee Road when he observed westbound vehicle which had steam and smoke coming from under its hood.

Reports say Russell made a U-turn to follow the vehicle and investigate situation. Prior to being followed Russell, the vehicle passed Sgt. Tad Leach and patrolman Bill Sharp who each parked along Dundee Road. Both Leach and Sharp started to follow the car, but due to traffic, let Russell handle the matter.

According to police information, Russell activated his emergency lights at Dundee Road and had them on the entire time until the accident occurred.

Russell followed the car westbound and in the meantime, struck the rear wheel of a bicycle owned by Cindy Laureys. Laureys, an employee at the Wheeling Post Office, was returning from an early morning break. She was not injured. (See related story)

After striking the bike, Russell did not realize the vehicle he was pursuing had stopped and hit it, about 697 feet from where he hit Laureys' bike.

IN THE meantime, Leach, Sharp and Patrolman Steve Weber arrived on the scene. Weber had been at Wolf and Dundee roads when Russell and the smoking car went by.

Differences in the stories focus on when Russell's lights were turned on, his rate of speed and how long after the accident a statement was taken from Laureys.

According to Laureys, Russell's emergency lights were not activated

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Accident

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until after he had passed her and moments before he hit the car.

Police investigators say Russell was traveling approximately 30 to 32 miles per hour when he hit the car.

Laureys says the car was going at a "high rate" of speed.

The question police officials have is why Laureys did not remain at the scene of the accident. Instead, she went back to work and about four hours later went to the police department to report that her bike had been hit. No written statement was taken.

Markus says it is not unusual for an accident of this nature to be investigated because of the large amount of damage done to the car.

Any accident involving a police car is reviewed by the Accident Review Committee, which in this case included Lt. Ronald Nelson, Murphy, Sgt. Jack Kimsey and Weber.

THE COMMITTEE reviewed and reconstructed the accident and found no fault on behalf of the Russell.

But Murphy did not agree with its findings and informed Bracke of his concerns, according to the police chief. On May 12, Murphy got a written statement from Laureys during which she

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After election victory comes housecleaning

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

For the most part, 1981 was the year for incumbents in Northwest suburban elections.

But since those elections three months ago, changing power structures have claimed numerous victims. The list of municipal officials whose heads have rolled in the recent political upheavals include a village manager, three attorneys, a police chief and a city engineer.

A recap shows the following:

• In Streamwood, 32-year-old Village Manager Richard Marvin resigned under pressure following a dispute with newly elected Village President Stephen Gant over who had the right to hire and fire department heads.

But the ill will between Marvin, village manager for three years, and the new political majority actually started when Gant and his supporters fired former Village Attorney Robert Gildo and replaced him with Arthur Newell, a member of a firm that never has served as a municipal counsel but had worked on Gant's transition team.

• Wheeling Township was the scene of one of the most bitter battles between rival factions of the Republican Party. There, members of the regular Republican organization ousted the Republican mavericks, who represent the more moderate wing of the party that had controlled the township offices.

One of the first moves of the new office holders was to fire former township attorney Richard Cowin. He was replaced by Robert Ahern, a counsel to the Wheeling Township Republican Organization (WTRO), who helped successfully defend the group against a legal challenge mounted by the maverick Republican faction to get the regulars thrown off the ballot.

Also, former township accountant Leonard Scatturo, a vociferous critic of the WTRO candidates, quickly resigned after his allies were soundly defeated in the April election. An administrative assistant and a secretary also soon left. And Thomas Gillis, newly elected road commissioner who ran on a pledge to cut his salary 25 percent, has hired a neighbor to act as a \$15,000-a-year township road foreman.

• In Hanover Township, former Supervisor George Nicholson was ousted by William Tiknis, whom Nicholson charged had political connections and bankrolls leading all the way up to Gov. James R. Thompson.

Tiknis and his supporters promptly fired attorney William Davies, replacing him with Stanley Stewart, the attorney who handled a 1978 legal challenge to Nicholson's re-election bid.

Also, new township Road Supervisor Philip Dickey, to make way for the appointment of a political ally as road foreman, demoted the son of the former road commissioner he defeated.

• In Bartlett, newly elected Village President Glen Koehler and the village board demoted former Police Chief

Russell Laine to lieutenant, saying he was "more a buddy than a boss" to his men. Laine, acting chief for 1½ years, had been appointed chief last December. Shortly after his demotion, policemen announced their intent to unionize. But the village refuses to meet with the union, and trustees insist the union vote and Laine's demotion are unrelated.

• Des Plaines Mayor John Seitz, in his first meeting with department heads after his upset victory over former Mayor Herbert Volberding, asked all of his top administrators for their resignations. He accepted only the one submitted by City Engineer Robert Bowen, who was accused of illegally giving utility companies land rights in the back yards of a new subdivision.

THE LOSERS IN all these changes are quick to say the firings and resignations are politically motivated.

"Of course they're all political payoffs," Nicholson said of the housecleaning in his township.

In Streamwood, the friction between Marvin and Gant's group exploded when Marvin prepared his recommendations on how to go about hiring a \$30,000-a-year head for the newly created position of economic development director. Although Marvin said state law clearly empowered him to hire all department heads, Gant instead wanted to make the choice on his own.

The decision to get rid of Gildo's firm, Gildo and Gorski, Marvin said, made him "very, very upset." The at-

torneys, who came to Streamwood in 1978, did an "outstanding" job in updating a number of ancient building and zoning codes, he said. Marvin was critical of the the new law firm of Newell and Grant because "when they said they had municipal experience they meant they had sued local governments."

"I guess we made a change for the sake of a change," Gant said. "On April 7 (election day) the people of Streamwood asked for a change."

IN WHEELING TOWNSHIP, the "buddy system" that the new officials were so critical of during their election bids still is flourishing.

As ousted Trustee David Wiltse said of some of the changes made in that township's government, "For a group that screamed about the 'buddy system,' they're doing a good job of bringing in their own."

The moderate Republicans, who until April controlled the township offices, had been accused of filling township offices with their political buddies through jobs and appointments.

But after new Road Commissioner Thomas Gillis fulfilled his campaign pledge to cut his salary from \$20,000 to \$3,000, he turned around and hired a neighbor as his road foreman at \$15,000 a year. Township Supervisor Phil Rogers characterized the move as "spending a little bit of money to make some money."

The township also received the resignations of accountant Leonard Sca-

turro, an administrative assistant and a clerk. Wiltse said he knew of no political reasons for any of the resignations except that of Scaturro, an outspoken supporter of the incumbents during the election, who "may have seen the writing on the wall."

The township attorney was replaced because his political ties as a Republican committeeman from 1969 to 1974, when the moderate faction controlled township politics, may have made the new trustees "uncomfortable."

THE RASH OF village managers and attorneys who are sent packing shortly after a change in a town's political structure is not uncommon.

The best example of this probably can be found in the Village of Wheeling, a politically volatile town that has seen its board change hands every two years since 1975. In that year, Wheeling had just been rocked by a zoning scandal in which Democratic political boss and township committeeman James Stavros, two trustees and the village building director were convicted of extorting bribes from local developers. A reform slate vowing to clean up village hall then swept the elections.

One of the first victims of the housecleaning was Paul Hamer, Wheeling's attorney since 1963. Hamer, like former Manager George Passolt who also got the ax, was viewed as a passive player in a corrupt administration. They were replaced by John Burke, an ally of the reform group, and Terry Zerkle.

Burke was fired in 1977 when a slate headed by former Village President William Hein won several seats. He was replaced by Alan Garfield, an attorney with the politically connected Chicago firm that had represented Hein in a zoning case while Hein was a trustee. Zerkle was fired after a dispute with Hein over the hiring of a new police chief. He was replaced by Carsten Leikvold.

And perhaps the only surprise in Wheeling is that Garfield is gone, having joined another law firm, but his former employers are not. Hein lost his narrow majority on the board in 1979 and he and his remaining slate members were swept from office in April. Leikvold resigned under pressure and was replaced by current Village Manager Thomas Markus.

A somewhat similar bloodletting, though not nearly as dramatic, occurred over several months after the 1977 election of Mount Prospect Mayor Carolyn Krause. Krause and her allies on the village board frequently clashed with then-Village Manager Robert Eppley over what they viewed as his liberal spending habits.

Faced with being fired, Eppley resigned. He soon was followed out the door by village administrators, who had been refused raises by the village board. Included in the resignations were Village Attorney John Zimmermann, Health Director Larry Eils and Senior Citizens Coordinator Kathleen Stoga.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY						
	Cole	Gooch	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
Selected decisions from the village board meetings of June 1 and 15.						
To grant final approval to plans for the Springview Manor Homes development. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To create a special airport zoning district for Pal-Waukee Airport. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To grant a two-year contract with raises to non-supervisory personnel in the village's Operations and Maintenance department. (Passed 4-0)	YES	YES	NO	YES	ABSENT	YES

Pal-Waukee acquisition data to be distributed

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Concerned about "misinformation" and "hysteria" that they see spreading among residents over the proposed public acquisition of Pal-Waukee airport, suburban officials are drawing up a list of the most commonly raised questions and their answers and plan to circulate the information in the communities.

Mount Prospect Health Director Patrick Luehring, a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of Pal-Waukee, will draft the questions based on tapes he made of a public meeting with Mount Prospect residents, representatives from the airport and the consultant hired to study the airport's acquisition. The committee hopes to finish gathering the information at a meeting next month and begin distributing it soon after.

"We're getting the undertone that there's lots of misinformation out there," said Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus, also a committee member. "Acquisition doesn't mean we're adding or lengthening runways. We just want the airport to meet standards. This won't affect the kind of jets that land there."

"PEOPLE ARE ALL wound up by acquisition and I don't think they know what it means. Expansion is also being used incorrectly and as a scare tactic," said Markus.

Luehring said he thought residents were most concerned about increased noise and decreased safety if the airport is bought by Prospect Heights and Wheeling. "They feel the acquisition has a bearing on the noise and they feel there's going to be expansion and larger jets," said Luehring.

Larry Donoghue, a consultant hired by Prospect Heights and Wheeling to complete a \$120,000 study on public acquisition, has said that noise proba-

Hearing to buy airport postponed until Jan. 28

Yielding to a request from the Wheeling village board, local officials studying the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport have moved the date for a public hearing out of the holiday season to Jan. 28.

The January public hearing will give Wheeling residents a chance to ask questions and speak for or against a consultant's report on a proposal that Wheeling and Prospect Heights buy the airport. Airport Consultant Larry Donoghue and his staff will be available on Jan. 27 in Prospect Heights and during the day of the hearing in Wheeling, to meet individually with residents to answer questions and discuss specific aspects of the report. The location for the public hearing will be announced as soon as officials reserve a building.

Officials originally hoped to have the hearing in December, but Wheeling Trustee William Rogers spearheaded a drive to change that date, saying the holidays would hold down attendance

at the hearing. Prospect Heights and Wheeling three years ago hired Donoghue to complete a \$120,000 study on the airport acquisition.

COPIES OF the third phase of Donoghue's report will be available for public review in the Wheeling and Prospect Heights clerks' offices and public libraries and other agencies by the end of December, 30 days before the hearing.

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee, a group of suburban officials studying the airport's purchase, also set Dec. 10 as the date for an informational presentation of the third phase to officials Prospect Heights, Wheeling, Mount Prospect, Glenview and Northbrook. That meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, and will be open to the public, though questions will be restricted to board members.

bly will increase at the facility whether the airport remains a private facility or goes public. His study also indicated that the actual airport facilities will not be expanded and extra land will be bought only for buffer zones and the proposed relocation of the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads.

Markus said the complicated techni-

cal nature of Donoghue's study makes it difficult for most people to understand and said he hopes the TAC information can be presented in "simple, layman's terms" so everyone can understand it.

The committee will meet on Nov. 12 to discuss a preliminary draft of the information.

NORTRAN gets \$10,000 village loan

by Elida Witthoef

Herold staff writer

Wheeling village trustees have agreed to lend \$10,000 to the North Suburban Mass Transit District to help cover overdue subsidy payments from the financially strapped Regional Transportation Authority.

In turn, NORTRAN has agreed to repay the loan in six months at a 15 percent interest rate.

Albert Lang, Wheeling's NORTRAN representative, told the board Monday night that NORTRAN is \$50,000 short of reaching its payroll Friday and that loans from the towns in the district could help NORTRAN continue operating through the first week in August.

NORTRAN says the RTA owes it \$1.1 million in overdue payments, and NORTRAN has sought \$364,000 in loans from its 23 member suburbs to

help cover operating expenses. NORTRAN's monthly expenses run about \$600,000 and fares bring in about \$200,000 each month. The RTA usually makes up the difference with sales tax revenues, but because of severe financial troubles, it is months behind in subsidy payments to local bus and train companies.

BY GRANTING THE loan request, Wheeling joins a growing list of member communities that agreed to loan money to NORTRAN. Eight suburbs already have agreed to loan NORTRAN a total of \$176,000.

The loans include \$50,000 each from Evanston and Skokie; \$20,000 each from Niles, Morton Grove and Highland Park; \$10,000 from Lincolnwood; \$7,500 from Buffalo Grove; and \$5,000 each from Rosemont and \$1,000 from Northfield.

Des Plaines city officials Monday night rejected a \$50,000 loan request, saying they were concerned whether NORTRAN would be able to repay the loan or continue operating for more than 30 days even with the loans. Northbrook and Northfield Township also have refused the funding requests.

Lang told the board there was "no way" NORTRAN could guarantee the loan, but that the district felt it was "in a strong position" to borrow the funds and repay them. Lang also said that NORTRAN officials never have considered cutting bus routes in a town that refused to loan NORTRAN the money.

WHEELING IS SERVED by two NORTRAN bus routes. By the end of May, 124,700 people had used buses on the routes. Lang said NORTRAN is the second largest carrier in Illinois, with

only the Chicago Transit Authority carrying more people.

This is the second time NORTRAN has approached its member communities for loans. In 1976 NORTRAN borrowed money from several communities to continue operating the bus lines while the courts were deciding a question over the validity of the RTA's 1977 budget.

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Illegal liquor sale trials July 17

Trials have been scheduled for July 17 for two bartenders accused of selling liquor to minors at a tavern owned by the parents of former Wheeling village president William Hein.

Theron Palm and William Merrill were arrested in separate incidents last May when police said they sold beer to underage customers at Hein's Pub, 141 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Merrill was arrested on May 1, when

a Wheeling policeman discovered 20-year-old James Kedroski, 255 S. Wheeling Ave., sitting in the tavern with an open bottle of beer. Kedroski was charged with illegally purchasing alcohol, and his trial also is scheduled for July 17.

Palm was arrested May 29, only two days after the village board renewed the tavern's liquor license, when a policeman encountered a 17-year-old girl carrying beer from the pub. Palm told police he checked the girl's identification but must have read the age incorrectly. The girl pleaded guilty to illegal possession of alcohol and was sentenced to one year's supervision.

THE CASES have all been assigned to the Evanston branch of Cook County Circuit Court.

The tavern is owned by the parents of former Village President William Hein. Hein served as the village's liquor commissioner until the village board stripped him of that power in January and created a liquor commission comprising all the village trustees. Hein lost his bid for re-election as village president in April.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said he will wait to see what happens in court before he makes a recommendation whether to revoke the tavern's liquor license.

Village board wrapup

Senior housing gets approval

The Wheeling Village Board has given final approval to plans for a 100-unit senior citizens housing complex the Cook County Housing Authority wants to build near the corner of Strong Street and Milwaukee Avenue.

The eight-story building will feature one-bedroom apartments, social rooms, a craft room, offices, laundry facilities, a specially equipped apartment for a handicapped resident and an apartment for a maintenance worker.

The plan also includes parking for 37 cars. The building will be located about two blocks from shopping areas and eventually will be connected to the facilities through a network of sidewalks.

Trustees John Cole and James Goetch voted against the plans, saying parking was inadequate and the "semi-isolated" location of the facility would make it difficult for senior citizens to get around without cars.

The amount of parking was planned to allow the project to qualify for federal funds. Victor Walchirk, executive director of the housing authority, said past experience has shown that one parking space for every three apartments is adequate to meet the parking needs of both residents and visitors to the facility.

When completed, the housing will be maintained by the housing authority.

Local priority

Residency in the village has been established as a priority for people wishing to live in the proposed senior citizens' housing in Wheeling.

The village board Monday night approved an ordinance that would give priority to Wheeling residents when the Cook County Housing Authority begins taking applications to fill the complex. The board also has asked the

suggestions of Wheeling officials in determining who would get the apartments.

Apartments OK'd

The village board has given final approval to a plan for a 76-unit apartment development on a 7.6 acre site near the intersection of Hintz and Wheeling roads.

The developers, Norman Garfinkel and Vincent and Richard Bianco, are proposing the development on a site bordered by Wheeling Road, Weeping Willow Drive and Willowbrook Drive. The apartments would be in several buildings on an internal system of streets. One entrance would give drivers access to the complex off of Wheeling Road.

The land was zoned for multi-family housing and currently is surrounded by a combination of light industrial, residential and vacant property.

6 on panels

Six vacancies on village commissions were filled Monday night, and the village board created two more vacancies by accepting two resignations.

The following residents were appointed to commissions: Bing Zielka, reappointed to the appearance commission; John Shelk, fire and police commission; Stephen Goldstein and Louis Locascio, municipal relations commission; Walter Stryzyk, plan commission and Marion Krogdahl, senior citizens commission.

President Sheila Schultz recommended the appointments after the entire board interviewed applicants for the spots. Resignations and expiration of terms have left the village with more than a dozen commission openings.

The board also accepted the resignation of Shirley Gray from the youth commission and Frances Hoos from the board of health. Both gave personal reasons for their resignations.

The board will continue interviewing on Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Ambulance radios

Wheeling trustees approved a request to purchase \$13,357 of new radio equipment for a new intensive care ambulance the village fire department is ordering.

The entire unit is being replaced because of its age. The new radios will give fire department paramedics more extensive transmitting capabilities to communicate with their base hospital.

The radios will be purchased from the Motorola Company and are being bought with a seven percent discount from the company. The new ambulance and radio equipment was included in this year's budget.

New pistol range

Wheeling trustees Monday night approved a request from the village police department to spend about \$52,200 to equip a new pistol range in the village hall.

The board authorized the expenditure of \$50,200 for electronic target and other equipment for the range from the Detroit Bullet Trap Corp. of Schaumburg. The board also authorized \$2,000 for sound-proofing materials from Ancha Electronics Inc. of Elk Grove Village.

Federal revenue-sharing funds are being used to build the facility. Money for the pistol range was included in this year's budget.

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7-16-81 Reminder

Village faces challenges

Wheeling: You've never looked better. That's the assessment of many, including Village President Sheila Schultz. President Schultz said she is impressed, not only with Wheeling's growth in the last year, but with how well new projects are being thought out and constructed. She said Riverside Plaza at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue proves her point.

Village beautification projects are high on the president's list of priorities.

"Now, the village is moving ahead to raze any building with no aesthetic or historic value," Shultz said.

The refurbishing work has been spotted by the local residents and they, in turn, have become more conscious of their own property, she said.

A housing rehabilitation program is still in the planning stage. Under the proposed program, family housing within the downtown area will be upgraded to increase the property value and aesthetics of older homes. Julie Woods, information coordinator for the senior citizens project and the Wheeling Planning Commission said.

Plans to revitalize the Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue downtown area continue to take shape.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said the village is in the process of cataloguing structures along Milwaukee Avenue. The survey has found a number of older structures along Milwaukee Avenue, the oldest dating back to 1853. Many are pre-1900 buildings, he said.

The findings will be used to present proposals for preserving the structures, either as a commercial area or as a residential district, Greenwood said.

The Holy Family Health Care Center is planning a fall opening and \$160,000 has been allocated for a senior citizens activity center. Plans for an apartment building which will house 98 senior citizens were approved last week by the village board. Construction is slated to begin by the end of summer.

Village finance director Greg Peters

said the number of retail licences for business and industry has remained relatively constant in the 1980-81 year.

In 1978, 29 per cent of Wheeling's residents lived in single family homes. In 1981, 35 per cent now live in residential homes. 1978 statistics also show that 71 per cent of Wheeling's residents lived in apartments and condominiums, while in 1981, 65 per cent live in the single family housing.

The majority of land zoned for residential use has been developed. The remaining land zoned for residential, but not developed, is scattered all over the village, Greenwood said.

Wheeling continues to be an industrial town. The village now has roughly 1,290 acres zoned for industry. Of that, nearly half is already developed.

Wheeling building commissioner Tom Fennell said that the village is "constantly working with land developers." He identified three factors that make Wheeling attractive to new industries:

- The village is close to several excellent forms of transportation;
- The village supports a large work force; and
- There is available land for development.

Transportation of goods into and out of the Wheeling area is done by air, expressways and rails. Spur lines on the Soo Line Railroad and the availability of Palwaukee Airport are important to many industries. The village is also located near the hub of many major expressways.

Industry in Wheeling is diversified and consists of light manufacturing and assembly; warehouses and distribution firms; and research and development labs.

Since 1975, Fennell said industry locating in the village has been built within very strict standards. In addition, existing industry must also operate in a manner to meet the village's standards of operation, he said.

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while building future



Sheila Schultz

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Department urges fighting fires before they start

Install a fire detector.

That's the advice offered by Fire Chief Brni Koeppen of the Wheeling Fire Department.

"It's the best safety advice that I could give. Working properly and checked properly, detectors can save lives."

"It sure would cut down on the fire loss, and cut down on the deaths."

Koeppen heads the village's fire department. There are 33 firemen/paramedics, 11 lieutenants and a fire prevention officer. There is also a full time fire inspector, a secretary and 16 on call personnel.

The department is headquartered in Station One—a new facility adjacent to the Municipal Complex at 255 West Dundee Road.

The main advantage of the new facility is that it provides sufficient room for training, Koeppen said.

"It's new—it's just been good. It's helped morale."

Station Two is at 780 South Wheeling Road.

Last year, the department responded to 2,469 emergency calls. Of those calls, 1,793 were classified as medical calls.

Paramedics receive continuous training, Koeppen said. Each year they receive firefighting training and 48 hours of additional medical training in local hospitals. The paramedics must pass state recertification tests every two years.

The department sponsors a variety of fire prevention programs. Any group interested in setting up a program should contact firefighter/paramedic Tom Conley at Station One.

Blood pressure testing is done regularly by the department from 4:30 to 7 p.m., on Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays at Station One.

In conjunction with Wheeling Showcase, blood pressure testing will be done today at Station One.



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Command center directs emergency responses

A computerized communications center has increased the efficiency of the Wheeling Police Department.

That's the assessment of Police Chief Ted Bracke after a year of putting the center through its paces. "There are many things in the communications center we can do now quicker." Response time for the true emergency is under two and half minutes, he said.

As of July 1, the center handles all emergency calls for the police and the fire department. Bracke said this is important because it creates what he termed unity of command: "It provides a more effective service to the community."

The computer is used to log information about who should be contacted during an emergency, the location of sprinklers, doors, and burglar alarms. Pertinent information is available immediately. The computer saves vital time that used to be spent manually looking up the information on card files, Bracke said.

In addition to police and fire calls, the two position radio console used in the communications center monitors the public works and citizen band communications.

The jail area, as well as the perimeters of the Municipal Complex, are covered by cameras and monitored at the communications center.

The jail area of the department has five cells for male prisoners, two for female prisoners and two areas for juvenile detention.

A new pistol range is under construction and is expected to be completed during the latter part of 1981.

The six position range will be used for safety training and to increase the officers proficiency in using weapons.

The police department logged responses

to over 12,433 calls during 1980.

So far this year "were up a little bit," Bracke said. During the first five months of 1981, police responded to 4,962 calls.

The department is divided into four divisions: patrol, investigations, service and traffic. There are 40 sworn officers and 17 civilians on staff. Of the 17 non-sworn staff members, 5 are civilian radio operators and 6 are cadets. The department has a \$1.4 million budget.

As of May, 1981, the number of serious crimes in Wheeling has been going down. Calls for such crimes as burglary, aggravated battery and damage to property are down 9 per cent, Bracke said.

Accidents happening within the village are also down-by three per cent.

Bracke said he feels it's important for officers and the chief to "go out and get some sort of pulse on the community."

Foot patrols, instituted on a project program basis in the last couple of years, will become more prevalent in the near future, he said. In addition to getting the officer into the neighborhoods, Bracke said the program is designed to help the citizens identify more with the police.

The department relies on an alert public, he said. "People are becoming more concerned with crime prevention." If the foot patrolman becomes familiar with the neighborhoods and citizens, individuals "will become more apt to call the police in order to assist the police."

Other community services provided by the police department includes providing training for Patrol Boys. Each year, the police sponsor a trip to the ballgame for the Patrol Boys.

The department also sponsors training programs in rape prevention and home safety. Any group interested in a police department presentation can contact the

chief.

"We'll send representatives out to different complexes and talk about inherent problems," he said.

During the community educational programs, Bracke said the police representatives ask the public for an assessment of how the police department is doing its job. If a problem area is identified, Bracke said the department will work to correct it.

Another community service instituted recently is the Carrier Alert Program. The program was instituted by the police department in conjunction with the senior citizens coordinator and the Wheeling Post Office.

A file is maintained at the police department listing the senior's health information, doctor's name and who to contact in an emergency.

The postal carrier then keeps an eye on the home as he is delivering mail. Any suspicious events are reported to the police department. The police then investigate to determine if the senior needs any help.

The ongoing program is available to any senior or ill person. Interested persons may call the police department to sign up for the program.

The department is governed by a three member Fire and Police Commission. The commission has the power to appoint and promote. It is the disciplinary body that hears cases dealing with violations of department policy. The chief of police reports directly to the village manager. Fire and Police Commission members are John Shelk, Allan R. Carlson and Jerome C. Vesecky.

The police department is headquartered in the Wheeling Municipal Complex at 255 West Dundee Road.



Police Chief Ted Bracke

On display

The Wheeling Police Department will man a mobile display unit from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., today at Lynn Plaza.

The display will provide information on crime prevention and safety measures.

A squad car will be used to show the type of equipment usually used in the cars. Officers will be available to answer any questions.

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The pulse of the village is monitored at the new communications center housed in the Wheeling Police Department. Calls for emergency assistance-police, fire and rescue-are handled here. The computerized center has been responsible for cutting response time, Police Chief Ted Bracke said. (Staff photo)

Plan commissioner calls board's appointment procedures 'a sham'

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PROCEDURES USED by the Village Board to interview and appoint residents to various commissions have come under attack by a plan commissioner who ran against the victorious Wheeling Upward Party in the April election.

Rickey Ament, who lost in his bid for a trustee's post, has called the existing appointment method "a sham."

Ament, whose commission term is up, said he doesn't expect to be reappointed to the Plan Commission because he ran against Village President Sheila Schultz's slate. He said board members are not considering his background and experience on the commission.

AMENT, WHO has been on the Plan Commission for six years, is an attorney and a licensed real-estate broker.

Ament charged that the board is not following through on its pledge to be non-partisan in its selection of commission members.

"They keep saying there might be



RICKEY AMENT

someone better qualified than me, and that's a slap at my qualifications.

That's what bothes me."

Schultz, who began announcing new commission appointments at July 6, said that she is following what "I said I would do." She said everyone is being interviewed and that no judgments will be made until all candidates for any commission are interviewed.

"I am delighted with the caliber of people interested in serving on a commission," Schultz said. She added that there have been at least four village trustees at each interview.

AMENT CLAIMED the decisions about who will be appointed or reappointed to a commission are made even before a person is interviewed.

He contended that Bernard Nathan, head of the village's Senior Citizen Commission has already been selected for the Plan Commission.

Schultz acknowledged that Nathan had applied for the Plan Commission post, but denied that decisions are made in advance.

"There has not been any prejudg-

ment for any commission." Schultz said.

Ament said Plan Commission Chairman Anthony Altieri may step down from that post if Ament is not reappointed. Altieri, however, is taking a wait-and-see approach.

"I've talked to Rickey (Ament) and I have to see if his concerns are founded. I might be upset if he is not reappointed to the commission.

Altieri did say that losing Ament could hinder the commission because he "knows the history of many of the things before us and I rely on those resources."

A member of the Plan Commission "for the last eight of nine years," Altieri's term expires next year.

"If I'm not reappointed, Ament said, "they'll have six raw people on the commission."

And while Ament is very pessimistic about his chances of reappointment Altieri said, "I'm not sure if Rickey is a little paranoid or not. I'm going to take it with a grain of salt."

Former President Hein vows to file disclosures

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CLAIMING THAT "things got goofed up," former Wheeling Village President William H. Hein has vowed that the official Record of Campaign Disclosure for the Pro-Wheeling Party will be filed by the end of this week.

The form, due in the Cook County Clerk's office by Monday, July 6, is required of all political candidates and parties. Failure to file is a violation of the state election code, although action traditionally is taken only in cases where a complaint has been filed.

"It was totally forgotten," Hein said about the disclosure form. "But believe me, it will be filed as soon as possible, tomorrow hopefully," he said Monday, July 13.

HEIN HEADED the Pro-Wheeling Party in the village's April election, in which Hein and all but one of his party's candidates were defeated in their bids for village posts.

The only successful candidate from the Hein slate was Trustee Roger A. Powers, who was re-elected.

Hein was defeated by Sheila Schultz and her Wheeling Upward Party. The one candidate from the slate not elected to the Village Board was James Goetch, but he was appointed by Schultz to fill the trustee's position vacated by her election to the village presidency.

ACCORDING TO Robert Gerhold,

treasurer of the Wheeling Upward Party, a disclosure form for his party was submitted May 17.

"Our form indicates that we spent around \$1,600 during the campaign," he said, "and that the average contribution was \$23."

Gerhold added that no single contribution exceeded \$150, so donors did not have to be identified by the amount contributed.

Hein, however, said he wasn't sure how much money the Pro-Wheeling Party spent on its campaign.

"We're adding it up now," he said. The party will have to list contributors to its campaign if donations exceeded \$150.

Hospital clinic open soon

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The opening of Holy Family Hospital's long-awaited emergency care clinic in Wheeling has been tentatively set for November.

Renee Lameka, director of ambulatory care at Holy Family, said hospital officials have set the date for the facility's dedication on Nov. 1, with the clinic set to open the following day. Additional activities are being planned for the whole week.

Lameka said none of the dates "are engraved in stone," but that hospital officials are hopeful the clinic will be ready.

CONSTRUCTION ON the project is progressing, but Lameka said recent

bad weather has slowed the work, including installation of a large skylight.

The \$4.5 million clinic is being built on 2.5 acres of land on the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street and is considered a major component in Wheeling's downtown redevelopment program. In the beginning the clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., but hospital officials eventually hope to keep it open 24 hours.

"It will be open during most hours of activity," said Lameka, adding the hours were flexible. "We're not going to turn someone away if they're at the doors at five after ten," she said. "We're trying to be cost effective. Unless the volume is there the operation isn't cost effective."

The clinic will be equipped to treat most emergency injuries of a "minor nature" and will feature much of the equipment and services a regular hospital with the exception of surgery. The clinic also has office space for five doctors and one dentist.

LAMEKA SAID hospital officials currently are finalizing agreements with the doctors and are trying to choose a dentist. "We've had many applicants for dental service and we're trying to choose the best," she said.

There will also be a casting room, heart testing equipment and a complete x-ray unit. Hospital officials are planning to offer a variety of community services including pre-employment physicals for workers in the



Wheeling area, stress testing, babysitters' classes, and diabetes and hypertension screening.



Neighbors hit 'rowdy' complex

Complaining of garbage, noise and overcrowding at the Wildwood Apartments, about 20 irate Wheeling homeowners appeared before the village board Monday night to demand that the complex be cleaned up.

The residents' complaints included loud music and late, rowdy parties in the parking lot, public urination and cars speeding into the complex, located at Wheeling Avenue and Dundee Road. The residents presented the board with a petition signed by 75 residents and asked the board to step up police patrols and enforcement in the area.

A homeowner who lives adjacent to the complex, told trustees that he frequently cleans trash from his yard and has called police numerous times to complain. "Every spring I pull 100 beer bottles out of the garden. They use my bushes as a washroom. I'm em-

barrassed when I have company and the ladies go in the back. My wife is scared to go into the garden."

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus said the situation at the apartments is "out of control" and hasn't changed in the past several years. "I tend to believe it's the owners' fault. They fail to screen tenants who end up there," he said.

The complex originally belonged to a single owner, but the seven separate buildings have been sold to individual owners. The village has had similar problems at the complex before and has met with owners and gone to court in an effort to clean it up, Markus said.

Stan Zimmerman, who owns a 12-unit building in the complex, told the board he was trying to combat the problem. "I've tried to keep the building up," said Zimmerman, adding he complained to a variety of Wheeling

officials and received no response.

"**THERE ARE** two buildings that should be condemned. They only accept tenants that can't find anywhere else to live. There are five or six single men in one apartment, or several families," Zimmerman said. "Dan Adams (the village sanitarian) and the fire inspector won't issue citations."

Markus said he will personally go to the complex and take strong steps to enforce the village laws. "I usually take the attitude — and so do the officers — that first you ask nicely and then if they don't do what you ask, you hit them hard. The hard line is the best way to go at this point, and go right after them," said Markus.

In the meantime the village staff has been instructed to prepare a report on conditions at the apartments and report any progress back to the village board.

Pal-Waukee state's 2nd busiest

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Despite a drop in the total number of planes that took off and landed at Pal-Waukee Airport in 1980, Pal-Waukee has surpassed DuPage County Airport to become the second busiest airport in Illinois.

According to figures compiled by the Federal Aviation Administration, there were 269,574 takeoffs and landings at Pal-Waukee in 1980, some 33,067 more than Du Page had during

the same year. In 1980, some 236,507 planes took off and landed at the Du Page airport.

FAA spokesman Marjorie Kriz said O'Hare International Airport in Chicago "was and still is the world's busiest airport," with 724,155 takeoffs and landings in 1980.

Kriz said the FAA had no statistics on how Pal-Waukee ranks nationwide.

DESPITE PAL-WAUKEE'S surge to second place, both local airports saw a decrease in the number of takeoffs and landings from 1979. During that year 278,336 planes took off and landed at

Pal-Waukee, and 284,124 planes used the runways at Du Page. That's a drop of 8,762 flights at Pal-Waukee and 47,617 flights at Du Page.

Officials from the Du Page Airport could not be reached for comment on the figures, but Pal-Waukee owner George Priester speculated that DuPage's flights were down because that airport does not have the large number of business planes that Pal-Waukee does.

"The general state of the economy makes flying expensive," Priester said.

"Planes are a pretty expensive thing to be goofing around with. Most of the traffic that comes here is business. With the deregulation of the airlines there are no alternatives. Some businesses are buying planes because they have to get their workers from A to B without sitting around in terminals."

Based on control tower statistics and fuel sales, Priester estimated his 1981 flight total might be a little higher than 1980. "We had a mild winter and this allowed planes to move better than during the past blizzards," he said.

Trustees won't permit firm's outdoor storage

Wheeling village trustees Monday night voted to turn down a request by a rental firm for outside equipment storage.

Thomas Armenakis, owner of Taylor Rental, 503 S. Milwaukee Ave., originally asked trustees to amend the village code to allow outdoor storage in a general business district. The village codes currently are being updated to exclude all outdoor storage in business areas and the staff recommended denying the proposed amendment on the grounds that most outdoor equipment storage would not be aesthetically appealing and could cause extra traffic problems on major roads in the village.

Even if the amendment were adopted, Armenakis still would need an amendment to his special use permit to allow the outside storage, Village Manager Thomas Markus said.

The vote was 3-2 to deny the amendment. Trustees Roger Powers and Joseph Ratajczak voted to allow the outdoor storage.

Appointees ratified

Trustees voted to fill eight vacancies on various village commissions.

The following appointments and reappointments were made: Bea A. Karr, municipal relations commission; Steve Jones, Sue Knippen, Faye Moroz and Gregg Stockey, youth commission; Marshall Balling and Gertrud Wolf, senior citizens commission; and Frank Proietti, police pension board.

President Sheila Schultz also

voted to approve purchasing a mobile intensive care ambulance for \$37,585 from Midwest Ambulance Sales of Skokie.

The ambulance will replace the fire department's oldest unit, which is rusting out. The fire department currently uses the old unit as a backup to the two newer ambulances, and Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen said the new unit will replace one of the older ones on "front-line" duty.

The board already approved the purchase of \$13,357 in special radio equipment for the ambulance. Both expenses were included in this year's budget.

Amvets post honored

Wheeling trustees Monday night adopted a resolution acknowledging the outstanding public contributions and public service of the Phillip Carpenter Amvets Post No. 66 and the Women's Auxiliary.

Representatives of the post were on hand to accept the award and displayed trophies they won at a recent convention in downstate Illinois.

Whipple Tree mobile home park to be allowed garages

After almost two years of talks, Whipple Tree Village Mobile Home Park apparently have agreed on a plan to allow the homeowners to construct garages.

Village officials met Wednesday night with the park's homeowners association and Ernest Stavros, the park owner, in a final effort to iron out a law regulating garages in the mobile home park.

Under the ordinance, residents will be allowed to construct fully enclosed garages after meeting fire safety codes. The law also requires the mobile home owner to add a second exit door if the garage blocks an existing door.

"**WE WON ON** a lot of little things," Bernard Becker, association vice president, said. "Everybody comes out ahead and everyone loses. We feel like we did the best we could, on trying to take a year's worth of haggling, and iron out an ordinance in one night."

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Cable TV comes one step closer to village

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

WHEELING — Village officials brought the actual installation of cable television one step closer July 20, with the approval of an ordinance establishing regulations for cable systems within Wheeling and a resolution authorizing the village president and village clerk to sign the franchise agreement with Cablenet for service.

Cablenet is the Canadian company which will provide cable television to Wheeling and 10 other neighboring communities, all members of the Northwest Municipal Conference. Franchise agreements for the entire region

are expected to go into effect on Aug. 1.

The enabling ordinance sets the ground rules for the village to issue a franchise to any company, while the franchise agreement is the actual contract with the specific cable TV company.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE Manager Robert Fialkowski said village officials will not sign the agreement until after Cablenet executives have done so. He explained that the company will have to send officials from its Canadian headquarters to the area and is waiting until the agreements are firm from most of the 11-community area.

"We're authorizing the president and clerk to sign once the company does," he said. "Hopefully, we'll be very happy in the future with this agreement and the company."

Fialkowski also pointed out that the agreement contains an automatic amendment section he expects to "come into play" within the next year. Under its provisions, should another community receive more favorable rates or services from Cablenet, those same rates or services would automatically apply to Wheeling.

Cablenet's franchise term will be 15 years and the company has agreed to have the system completely installed within 24 months of the date the fran-

chise agreement goes into effect. The firm also will pay 5 percent of its annual gross revenues to the village.

THE COMPANY has agreed to provide seven studios among the 11 towns, with most of them going to the more populous municipalities. Wheeling and Prospect Heights will each have a semi-studio, described as a shell with none of the equipment. Three mobile vans and seven porta-paks will also be provided for the region. When needed, the vans can bring equipment to the shells for broadcasts.

Cablenet's fee for installation of basic service — two outlets and an FM line — would be waived for the first six months for those who subscribe right

away.

Fialkowski said the final versions of the enabling ordinance and franchise agreement represent the end of "over two years of study and negotiations. However, much work remains in the area of construction supervision, access channel usage and deliberations over the role of a cable television supervisory agency."

Avis Nopar, Cablenet vice president in charge of programming and corporate relations, said, "We at Cablenet are proud to serve you. We hope our relationship will be extremely fruitful. There will be nothing given to any other community that will not be given to Wheeling."

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After 19 years Time to go

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

AFTER 19 YEARS, Shirley Mueller thought it was time to do other things besides her chores in the Records Department at the Wheeling Police Department.

When she started with the department in 1962 as a radio dispatcher, it

was the first full-time woman, was hired.

"Until 1969, I was the only woman until the chief's office got a secretary," she said.

Most of the time, Mueller worked from 4 p.m. until midnight with occasional stints on the day shift and some from midnight until 8 a.m.

Mueller says, the only other people on the shift were the two officers on



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only had about 15 members serving a village of 5,000 people.

"We not only did the dispatching," Mueller recalls, "but we also handled the police records, fire records, dog licenses and vehicle stickers."

That's a far cry from the department today. The Wheeling Police Department now has more than 50 employees, so dispatchers don't have to worry about records any more, Mueller says.

"THEY USED to dispatch just the police calls," Mueller said, "but now they also do the fire calls again."

As for records, the installation of modern computerized equipment has made that job easier.

"We used to have to do everything by hand," she said. "We also kept track of the officer's time and all of statistics for the department."

Equal rights have come a long way since 1962 when Mueller, the depart-

ment's first full-time woman, was hired. "They were often accompanied by reserve officers," she said.

"I HAVE a lot of nice memories of the department," she says. "With her departure, only three members are left from 1962 when she started."

"Ted Bracke, Jack Kimsey and Art Hochstader are the only ones left on the department who were there when I started," she said. "Jack (Kimsey) started as a radio dispatcher."

Mueller, who says she has "done just about everything" in the department, doesn't plan to take her newly found free time just sitting around.

She is still a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Wheeling Park District and plans to continue with that position. How about the time when she isn't at a Park Board meeting?

"I am going to be satisfied just staying at home. But I've got a lot of work to do and I'm not going to be just sitting around."

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Sign plan debated

By RENEE GOLDSTEIN
Correspondent

WHEELING —After a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion over provisions of a proposed sign ordinance, village board members reached agreement on the amount of sideyard setback for signs, but failed to concur on sign size.

At a workshop meeting Monday, July 27, board members tentatively agreed to a sign setback of 15 feet, or 20 percent of the front lot frontage, whichever is less.

But they had differing opinions on how large the signs should be. Tom Fennell, building, housing and zoning administrator recommended that signs remain at a maximum of 50 square feet, but suggested that the square footage figure apply to all sides of the sign, so a double-sided sign would only be 75 square feet in size and a multi-faced sign would be even smaller.

TRUSTEE CHARLES Kerr expressed opposition to the idea. He said the current sign ordinance was adopted to deal with "the ugliness of Wheeling and its signs." The proposed size recommendations, Kerr contended,

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WHEELING officials have been trying to eliminate the glut of signs along village streets, which they say detracts from the village's appearance.

As a result, the Village Board has recently begun tightening regulations governing signs — their size, location and purpose.

In May 1979, Wheeling adopted a new sign ordinance, more stringent than its predecessor, and eight months later the village started to work on revising that code.

The process is still going on, with board members Monday night reviewing sign ordinance recommendations stemming out of zoning board meetings, workshops with local merchants, and three public hearings.

"would put us back in that position."

But Fennell argued that the regulations would actually result in smaller signs.

Markus did present a proposal to increase the maximum size of mounted signs from 50 to 75 percent of the store frontage. It was a matter, he said, of

"pure design and aesthetics," stating a larger sign would be easier to read and might be easier to design.

Discussion of the sign ordinance may be resumed when the board meets formally on Aug. 17, but Village President Sheila Schultz acknowledged that sign

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Board grapples with new sign ordinance

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size remains a major stumbling block.

When polled individually, four of the six board members, including Schultz, said they supported the six-year time frame, which had been a recommendation of village staff.

THE CURRENT sign ordinance has a grandfather clause of five years. The Chamber of Commerce had requested that signs which conformed to the old ordinance not be torn down at all. The Zoning Board of Appeals, which also acts as the sign ordinance review committee, recommended a 12 year amortization period, possibly as a compromise gesture, as advised.

But Trustee John Cole said a 12-year deadline was unrealistic since many businesses either switch hands or replace signs before then. Trustee Joseph Ratajczak said 12 years was "unreasonable if you want to clean up Wheeling."

He and Board Member James Goetch said they preferred to retain the 5-year amortization period.

"Strictly prohibited" signs, a desig-

nation which includes mobile, portable and abandoned signs as well as signs situated in right of ways, were not given an extension. The board opted to retain the Dec. 31, deadline for removal of those signs rather than grant an additional one year for compliance. Fennell said sign proprietors can apply for a variation on the ordinance if they wish.

WHEELING'S INDUSTRIAL sector wants more liberal sign regulations, but the village board does not appear anxious to grant them.

Larry Oppenheimer, director of community development, told the board that the industrial complexes want directory signs in front of the buildings listing the tenants.

Cole said, however, "The last thing I want to see are signs down there", commenting that Wheeling's industrial tract is attractive particularly because it is devoid of signs.

Fennell said the companies need individual identification, but argued that industrial buildings did not need to advertise themselves.

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Don't allow sale of liquor to kids

THE SLAYING of 14-year-old Mary Kosinski is, in itself, a tragedy — not only for her family and friends, but for the residents of Wheeling, especially those with young children.

Granted, the person accused of the killing has been apprehended by police, but in interviews with residents we found a startling number of comments about the availability of alcohol to minors, not to just 18- or 19-year-olds, but children 12, 13, 14 and 15 years of age.

The problem of underage drinking is not unique to the village of Wheeling. North and northwest suburban communities that have a great number of taverns or saloons have been plagued with the problem. However, towns like Highwood and Wheeling seem to carry the brunt of the blame.

Officials in both communities have tried to step up enforcement of the drinking-age law, something for which they would be commended.

But neither Highwood Mayor Fidel Ghini nor Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus can order their respective police departments to man the door of every bar, every night of the week.

They have to have the cooperation of bartenders and bar owners. Wheeling's Liquor Control Commission has been taking steps to penalize those establishments that are repeated offenders.

There wouldn't be a need for citing establishments if their owners saw to it that employees not only understand the laws but follow them.

Whether the slaying of a 14-year-old was related to alcohol is incidental now.

What isn't beside the point, however, is the need for all communities that allow alcohol to be served to clamp down on any person or establishment which violates the law.

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Senior citizen head to remain at post

WHEELING — Bernard Nathan, chairman of the village's Senior Citizen Commission, "has graciously agreed to stay on the Senior Citizen's Commission," Village President Sheila Schultz announced Monday evening, July 20.

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Enforcement of codes starts Wildwood cleanup

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By MARGARET McMULLAN

Wheeling village officials are taking action to help clean up the Wildwood Apartment Complex on the corner of Route 68 and Wheeling Avenue.

Action was taken when approximately 60 neighbors and Wildwood residents pleaded with the village board last Monday to make the area safer and cleaner. Neighbors said some Wildwood residents tossed garbage out their windows and would urinate in the adjacent yards. Trustee Charles Kerr described the area as a "jungle."

Village Manager Thomas Markus and representatives from the Wheeling fire, police, community development and sanitation departments visited Wildwood Friday. Numerous violations were cited. Markus said he notified the eight owners of the 15 units in the complex. Markus reported on the conditions and the action which village officials plan to take.

The violations targeted for corrective action include:

- Unlicensed vehicles or vehicles without current registration;
- Litter and high weeds along the perimeter of the complex and in scattered areas throughout the development;
- Shopping carts stolen from nearby grocery stores;
- Overflowing garbage dumpsters;
- Building, housing, fire and health code violations;
- Public nuisance complaints;
- Traffic code violations.

Police Chief T. Bracke said several abandoned cars were found in the Wildwood parking lots. According to Markus' report vehicles will be tagged and towed by the police department in pursuant to village ordinance and officers will visit the complex once a week. Bracke said litter was scattered throughout the area and air shafts in the

complex were full of garbage which had accumulated over a period of time. According to Markus' report, police will begin issuing citations where they determine inadequate garbage pickup occurs. They will also contact Wheeling Disposal to ask for its assistance.

Wildwood apartment owner Naldner Mohanroo had requested more garbage dumpsters at last week's village board meeting.

Village health officer Dan Adams said most of the litter has been cleared.

"Wildwood has had an on-going trash problem," Adams said.

According to Markus' report, officials from the public works department removed approximately 15 shopping carts Friday. According to Markus' report, police will monitor nearby shopping centers and plan to write citations in cooperation with the stores. Fire Inspector Ed Majkowski said the

majority of fire violations have been corrected though, he said, some owners "tend to drag."

According to his report, Markus said where there are indications of continued violations, citations will be issued immediately instead of the customary granting of grace periods. The inspectors were not able to enter into any of the individual apartments at the time, without the individual's permission. Violations in individual apartments, therefore, could not be determined.

According to Markus' report, the police department will begin a foot patrol program in the complex which will be directed at eliminating violations through enforcement as well as through a department training program.

According to the report traffic enforcement will be stepped up in this area to help curb the speeding and erratic driving complaints.

Village cleaning up Wildwood

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Inspections and code enforcements at the Wildwood Apartments have been intensified, Wheeling officials say, after residents appeared before the village board and demanded the site be cleaned up.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said regular inspections of the property will continue and the village will issue citations to apartment owners for code violations.

Village officials, including Village Manager Thomas Markus and Police Chief Ted Bracke, visited the apartments last week after homeowners from around the area petitioned the board to increase police patrols and clean up the apartment parking lot.

ACCORDING TO a report issued by Markus, the officials found abandoned cars and shopping carts, overflowing trash dumpsters and high weeds at the complex at Wheeling Avenue and Dundee Road.

Sgt. Jack Kimsey, head of the police ordinance enforcement unit, said pictures of the violations were taken and 10 citations were issued to the buildings' owners. The village will take the owners to court on August 18 if the violations are not corrected by then.

One owner built the complex, but over the years it has been split and sold to individual owners. Village President Sheila Schultz said the apartments were "a jewel" when they were built, but during the past few years Wheeling officials have become

frustrated in their efforts to end the violations and improve the area.

Kimsey said the police have always patrolled the area, but are "beefing up" both foot and traffic patrols after residents complained of large, loud parties in the parking lot and cars speeding into the parking lot of the complex. A Spanish-speaking officer has been assigned to the area to communicate with residents who can't speak English.

THE POLICE also are tagging abandoned cars, but Kimsey said apartment owners must come in and sign a release to have the cars towed. Repeat inspections have shown that someone at the complex is removing the tow tags from the cars.

Wheeling public works employees have removed shopping carts and Kim-

sey said the police have urged local stores to stop customers from removing the carts. If that fails, the police are exploring the possibility of stationing cadets at stores to discourage people from removing carts.

Continuing fire inspections of the buildings have revealed 38 violations since the beginning of the year, but fire inspection officials say the owners of the buildings have cooperated to correct many of the violations.

"We've been aware and working on it," Kimsey said. "We're just taking a harder stand and making them realize as long as the situation exists and they fail to comply we'll issue citations. They've been warned."

Fialkowski also said the village is preparing reports on health and building conditions at the apartments.

Schultz signs contract with cable TV company

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Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz Wednesday signed a 15-year agreement with Cablenet Ltd. to bring cable television to the village.

The agreement was approved by the full village board on July 20 after more than two years of negotiation. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said signing the agreement will pave the way for the Canadian company to begin making plans to attract customers

and install the system.

Cablenet is proposing to install a 120-channel system in the area. In Wheeling the basic service could be installed for \$15 with a monthly charge of \$5.95. Six additional services that include "premium movies" will be available for a \$3.50 to \$7.95 per month charge.

An "interactive service" that allows viewer to participate in broadcast surveys will be available for a \$25 installation fee and a \$2

monthly fee.

Security systems that provide fire, police and medical alert alarms and services also will be available for a \$199 installation charge and a \$13 monthly fee.

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Cable TV comes one step closer to village

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

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WHEELING — Village officials brought the actual installation of cable television one step closer July 20, with the approval of an ordinance establishing regulations for cable systems within Wheeling and a resolution authorizing the village president and village clerk to sign the franchise agreement with Cablenet for service.

Cablenet is the Canadian company which will provide cable television to Wheeling and 10 other neighboring communities, all members of the Northwest Municipal Conference. Franchise agreements for the entire region

are expected to go into effect on August 1. The enabling ordinance sets the ground rules for the village to issue a franchise to any company, while the franchise agreement is the actual contract with the specific cable TV company.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE Manager Robert Fialkowski said village officials will not sign the agreement until after Cablenet executives have done so. He explained that the company will have to send officials from its Canadian headquarters to the area and is waiting until the agreements are firm from most of the 11-community area.

"We're authorizing the president and clerk to sign once the company does," he said. "Hopefully, we'll be very happy in the future with this agreement and the company."

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Fialkowski also pointed out that the agreement contains an automatic amendment section he expects to "come into play" within the next year. Under its provisions, should another community receive more favorable rates or services from Cablenet, those same rates or services would automatically apply to Wheeling.

Cablenet's franchise term will be 15 years and the company has agreed to have the system completely installed within 24 months of the date the franchise agreement goes into effect. The firm also will pay 5 percent of its annual gross revenues to the village.

THE COMPANY has agreed to provide seven studios among the 11 towns, with most of them going to the more populous municipalities. Wheeling and Prospect Heights will each have a semi-studio, described as a shell with none of the equipment. Three mobile vans and seven porta-paks will also be provided for the region. When needed, the vans can bring equipment to the shells for broadcasts.

Cablenet's fee for installation of basic service — two outlets and an FM line — would be waived for the first six months for those who subscribe right away.

Fialkowski said the final versions of the enabling ordinance and franchise agreement represent the end of "over two years of study and negotiations. However, much work remains in the area of construction supervision, access channel usage and deliberations over the role of a cable television supervisory agency."

Avis Nopar, Cablenet vice president in charge of programming and corporate relations, said, "We at Cablenet are proud to serve you. We hope our relationship will be extremely fruitful. There will be nothing given to any other community that will not be given to Wheeling."

Sign plan debated

7-30-81 LIFE

By RENEE GOLDSTEIN
Correspondent

SUMMARY

WHEELING —After a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion over provisions of a proposed sign ordinance, village board members reached agreement on the amount of sideyard setback for signs, but failed to concur on sign size.

At a workshop meeting Monday, July 27, board members tentatively agreed to a sign setback of 15 feet, or 20 percent of the front lot frontage, whichever is less.

But they had differing opinions on how large the signs should be. Tom Fennell, building, housing and zoning administrator recommended that signs remain at a maximum of 50 square feet, but suggested that the square footage figure apply to all sides of the sign, so a double-sided sign would only be 75 square feet in size and a multi-faced sign would be even smaller.

TRUSTEE CHARLES Kerr expressed opposition to the idea. He said the current sign ordinance was adopted to deal with "the ugliness of Wheeling and its signs." The proposed size recommendations, Kerr contended,



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WHEELING officials have been trying to eliminate the glut of signs along village streets, which they say detracts from the village's appearance.

As a result, the Village Board has recently begun tightening regulations governing signs — their size, location and purpose.

In May 1979, Wheeling adopted a new sign ordinance, more stringent than its predecessor, and eight months later the village started to work on revising that code.

The process is still going on, with board members Monday night reviewing sign ordinance recommendations stemming out of zoning board meetings, workshops with local merchants, and three public hearings.

"would put us back in that position."

But Fennell argued that the regulations would actually result in smaller signs.

Markus did present a proposal to increase the maximum size of mounted signs from 50 to 75 percent of the store frontage. It was a matter, he said, of

"pure design and aesthetics," stating a larger sign would be easier to read and might be easier to design.

Discussion of the sign ordinance may be resumed when the board meets formally on Aug. 17, but Village President Sheila Schultz acknowledged that sign

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Board grapples with new sign ordinance

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size remains a major stumbling block.

When polled individually, four of the six board members, including Schultz, said they supported the six-year time frame, which had been a recommendation of village staff.

THE CURRENT sign ordinance has a grandfather clause of five years. The Chamber of Commerce had requested that signs which conformed to the old ordinance not be torn down at all. The Zoning Board of Appeals, which also acts as the sign ordinance review committee, recommended a 12 year amortization period, possibly as a compromise gesture, as advised.

But Trustee John Cole said a 12-year deadline was unrealistic since many businesses either switch hands or replace signs before then. Trustee Joseph Ratajczak said 12 years was "unreasonable if you want to clean up Wheeling."

He and Board Member James Goetch said they preferred to retain the 5-year amortization period.

"Strictly prohibited" signs, a desig-

nation which includes mobile, portable and abandoned signs as well as signs situated in right of ways, were not given an extension. The board opted to retain the Dec. 31, deadline for removal of those signs rather than grant an additional one year for compliance. Fennell said sign proprietors can apply for a variation on the ordinance if they wish.

WHEELING'S INDUSTRIAL sector wants more liberal sign regulations, but the village board does not appear anxious to grant them.

Larry Oppenheimer, director of community development, told the board that the industrial complexes want directory signs in front of the buildings listing the tenants.

Cole said, however, "The last thing I want to see are signs down there", commenting that Wheeling's industrial tract is attractive particularly because it is devoid of signs.

Fennell said the companies need individual identification, but argued that industrial buildings did not need to advertise themselves.

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Scouts' hydrant painting project gets rave reviews

Scout Bob McAllister Jr. chose as his community project to receive the Eagle Scout award a fire hydrant painting program in the village of Wheeling. With the help of his parents and fellow scouts, approximately 120 fire hydrants in the Dunhurst, Poplar Grove, Michael Babiarz's and Hollywood Ridge, Unit No. 2 subdivisions were refinished with two coats of paint.

The village has received many compliments from residents regarding the excellent workmanship that was demonstrated by this group. The planning and organization, leadership ability and group performance were outstanding throughout the program, village officials said. Citizen participation in community programs, especially of the high caliber shown by McAllister and his group, is sincerely appreciated by the village.

President Sheila Schultz will present certificates of appreciation to the participants in the fire hydrant painting program at the Aug. 3 Village Board meeting.

Water rules in effect

The Village of Wheeling's water restrictions went into effect July 1. Lawn sprinkling and other non-essential uses of water are prohibited between 2 and 8 p.m. During other hours water is allowed on the odd calendar days for residents with odd numbered addresses, and on even calendar days for residents with even numbered addresses.

Prohibited water uses include, but are not limited to, watering lawns and shrubbery, washing cars or mobile homes, and filling

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swimming pools. These water restrictions are a conservation effort to prevent future water shortages.

Muno ends internship

John Muno, 274 S. Wheeling Avenue, Wheeling, served an internship in the Village of Wheeling's Finance and Administrative Services Department from June 3 to July 17. He worked primarily as a researcher and reported on a number of proposals and programs. He worked with village department heads and staff and, also, with surrounding municipalities in researching his proposals. Among the reports he completed were:

- Fire Department Training/Drill Tower. This report outlined the costs, benefits, and site considerations of constructing a drill tower for fire department use.

- Outdoor Gaslight Ban. This report detailed the upcoming ban on outdoor gaslights, especially as it relates to areas where other light sources are not available.

- Paint Spray Booth Benefits. This report estimated the savings to the village by installation of an in-house paint spray booth for vehicles and equipment.

He worked in an unpaid position. He had the ability to conduct the research and report with a minimum of direction, village officials said.

He has now finished the requirements for a master's degree in public administration.

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Hein outspent Schultz by \$3,000 in village election

by Elida Witthoett

Herald staff writer

Former Wheeling president William Hein outspent Sheila Schultz by over \$3,000 in his unsuccessful bid for re-election last April.

Campaign contribution reports filed by Hein's Pro Wheeling Party show that Hein collected \$4,937 for his campaign. Schultz, a former village trustee who was elected president in the April election, spent only \$1,574.

Hein collected \$4,937 for his Pro Wheeling Party campaign. There were four itemized contributions to the campaign amounting to \$4,500 and \$437 in unitemized contributions. Candidates are only required to itemize contributions larger than \$150.

The largest itemized contribution was \$3,000 from Hein. Roger Powers, Hein's campaign treasurer who launched a successful bid for re-election as village trustee, contributed \$1,000.

HEIN ALSO RECEIVED a \$250 donation from Ted Henderson, president of A.T. Henderson, a Wheeling building firm, and \$250 from James Holland, president of Wheeling Plumbing Co. Both firms are located at 345 N. Wolf Road.

Hein's report was filed July 23, almost three weeks after the July 8 filing deadline. Earlier, Hein explained the delay in filing, saying he "got busy with things." No action can be taken against a candidate for late filing unless an official complaint is filed against the candidate.

Neither Hein or Powers could be reached for comment Thursday.

Robert Gerhold, treasurer for Schultz's Wheeling Upward Party, sent letters to Cook County Clerk Stanley Kuser and state officials requesting copies of the reports, but has not decided whether he will file an official complaint.

"WE'RE STUDYING THE situation and we've got a lot of questions," said



William Hein

Gerhold. "We have a lot of questions about their report and the filing. I believe it was late in violation of state election laws and was replete with gross errors, inconsistencies and evasions, and I believe elected officials should obey the laws."

The Cook County clerk's office has no record of Hein filing a pre-election report, which was due 30 days before the election. The most recent contribution report filed for the Pro Wheeling Party covers a period from Jan. 31 to June 6, 1981.

8-1-81 HERALD

Village expected to approve loans to 2 corporations

by Elida Witthoett

Herald staff writer

Wheeling village officials Monday are expected to approve \$4.8 million in low-interest loans to two corporations that want to expand their operations in the village.

V-S Grinding, a Chicago firm, has asked the village for \$2.5 million to construct a plant in the village and Segerdahl Corporation has asked for \$2.3 million to buy new printing equipment. By issuing the industrial revenue bonds, Wheeling would allow the two companies to borrow the money at lower-than-normal interest rates.

V-S President F. Carl Schwiertert said his company plans to build and furnish a new plant on Chaddick Drive, just south of Hintz Road. If the bonds are approved, Schwiertert said, construction would start in October and company officials are hoping to open the new plant next August. He estimated the move could create between 150 and 200 new jobs. The company manufactures screw machines and other equipment.

MOST FIRMS who borrow money with the bonds use them for new buildings or expansion, but Segerdahl, 1351 S. Wheeling Road, will use the money to buy a mammoth printing press.

Segerdahl's original request was delayed by a zoning disagreement with the village. The company is located in the heart of an industrial area, but its

property was zoned for residential use when it was forcibly annexed to Wheeling in 1980. The annexation occurred after village officials discovered an error in a 1967 zoning map that included the firm in village boundaries when it was actually never annexed.

Because of the error, Segerdahl did not pay some \$25,000 in property taxes between 1972 and 1979 while it received fire and police protection. The back taxes could not be claimed, and when company officials hesitated at voluntarily annexation, the village forcibly annexed the 14-acre site. The village would not consider the bond request until the company applied for rezoning, and the rezoning was approved earlier this year.

THE VILLAGE issues the bonds to borrow the money for both projects, but the companies would be responsible for paying the money back. By using the village's name, the businesses can borrow the money at a lower interest rate, because investors who buy government-backed bonds don't have to pay federal income tax on their earnings. Bonds can save the company 2 to 3 interest points compared to conventional financing.

Wheeling began the bond program over two years ago and has borrowed money for nine companies. The program has also brought over \$50,000 in revenue back to the village in the form of fees collected from companies for issuing the bonds.

End may be in sight for Palwaukee study

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

WHEELING—Completion of the final phase in the study examining the feasibility of public acquisition of Palwaukee Airport could be "90 percent" finished by the end of the month.

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee for the airport were told that optimistic news at a meeting Thursday, July 30.

The TAC has been reviewing the possible acquisition for the past three years.

The phase three report will examine the airport's financial and environmental impact if it becomes a publicly-owned airport.

Palwaukee is currently owned by George Priester and his family and has been at its current location for 55 years. Because of different regulations ordered by the Federal Aviation Administration for public and private airports, some revisions would be required if ownership changes.

LARRY DONOGHUE, president of Ralph Burke Associates which is developing the feasibility study, said most of

UPDATE

POSSIBLE COMPLETION of a three-phase report focusing on the purchase of Palwaukee Airport by the village of Wheeling and the city of Prospect Heights is expected by the end of the year.

Airport consultants doing the study for the municipalities and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the airport, say about 90 percent of the final study phase should be completed by the end of the month. The remaining details which will have to be worked out concentrate mostly on the environmental assessment statement which involves taking readings at and near the airport. Findings must then be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronau-

tics and then the Federal Aviation Administration.

There will be a hearing on the environmental assessment later this year, probably during the first week in December.

TAC, which includes representatives from area communities, Cook County officials, the Chicago Area Transportation Study, state and federal agencies, has been meeting for the past three years. The questions of converting Palwaukee Airport to a public facility is being examined because of variations in requirements by the FAA for publicly and privately owned airports. Because of the change in ownership, should current airport owner George Priester decide to sell, some revisions in the airport's layout will be needed. There are no plans by the committee or Wheeling or Prospect Heights to expand the airport, as opponents to the sale have charged.

The environmental report could produce the most reaction from residents.

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Donoghue said the progress can remain on schedule if there is not a delay with the environmental impact study.

Airport study nears finish

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dents because it will look at noise levels around the airport.

There will probably not be little change, if any, in the atmospheric conditions because contaminant levels in the area are affected more by traffic on Palatine Road and Milwaukee Avenue than aircraft using the airport.

Developing an environmental impact will include input from not only Burke Associates, but also the FAA and the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.

TERRY SCHADELL of IDOT, says the state will be looking for the "best defined noise contours possible," in the area of the airport.

While there are an average of 752 operations a day at Palwaukee, only 60 are by jet aircraft.

Ronald Hudson of Burke Associates told the committee that it's likely that using current averages, jet noise will slowly be reduced because of new FAA requirements on jet engines.

He said there are 13 different kinds of aircraft using Palwaukee Airport ranging from a two-seat, piston engine aircraft, to larger corporate jets.

Jets are categorized by being a turbo-fan or turbo-jet. Turbo-fan engines are the newer models and are quieter, Hudson said. On the other hand, turbo-jet aircrafts tend to be much noisier and manufacturers of those engines have been ordered by the federal government to develop quieter models.

Commercial aircraft have to implement changes by 1988.

In addition to the type of aircraft flying out of Palwaukee, the environment assessment will look at airport operational hours.

As might be expected, most of the traffic, 85 percent of it, is during daytime hours when there is an average of 640 operations.

That drops off after 7 p.m. during evening hours when only 90 operations take place. In night hours, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., there are only 22 operations. Palwaukee's control tower is closed between midnight and 6 a.m. Most night operations are incoming flights, Hudson said.

The environmental assessment statement will take into account the next five-year period at the airport. To look beyond that, Hudson said, might be difficult because of changes in the aircraft industry.

The TAC is scheduled to hold its next meeting at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 26.

Students needed by commission

WHEELING — An ordinance designed to add student input to the Wheeling Youth Commission and bond approvals for industrial development were adopted at the Monday, Aug. 3 Village Board meeting.

Wheeling students can now apply directly to the city to serve on the Youth Commission without the past necessity of being appointed by their school. In addition, schools will be notified to recommend as many qualified students as they see fit. The board will then choose both student commission members and alternate members.

Development revenue bonds for the V-S Grinding Company, Inc. and the Segerdahl Corp. were unanimously approved by trustees following detailed explanations by Morton Lang, a municipal bond consultant to Wheeling, and David Epstein, the village attorney, on how bond applications are treated.

Epstein explained that the city holds a three-pronged review for each applicant. The financial, legal, and land zoning issues are studied and the city manager makes the final move of asking the Board's approval of the bond is-

sue. Epstein said that past applicants have been conservatively reviewed so that those who reach the board have high qualifications. Lang added that "we want good, going organizations we can be proud of" so they use their "best judgement before qualifying every applicant."

In other action, the resignation of Youth Commission member Michele Siria was accepted by the board. Also approved were the appointments of Jennie Spallone to a one-year term on the Youth Commission, Donald Duncan to a three-year term on the Planning Commission, and Margaret Brouwer to a one-year term on the Appearance Committee.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Boy Scout Bob McAlister, Jr. and other participants for their efforts in painting the fire hydrants of Wheeling. Other scouts receiving awards were Duane Tompkins, Bob Booth, John Thompson, Andy Stout, Scott Sennett, and Bob Basse. Four others, Sherri Dittmar, Paula McAlister, Ken Bechow, and William McAlister, also received certificates.

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Mixed response

Should Palwaukee be a public airport?

By TONY LEE
Correspondent

Should the 55-year-old Palwaukee Airport remain privately owned or should the city of Wheeling join Prospect Heights in purchasing the property thus making it public?

Wheeling officials and citizens alike are pondering this question and a Technical Advisory Committee has been at work for additional input.

Shoppers at Lynn Plaza Saturday Aug. 1, had some views on the airport situation.

"I'M IN favor of the purchase because it would bring more revenue to the community," said Al Hanick of 151 George Road. A Skil Corporation employee, Hanick said "I don't see where changing it to a municipal airport will increase traffic." He added that the "airport's safety record is one of the highest."

Karen Horcher of 500 S. Wolf Road, a few blocks from the airport, believes that "the planes already come in too low and are too noisy" and that the purchase "would make it worse." Horcher, a bookkeeper, said the change "would not bring in enough tax revenue because the expenses would be higher." She added that when she moved in only propeller planes landed but after the long runway was completed, jets began to use the airport. Horcher feared that if a plane fell short of the runway lives and property in the residential area below would be lost.

"IT WOULD be a lot of income for Wheeling from taxes raised," said Ernest Hathcoat of 1217 Union Court. He added that "it would relieve burdens on some homeowners." Hathcoat, a truck driver for Union Oil, believes "there is a lot of tax revenue in the airport" to be gained and he saw the purchase as "presenting no problems to the citizens of Wheeling."

A concern for her two daughters who live in a nearby apartment complex prompted Terri Hartwig of 210 Sarah Court to say that she "would rather they didn't buy the airport because it would mean more jets would come in." Hartwig, a secretary for Sears, said that she sympathizes with the city but that she has "seen the airport grow and change over the years" and that it should not be changed now because it would jeopardize people's safety.

Florence Sterczek of 404 Shawn



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ERNEST HATHCOAT



ROBERT KERR



TERRI HARTWIG

Court said that "we really need the airport" and added that "it relieves O'Hare of some congestion." She said that the Federal Aviation Administration can control any problems and "that maybe the DuPage Airport can take some of the load."

"Leave it alone," said Dr. Robert W. Kerr of 550 Greystone Lane. "Why have change for the sake of change," he added. He also wondered whether a change would hinder "the private people (who) need a place for their planes."

8-6-81 LIFE

Airport weathers strike

WHEELING—Even with the strike by the air traffic controllers union, operations at Wheeling's Palwaukee Airport have been "pretty normal" according to one airport spokesman.

The traffic controllers walked out nation-wide after contract negotiations broke off Monday morning, Aug. 3.

"We're not having any problem getting planes in or out," said Charlie Priester, airport operator, "our biggest

problem has been getting planes into the system."

The trouble there, Priester explained, is pilots using an instrument flight rule and have to file a flight plan, are experiencing some delays in getting their plans coordinated with the Chicago flight center.

If they do get their plan accepted, there might be some problems getting a plan accepted with another flight

center. According to Priester, New York was not accepting any plans for general aviation on Monday.

Visual flight plans were not experiencing any problems as of Monday. Visual flight plans are more seriously affected by weather and visibility.

"Our tower has been open," Priester said, "and things are progressing smoother than we anticipated."

Village board wrapup

Village chore earns scouts merit

Wheeling trustees awarded certificates of appreciation to 11 Boy Scouts for their participation in a hydrant painting program.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Bob McAlister Jr. decided to paint the fire hydrants throughout the village. With the help of 10 volunteers, McAlister gave two coats of paint to 120 hydrants in Wheeling.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the program showed "a lot of planning and leadership."

Along with McAlister, the following people received certificates: Bob Basse, Ken Berkow, Bob Booth, Sherri Dettmar, Paula McAlister, William McAlister, Scott Sennett, Andy Stout, John Thompson and Duane Tompkins.

Carpet firm to replace 'bad' carpet

Wellco Carpet Corporation received authorization from the village board to replace defective carpeting in the village hall after it was discovered the dye in the carpeting ran and discolored when it got wet.

The carpet was installed when the village hall was renovated a few years ago. Village officials reached an agreement with the company to place new, similar carpeting over the defective material. Wellco also will pay the village \$2,000 in compensation for not having to take down temporary walls when installing the new rugs.

Curb, gutter contract awarded

Wheeling trustees awarded a contract to Jonmir Cement Inc. of Melrose Park for curb and gutter replacement work at a cost not to exceed \$86,360.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Flalkowski said the village included the work on 8,300 feet of village curbs in this year's budget and planned on using money received from motor fuel tax funds. The project was estimated to cost \$115,000, but Flalkowski said the current economy of the construction industry caused the bids to be lower and more competitive.

The village actually will be getting more work done than officials originally planned because, under motor fuel tax rules, a village can authorize up to 10 percent more work than is covered by a bid. Because the bids came in so low, village trustees authorized the extra work, which still will be done for less money than originally planned.

Commission appointments OK'd

Wheeling trustees Monday approved the appointment of three residents to village commissions. Jennie Spallone was appointed to the youth commission, Donald Duncan to the plan commission and Margaret Brouwer to the appearance commission.

The appointments are made by the village president and approved by the board. They come as part of a continuing effort by the Wheeling board to fill the numerous spots on commission left vacant by resignations and expirations of terms.

Tax gains, losses add up to slightly higher bills

8-8-11 Herald

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

Although Wheeling officials are proposing a 64 percent increase over last year's property tax levy, it should mean only slightly higher property tax bills for most residents because they no longer will be taxed by the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District.

Wheeling, which has operated its own municipal department for years, will drop out of the district on Dec. 31. Therefore, Wheeling officials will add \$700,000 to this year's levy request, which accounts for the bulk of the \$1.2 million increase over last year's levy of \$1.6 million.

The increased tax levy will be offset by the fact that residents will no longer pay taxes to the fire protection district. All Wheeling residents except for about 2,000 people and a few businesses in the northeast portion of the village belong to the district, which taxes at a rate of 55 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

OF THE TOTAL amount levied by the fire protection district, which also includes portions of Prospect Heights and unincorporated Wheeling Township, about \$790,000 is returned to the Wheeling Fire Department.

And because the residents and businesses in the northeast portion of the village pay village taxes, the cost of

paying for fire protection will be spread over a broader base, thus reducing the amount most residents pay for fire protection services, said Village Finance Director Gregory Peters.

Two other items in the proposed tax levy are "a wash," Peters said. Laws regulating the sale of village bonds require that the repayment of those bonds be backed by property taxes. Therefore, the village will levy for \$256,000 for street and water improvement bonds that will later be abated. The money for those bond payments actually will come from state motor fuel tax funds and water fee revenues, Peters said.

THEREFORE, HE said, the actual

increase in this year's property tax levy is \$166,000, or 9 percent. Currently, village residents pay a tax rate of 87 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. That translates to an annual property tax bill of \$165 for residents with a home assessed at \$19,000. Village taxes comprise about 10 percent of a typical tax bill.

Peters said the tax rate is likely to remain about the same, but taxpayers will notice slightly higher tax bills because all property in Wheeling Township was reassessed this year for the first time in four years.

The tax levy is scheduled to be approved by the village board Monday night.

The week ahead

8-10-81

Property tax levy slated for approval

A \$2.8 million property tax levy, a 64 percent increase over last year, is slated to be approved tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

Despite the hefty increase, Wheeling residents are likely to see only a slight increase in their property tax bills because Wheeling will begin levying for taxes to pay for fire protection services.

That means residents will no longer pay taxes to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District, which had levied for taxes at a rate of 55 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. Wheeling will pull out of the district Dec. 31 and will levy for the \$700,000 that usually would have been collected and turned over to the village by fire district officials.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Village gives initial OK to hike in land tax levy

8-11-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

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by the same large amount as the levy because residents will no longer pay taxes to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District. Wheeling has operated its own village fire department for years, and village and fire district officials have agreed to let Wheeling leave the district Dec. 31.

Because of this change, Wheeling officials have had to add \$700,000 to this year's proposed levy, which Peters says is the "biggest reason" for the

\$1.1 million increase over last year's levy of \$1.7 million.

"ACTUALLY, THIS WILL get rid of a problem," said Peters. "This will mean an overall equitable tax rate for the entire village, and that's important."

In the past, all the residents of the village with the exception of about 2,000 people and a few businesses in the northeast part of Wheeling, have paid taxes to the fire protection dis-

trict. The district taxes at a rate of 55 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, and of the money collected across the district about \$790,000 is given back to the Wheeling Fire Department.

Instead of paying taxes to the fire protection district, residents will pay for the services directly to the village. Because the people in the northeast section of the village also pay property taxes, the tax will be spread across all village residents, lowering and equaliz-

ing the amount residents pay for fire protection.

Peters estimated the actual increase in the levy to be closer to 8 percent. The current village tax rate is 87 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. That means a resident pays an annual property tax bill of \$165 on a home valued at \$19,000.

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8-13-81 Life

It's not that bad New tax levy to show hike

WHEELING — A property tax levy increase of 69 percent was given preliminary approval Monday, Aug. 10, at a specially-called Wheeling Village Board meeting.

The increase is misleading, village officials say, because residents will now pay the village directly for fire protection rather than the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District.

The breaking of contractual obligations with the rural fire district has allowed the Wheeling Fire Department to receive the taxes for the protection that it already provides.

Village Finance Director Greg Peters said the change is strictly technical and actual fire protection will not be affected. He predicts an actual tax

levy increase of around 8 percent which Peters claims is low "considering the high rate of inflation."

Peters said the new tax levy will solve a problem as residents in the northeast section of the village (Old Town) did not pay taxes to the fire protection district, so the levy will force "a more equitable tax rate for the entire village."

This year's levy will increase to \$2.8 million from last year's levy of \$1.7 million. This will accommodate the \$700,000 expenditure for fire services. The change will take effect Dec. 31.

The Board will hold a public hearing on the levy Monday, Aug. 31, to comply with a recently enacted state statute, the Truth-in-Taxation law.

Zoning change eyed for park

RESIDENTS OF Cedar Run and Lexington Commons could be a step closer to getting a park near their respective subdivisions.

The Wheeling Village Board is expected to discuss rezoning of a site, which borders both Lexington Commons and Cedar Run, at its Aug. 24 meeting.

Don Kirchenberg, a resident of Cedar Run who is spearheading the drive for a park, says the need for a park is becoming more evident, especially since Childerley Park, a passive facility, was opened.

"Ever since they opened that park, children have been crossing McHenry Road to go there," he says. That's a dangerous situation, he adds. "If we had a fully-equipped park on the east side of the road, they wouldn't have to cross."

THE SITE Kirchenberg is eyeing for a possible park is the location of Buffalo Grove Disposal. That company is currently locked in a court battle with Lexington Development Company, regarding vacation of that site, the

8-13-81 Life

This scout hoping to 'plug' his eagle

By TONY LEE
Correspondent

COLLECTING BASEBALL cards, building models and watching "The Dukes of Hazard" on television are summer hobbies most 15-year-old boys can identify with, including Bob McAlister, Jr. of 349 Thelma Court, Wheeling.

But this summer he tackled a project most teen-agers would never consider — painting fire hydrants.

As a Boy Scout project aimed at his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout, McAlister approached the village and asked what he could do to help out. They immediately put him to work.

"THEY GAVE me two choices," McAlister said, "making new 'Welcome to Wheeling' signs or painting fire hydrants." The old lime green color of the hydrants displeased him and fellow scout Andy Stout so they accepted the job of painting them red.

A sophomore at Wheeling High School, McAlister began his project May 16, and continued painting at least three days a week until June 27. At completion, more than 120 hydrants received two coats of fresh paint. At the Aug. 3 Village Board meeting, Wheeling Village President Sheila Shultz presented Bob and his aides certificates of appreciation "for a job well done."

WE NOTICED that citizens were curious about what we were doing," McAlister said, "and they did like the color red better than the lime green." The city painted the hydrant caps silver after the red paint had dried.

Painting help came from seven other scouts, his little sister Paula, and the adult leaders of Troop 112 including his father Robert, the troop's scoutmaster. "I'm glad it's over because I was getting tired of painting fire hydrants,"

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BOB MCCALISTER, JR. shows off his painting ability on this fire hydrant. McAlister and some friends spent a good part of the summer painting fire hydrants for the village. (Photo by Jerrold Turner)

Scout finds way to 'plug' his eagle

(Continued from page 1)

said the elder McAlister, and added that "as long as Bob can get out there and give his time I felt I should help."

Working with the village gave him a new perspective. "You think the city is just sitting around and not doing stuff, but they do get out there and do their hardest." He added that now he "notices the fire hydrants in every town he goes through to see if they're as nice." His mother Sandy expressed pride in the project and added that "the hydrants the boys painted look a lot better than the ones the village did."

McAlister's community awareness also reaches to people in need. "I began helping mentally handicapped adults for my handicapped awareness merit badge," he said. "I liked it so much that I volunteered to work 15 hours a week for the rest of the summer."

After high school, Bob plans to attend college and has aspirations of being an artist someday.

Code plans discussed by board

8-13-81 McAlister

WHEELING — The Wheeling Village Board, Monday, Aug. 10, discussed code changes regarding Title 19 which regulates construction and existing properties and is administered by the Wheeling Planning Commission.

Village Planner Dick Greenwood pointed out the major changes in the code which include mandatory site plan approval for all new commercial development and expansion and the specification of what types of offices can be located in an industrial area.

The revised code will not allow medical or dental offices in industrial areas. It will also force each business to have a 10-foot buffer strip between the parking area and the front lot line.

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Scout paints town red to earn his Eagle

8-13-81
Reminder

By RICK SORCI

Three years ago Bobby McAlister joined the Boy Scouts as a tenderfoot. Advancing through the ranks and 21 merit awards later, he is on the verge of receiving the most prestigious award a scout can earn — the Eagle.

Having recently completing his final project to qualify for the award, McAlister, 15, is awaiting word from Boy Scout corporate headquarters in Texas for final confirmation.

"Everything I did towards the Eagle Scout award has been sent to them," McAlister said. "I have to wait for them to let me know."

To earn this award, a scout has to show leadership while doing something for the community in which he lives. McAlister went to Wheeling Village Operations Director Robert Gray for suggestions on a project he could do.

"He told me I could either build some new 'Welcome to Wheeling' signs, or I could paint some fire hydrants in my area," McAlister said.

Choosing the latter, McAlister then put his leadership skills to work, enlisting the aid of 20 other scouts and friends to tackle the project.

The area picked out by McAlister stretched from Schoenbeck Road on the west to Jenkins Road on the east and from Dundee Road on the north to Anthony Street on the south.

Using red and silver paint donated to them, the McAlister contingent began work on May 16 and completed the job on May 27.

"We worked on Saturdays only," McAlister said. "I would travel around on my bike to the different hydrants we were working on and check to make sure everything was going smoothly."

After all the paint had dried, there was 42 fire hydrants in the area sporting a new and fresher look.

For its effort, the group received an official award of appreciation from Village President Sheila Schultz and the Wheeling Board of Trustees.

"She called us up the front of the board meeting room and thanked us for the job we did," McAlister said.

McAlister, who is presently helping the handicapped as a volunteer at Lamb's Farm in Libertyville, has earned the praise and respect of his scoutmaster, who also happens to be his father.

"Bobby really surprised me," William McAlister said. "He said he was going to go for the Eagle Scout award. I didn't think that he would. I figured along the way he would give up or his interests might change. But he surprised the daylight out of me by doing it."

The younger McAlister gets up Tuesday through Friday at 4:45 a.m. to get a ride from his father to Lamb's Farm, where he works in the pet shop, cleaning cages and helping out.

"I like helping out people," the prospective Eagle Scout said. "Working there helps me improve my social life."

Besides belonging to Boy Scout Troup 112 and helping the handicapped, McAlister is a sophomore at Wheeling High School.

Enrolling in all the art classes he can take, he hopes to some day become a cartoonist.

"I've always wanted to be a cartoonist because I like to doodle," he said.

However, if he doesn't make it in that field, he's optimistic about his future.

"If I don't become a cartoonist," he said, "I can always lean back on my experience in the pet shop."



Bobby McAlister

Tax levy hike reflects fire district takeover

8-13-81
Reminder

Wheeling residents are not to be alarmed by the proposed 69 per cent rise in the village levy for 1981.

The increase, from nearly \$1.7 million last year to nearly \$2.85 million, is mostly due to the village taking over the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District's taxing responsibility within the village.

Although it appears to be a hefty increase, residents can expect the total levy of last year to rise approximately 8 per cent.

Board members at Monday's special village board meeting voted in favor of the proposed figures presented by Village Finance Director Gregory Peters. They also passed an official resolution calling for a public hearing and a vote on the tax

levy ordinance scheduled for Aug. 31.

Until the final equalized assessed evaluation is determined for the village, the new village tax rate cannot be determined. Peters estimates the rate will jump from 0.8674 (or 87 cents per \$100 of assessed value) to approximately 0.8856 (or 89 cents per \$100 assessed valuation).

Peters said the large increase in the levy is due to the fact the village will end its agreement with the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District Dec. 31.

"Instead of the citizens paying a separate levy to the fire district, they will pay the money to us," Peters said. "It's a wash. The portion normally going to the fire district will be abated by them and paid to the village."

This added responsibility, Peters said, is the biggest reason for the \$1.15 million increase from last year.

"We'll be handling our own fire protection instead of contracting out to the fire district as we have in the past," he said.

The special meeting was requested by Acting Village Manager Robert Fialkowski to consider a resolution to comply with the recently enacted Truth-in-Taxation law.

The new law mandates any taxing districts anticipating more than a five per cent increase in its levy to advertise the fact in a newspaper and to hold a public hearing.

Pal-Waukee question won't be on ballot

8-13-81
Reminder

The question of public ownership of Pal-Waukee Airport will not go before voters in November, according to Village President Sheila Schultz.

"It's just too soon. We won't be ready," said Schultz, referring to a consultant's study examining the feasibility of public ownership of the airport. Officials from Wheeling and Prospect Heights hired the consultant to conduct the \$120,000 three-phase study. Drafts of the final phase are expected to be completed this fall and public hearings on the report have been tentatively scheduled for early December.

But this doesn't mean that the question of public ownership won't be posed to the voters, Schultz said. Wheeling of-

ficials have been asked to hold a referendum on the issue by the Citizens Airport Activity Group, a group of local residents opposed to jet noise and the public ownership of Pal-Waukee. Schultz also supports putting the question to a public vote, and village officials have not made any decisions on a referendum.

Under new election laws, villages are allowed to ask one "free" question on the November ballot. Wheeling officials say they have not discussed posing any question to voters.

The law also provides that November is the last chance before November 1983 that village officials can raise taxes through a referendum.

Village studying whether to hire full-time lawyer

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by Elida Wittthoeft

Herald staff writer

The possibility of hiring a full-time lawyer to handle the village's legal matters is being studied by Wheeling officials.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said village officials have been considering the move away from part-time legal services for some time. "The trustees talked about it during budget time and we've seen other communities going with it and having some success," said Markus, who expects the study to be complete by early September.

Markus said he is not sure whether hiring a full-time attorney will save the village money, but he said there are indications it "could increase the services" available to village officials.

Currently the village retains the Chicago firm of Jann, Carroll, Sain & Dolan and pays them \$43,000 a year for legal services. That fee covers duties including attendance at village board and commission meetings, filing and defending the village in lawsuits and prosecuting village cases, and writing ordinances and legal opinions.

THE FIRM, which was hired in 1977, receives extra money for "ex-

traordinary litigation" and work on village bond issues.

Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters estimated the village spent close to \$80,000 last year on legal services, but said the cost "depends on the activities" the village is involved in.

Peters said last year's expenses included the hiring of outside law firms to handle the legal work on several cases, including the firing of former Wheeling police officer Thomas Conte and an investigation of the police department's handling of an automobile accident involving the nephew of James Stavros, kingpin of Wheeling's

zoning scandal. The village this year budgeted \$55,000 for legal expenses.

While the village staff is preparing the study, the village board is expected Monday night to extend the retainer agreement with the current firm through the end of September. The firm has continued to represent the village even though their contract expired April 30, the end of Wheeling's fiscal year. Markus said the extension will "backtrack" the agreement and give village officials enough time to finish their study.

If the board decides to hire a full-time attorney, Markus said it would be his job to select and hire someone for the job.

Whipple Tree garage bill to be discussed

8-17-81 Herald

A revised ordinance that will allow residents of the Whipple Tree Village Mobile Home Park to construct fully enclosed garages will be considered tonight by Wheeling trustees.

Owner Ernest Stavros and village officials compromised on an agreement that would allow the construction of the garages.

Under the ordinance, residents will be allowed to construct fully-enclosed garages after meeting fire safety codes. The law also requires the mobile homeowner to add a second exit if the garage blocks an existing door.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

WHEELING TRUSTEES WILL meet tonight to consider final site plans for a proposed parking lot addition to the Wheeling Post Office.

The plans will eliminate the 12 spots currently located in front of the building at 250 W. Dundee Road, but add 25 spots on the west side of the building. The elimination of the front parking is expected to ease traffic jams on Dundee Road caused by drivers lining up on the street, waiting for parking spots. Architects are also proposing that the driveway on the east side of the facility be used only for exits.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

WHEELING TRUSTEES tonight are expected to adopt a revised personnel manual for village employees.

The manual was prepared by Bheula Peterson, the village's personnel officer. The revised manual includes increasing a new employee's probationary period from three to six months, modifying the village's disability leave policy and changing health insurance coverage for retired village employees.

The board already has discussed the manual in workshop meetings, and Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending the board adopt it.

The village board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING VILLAGE board will meet tonight to consider granting a special-use permit to the village for construction of a well house near the water tower on the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street.

The well house will help improve water distribution to surrounding homes. The special-use permit is necessary because the well house is a public facility.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

WHEELING TRUSTEES tonight will consider amending the village zoning laws to create a special use to allow package liquor stores in commercial areas of the village.

Currently only two package liquor stores are located within the village, but each operates in connection with a tavern or grocery store. The village liquor commission had sought a way to better control package liquor stores in the village. By issuing both a special use and a liquor license, village authorities will control both the sale of alcohol and other factors like hours of operation, parking, and distance from schools and churches.

The village plan commission and the staff are recommending the board adopt the plan. The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT officials will interview candidates as their search continues for a historical consultant to work on restoration of a log cabin at Childerley Park.

Park Superintendent David Phillips sent questionnaires to about 20 consulting firms. As the forms came back to the district, each consultant was rated on a number scale.

The entire board will meet in workshop session Thursday to conduct the interviews at 7 p.m. at Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

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Senior complex land to be bought

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials are preparing to purchase a 3.6-acre parcel of land near Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street for the construction of the village's proposed senior center.

The land will include space for the center and for an access road that leads from Milwaukee Avenue and loops up to First Street. Village officials refuse to say how much they will pay for the land until the deal is final, but Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said \$320,000 has been budgeted for the land acquisition.

The senior center will be located directly south of the Holy Family emergency clinic and west of Cook County's proposed senior citizen housing complex at the southwest corner of Milwaukee and Strong Street. The land belongs to three separate owners, including the Cook County Housing Authority and developers Thomas Popke

and Lambert Domas, who originally planned to build 114 condominiums on the 11 acres they own at the site.

THE VILLAGE delayed action on that development after a consultant's report indicated the land would be an ideal location for the senior center. Village Planner Richard Greenwood said there has been "nothing new" on their proposal and he didn't know whether they were still planning to develop the land.

Neither Popke nor Domas could be reached for comment.

Greenwood said the land would be bought with two \$160,000 federal block grants administered through Cook County. One grant was originally intended for the emergency clinic's land and one for the senior center, but Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines bought the land for the clinic. Village Manager Thomas Markus said those funds will now be transferred and used to



buy land for the senior center, which "has greatly accelerated in cost" since the village first developed plans for the area.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS to the site, including the construction of a storm water retention lake and the access road, are estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000. Green-

wood said payment of those costs would be split among the housing authority, federal grants and revenue from commercial development if village officials decide to allow that in the site.

The \$4.5 million medical clinic is under construction and is expected to open in November. Greenwood said Cook County officials are hoping to start construction this fall on the 100-unit senior citizens housing and finish the complex in 12 to 18 months. Construction on the land improvements and the senior center will probably start in the fall of 1982 and take two years to complete.

The village board was scheduled to vote on the land acquisition deal and a block grant agreement at Monday's board meeting, but a legal question caused the board to postpone action on the matter until a special meeting on Aug. 24.

Owners protest as mobile home law OK'd

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

After several years of talks between the village and mobile homeowners, final approval has been given to Wheeling's proposed mobile home ordinance, but not before some of those homeowners again registered their dissatisfaction with the law.

About 20 residents of the Whipple Tree Village mobile home park attended this week's village board meeting to protest a law they say is prejudiced against them.

Under the ordinance, residents will be allowed to construct fully enclosed garages after meeting fire safety codes. The law also requires the mobile home owner to add a second exit door if the garage blocks an existing door.

THE ORDINANCE requires the construction of a firewall and the installation of curbing along wall between the home and the garage. Owners of existing non-conforming garages will be given three years to install the extra features or remove the garage door to create a carport.

The new law also bans any future development of mobile home parks in the village.

Whipple Tree residents have protested that the fire code changes are ex-

cessive and expensive and surpass the requirements for other single family housing in the village. Gene Kavanagh, president of the homeowners' association, said she could better understand the provisions of the ordinance if the park had any history of fire trouble.

"If we had requests for safety or a history of fires I could accept it," said Kavanagh. "The section that is particularly humiliating and contradictory is that which prohibits future parks. By passing this you're effectively only restricting the residents of Whipple Tree."

"IT'S AN INDICATION of your contempt by using your power to pass this ordinance," she said, predicting the ordinance would cause a "mass exodus of the good people" from the park.

Kavanagh said there has been "nothing that warrants" the strict standards of the ordinance and said she has been in contact with "people in Springfield" who have told her the park "is in the middle of a political toss-up that I can't explain."

Kavanagh said she will meet with park residents to further discuss the ordinance and to see if "we can get some help."

But Village President Sheila Schultz and several trustees took issue with Kavanagh's remarks, pointing out that the village does not have to create an

ordinance that would allow enclosed garages at all.

"This has been under discussion for a long, long time," said Schultz. "It would have been simple to leave the ordinance the way it was, that would have been the easy thing to do, but we like to consider all our residents of equal importance."

SCHULTZ ALSO SAID she thought this and the previous board took time to "show regard" for park residents

and considered them part of the community. "I take exception to anyone who makes remarks that are divisive. I expect this to be the final word and I don't think it will be nearly as difficult as they think," she said. "Anyone who finds this a financial hardship, the relief is simple. They can remove the door."

Village Attorney Gary Weintraub said the mobile home ordinance was based on "those standards that pertain to the traditionally built home."

Area taxes take unexpected leap

by Susan Duerksen and Al Cabbage

Herald staff writers

Taxable property values in Cook County will go up even more than previously expected on the tax bills to be sent out early next month, the Illinois Department of Revenue said Wednesday.

Despite protests from the Northwest suburban townships that are being hit hardest by the increase, the state set the 1981 "multiplier" for Cook County at 1.7432, an increase of 8.85 percent over last year.

The multiplier is a formula used by the state to bring the county's property assessments up to the same level as all other counties — one-third of market value. It means that all assessed values set by Cook County will be increased 74.32 percent for taxing purposes.

The increased assessments give local governments the opportunity to increase tax bills and may bring a windfall to some school districts that had anticipated a lower tax base to draw from.

TAXPAYERS IN PALATINE and Wheeling townships will be especially hard hit, local officials said, because they are among the 10 Northwest townships that were reassessed this year, as each township is once every four years. With the multiplier and reassessment, property values will go up an average of 44.5 percent in Palatine Township and 38.9 percent in Wheeling Township.

Officials from the two townships had protested bitterly when a preliminary multiplier of 1.7296 was released last month, and Wheeling Township Assessor Dolores Stephan said Wednesday she was "shocked" that it has been set even higher.

"It is unfair to the taxpayers in the Northwest quadrant," she said. "We are carrying the burden for the rest of the county. They may think we're the affluent Northwest suburbs and we can afford to pay it."

Stephan said she has estimated that the tax bill on her \$80,000 house will go up by \$300 this year.

"I think we will see increases in our tax bills across the line," she said. "The schools will get what some would call a windfall...and home rule communities with no cap on their levy will benefit greatly."

PALATINE TOWNSHIP Assessor Bernard Pedersen said common sense would indicate that the multiplier should be staying constant as real estate values level off. He said property values in the Northwest quadrant shouldn't be raised above the reassessment increase, which should have made them current.

"One reason the equalizer went up is because the other three quads aren't up to date like we are," he said.

Cook County Assessor Thomas Hynes called the multiplier "outrageous and blatantly unfair" and said, "It appears that Gov. Thompson, with all his talk of tax relief, is taking the burden of taxation — school aid — off himself and placing it on the shoulders of Cook County taxpayers."

Robert G. Weber, business manager for High School Dist. 214, explained that school districts get less state aid when they get more local tax money, and estimated that the higher multiplier would cut more than \$1 million from the state aid to Dist. 214 next year.

Some school districts will benefit from the increased assessments because, although their legal property tax rate per \$100 assessed value doesn't change, that rate will be ap-

plied to higher values and produce a larger total.

HOWEVER, WEBER and some other school officials said their districts won't get more taxes than expected this year because they limited the total number of dollars they can receive in taxes when they filed a tax levy, instead of inflating the levy to allow for growth.

"It gives us a little more leeway as far as potential taxation is concerned," Weber said.

Arthur Perry, deputy superintendent of Elk Grove Township Dist. 59, said the new multiplier is "far higher than what we anticipated" and will allow the district to collect all \$17.7 million in its levy, or even more if it had levied more. Perry said he hadn't expected the tax revenue to be that high, but "I think it's close. It's about what is needed to support the budget."

But LaVern Kron, of the Civic Federation, a taxpayer watchdog group, said the higher multiplier means that residents of the Northwest townships "will have astronomical tax bills and you will really hear the screams."

For example, the owner of a \$75,000 house, assessed at \$12,000 by the county assessor, will find that assessment increased to \$30,918 after the multiplier is applied. Although the first \$3,000 of the increase in assessed valuation since 1977 is exempt from taxation, it would still represent nearly a \$6,000 increase from the assessment assigned by the county.

Helen Adorjan, spokesman for the department of revenue, said the multiplier was increased from the tentative level because the Cook County Board of Tax Appeals reduced assessments on some property, requiring a greater jump to bring the median level up to that in other counties.

Wheeling Township's new tax levies cut by 17%

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Township officials have adopted a 1981 property tax levy of \$749,450, down almost 17 percent from last year's request.

The total township tax money request consists of three separate levies. The biggest cut came in the town fund levy, which covers the cost of township operations. That 1981 levy is \$269,000, down 25 percent from last year's levy of \$360,000.

The township's general assistance levy is also down about 5 percent, to \$162,300.

The third levy, which covers the township road and bridge fund is about \$318,000, down about 14 percent from last year's request of \$370,000. That amount is still higher than township of-

ficials had hoped, but Delbert Joost, highway department deputy superintendent, said budget figures were used until officials can determine how much trimming they will do in the department.

Officials were able to cut the levies because of large budget cuts they made after taking office this spring. The major savings came in the area of administrative costs and salaries, with the various township officials taking pay cuts ranging from 25 to 85 percent.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Phil Rogers also said the levy cuts were warranted because of "huge surpluses" in the town and general assistance funds accumulated by the previous board.

"At this point, it is foolish to talk in actual dollars," said Joost. "We are

cutting the budget considerably, and when we know the figures we will come back with those," he said. Township officials have until December to abate, or reduce their tax requests.

Deputy Assessor Dolores Stephan said the lower levies would "definitely lower" the township's tax rates, but said tax bills may not decrease because of an increase in the assessed valuation of property in the township.

"When you increase the assessed valuation, the tax rate lowers because it is being spread over more value, but the total tax bill may not equate itself," said Stephan. "We constantly see decreases in the tax rate but don't see a decrease in the actual tax collected."

The current township tax rates per \$100 of assessed valuation are: 5.9 cents for the town fund, 2.5 cents for general assistance and 8.2 for road and

bridge. Stephan said the new tax rates will not be known until the township receives word on the state equalizer.

But a decrease in the road and bridge tax rate will mean that the villages in Wheeling Township will receive less money from the township. Under state law the township must give half of the money they collect from road taxes back to the municipalities in the township.

THE TOTAL TOWNSHIP road and bridge levy will be \$611,625. The township is planning to use \$318,000 to finance its own highway department and give the balance of the money back to municipalities located within the township.

Stephan said the lower levy will "definitely" cause the amount of money repaid to the villages to drop.

Wheeling Village Finance Director

Gregory Peters said the village received about \$62,000 from the township last year and said a cutback in funding this year won't affect the village too much because the balance in the village road and bridge fund "has improved."

Peters said if the amount is cut in half, the effect on the village won't be serious, but a total cutback would be of some concern. "Our alternative is to go higher on our taxes, and if they don't abate, we will," said Peters. "Next year, if this continues, we'll have to look at our fund."

Assistant Mount Prospect Village Manager Edward Geick said he couldn't comment on a possible cutback because he didn't have the figures, but said Mount Prospect officials will "be concerned about it" and will monitor the situation.

BUFFALO GROVE Village Manager William Balling said the village received \$27,000 from the township last year. "It's not a huge number, but we have no way of forecasting its effect," he said, until the village starts budgeting for next year.

Arlington Heights Assistant Village Manager Frank Charleton said he thought the amount of money was small, but could not comment on the situation because he was unfamiliar with it.

Rogers said the decreased tax request will not jeopardize the township's cash position, partly because of large surpluses in township coffers. Rogers also said he hopes the lowered levy would encourage other taxing districts to re-examine their finances.

REMINDER AUG 20, 1981 Stricter RV law eyed in Wheeling

By SHERRY BOEMMEL
The Wheeling recreational vehicle ordinance became stricter Monday, but the whole ordinance will be reconsidered soon at the request of a village trustee.

The board decided to prohibit parking of recreational vehicles in driveways for more than 24 continuous hours in a week unless police permission is granted.

Several trustees thought the prohibition was too strict, but all but Trustee Charles Kerr voted for it after the permit provision was added for flexibility. Village Manager Thomas Markus had assured the board enforcement would be based on complaints.

Other provisions of the ordinance which
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Wheeling's youth: Something special to her ^{8-20-81 HLL}

By TONY LEE
Correspondent

MICHELE SIRIA grew up in the age of flower children with a feeling for peace, love, and understanding. She admits to being an idealist but her dreams concern a very special subject — the children of Wheeling.

Six years ago, shortly after she and her husband Scott moved to Wheeling, they received a newsletter from the village requesting concerned citizens "to help the youngsters of Wheeling" by joining the Youth Commission. Because she, "always liked kids," Siria joined the commission and remained a strong guiding force in the community until her resignation last month.

"I want to speak out just as a concerned citizen now," says Siria, "now I won't have to hold a vote on everything I believe in."

Siria is outspoken on her commitment to help Wheeling improve the conditions that its youth must face. "When I saw 400 kids hanging around

outside of a 7-Eleven on a Saturday night, I realized the situation wasn't good," she says. Siria, whose daughter Heather will be 4 years old in October, is determined to "have more for her than there is now."

"IT'S GOING to take more than the Wheeling Village Board to make the situation change," says Siria, "it's going to take the citizens to do something and I really don't think they care." She added that she "truly believes there is no place for kids who do not drive to go in the village."

Siria spent her first few years on the commission predominantly in search of that spot where "kids too young to drive can hang out." Excessive costs prohibited the building of a youth center where movies could be shown and outdoor games provided and where young teen-agers can drop by for an evening rather than "spending their time wandering around town or attending unsupervised parties."

Because funds for a youth center

never materialized, Siria and her fellow workers began concentrating on other problems facing the youth.

"We started a work program for underaged kids who couldn't work at a Burger King or McDonald's," she said.

Jobs like mowing yards, babysitting, and window-washing were sought and the commission received a constant overflow of requests which required someone "to watch it full-time." Local businesses also aided by allowing some of the kids, especially those in the 13- to 15-year-old range, to work as non-paid interns.

Out of a need to help those kids charged with their first offense, Siria instituted a youth jury where "the accused can be judged by his peers."

Siria is sad to leave her position but optimistic about her future. "I need to take a new direction," she says, "because doing everything through the commission got me a little too red-taped."



MICHELLE SIRIA, FROM left, Heather and Jeff Siria.

Village Board gives nod for Village Hall repairs

HEAVY SNOWFALL and possible construction to minimum standards have been cited as two of the main reasons a new roof will be installed on some of the older sections of the Wheeling Village Hall.

The Village Board, at its meeting Monday, Aug. 17, authorized a \$194,120 bid for the work to be done.

Repairs to the roof are expected to start soon and be completed in late October.

Also approved by the board, was a \$18,535 bid for widening of Highland Avenue. The bid, awarded to Liberty Asphalt, was not the low bid, some-

thing which bothered Trustee Charles Kerr.

Village Manager Thomas Markus pointed out, however, that the low bidder for the project, submitted by Dekaf Paving, was \$18,118.27, but did not contain the same specifications needed for the job.

The board also approved an extension of the village's law firm, Jann, Carroll, Sain and Dolan while village staff looks into the possibility and feasibility of having a full-time attorney on staff.

A report on that matter is expected sometime in September.

Board OKs RV ordinance

OWNERS OF recreational vehicles in Wheeling will have to keep a more careful eye on how long vehicles are parked and where they are parked.

The Village Board Monday, Aug. 17, adopted a refined ordinance stating how long and where RVs can be parked.

Board members debated several parts of the ordinance, but placed specific emphasis on a section which limits the time a vehicle can be parked.

The ordinance, as originally proposed, specified that a recreational vehicle could be parked "... on the driveway for a period not to exceed 24 continuous hours within one cal-

endar week for the purposes of loading and unloading the vehicle."

THE BOARD amended that portion of the ordinance so that police permission can be obtained for longer parking.

Other points in the ordinance specify where recreational vehicles can be parked, depending on length.

Some RV owners told the board they didn't see a need for the ordinance.

"We're on a fixed-income," said Mrs. Charles Pickup, "and if we park at the Lock-up (a rental storage area), we face damage to the vehicle."

She added that RVs "are not both-

ering anyone. I can see them parked at many homes. But I think people make their own trouble."

Trustee Joseph Rataczak expressed similar sentiments, saying "if it (the current ordinance) isn't hurting anyone, why do it?"

Trustee Charles Kerr said he had too many questions about the revised ordinance and asked that it be sent back to staff.

"I just don't feel real good about it," he said. Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village should keep an RV ordinance "on the books" while more work could be done to possibly refine it.

Kerr cast the lone vote against adoption of the ordinance.

Wheeling briefs

Staff inspections aid Wildwood cleanup

By SHERRY BOEMMEL

The Wheeling village staff Monday reported to the village board on the status of three different inspections of the Wildwood Apartment Complex. All the fire violations had been corrected in two apartments on Wildwood Lane by July 29.

Ten apartments in three buildings owned by two different landlords were inspected by the building division and the fire department. A hazardous electrical condition was found and corrected in one apartment and residents were "instructed on proper sanitation" and told "how to cooperate" to get rid of cockroaches.

A notice of violation will be sent to one landlord when that property is completely inspected, the report said.

A premise examination was also made at the complex by a police officer, who noted "a small amount of debris" and some high weeds. She reported "abandoned" vehicles, which could not be towed because the owners of the buildings would not sign a release. She said 60 per cent of the violations had been corrected, according to the report.

The Wheeling village board delayed authorization for the purchase of land for the senior citizen medical center until Aug. 24.

Two resolutions were scheduled for a vote until they were tabled following an executive session. The subject of the session was "land acquisition" and Village President Sheila Schultz said the session "might" concern the center.

More parking for the Wheeling Post Office will be ready sooner because the board approved a site plan for the lot next door to the post office. The approval is contingent on the agreement of the property owners to a larger right-of-way for possible Dundee Road improvements and a larger easement for drainage improvements. The owners have agreed, but the agreement is not yet formal.

Village President Sheila Schultz proclaimed a School's Open Safety Day to remind motorists children are going to school again.

The village approved a continued agreement Monday with the firm of Jann, Carroll, Sain & Dolin, Ltd., which provides the village attorney and prosecutor. The village will pay \$3,583 per month and hourly fees of \$40-80 per hour for "extraordinary litigation and duties." Rates were also set for some bond issues 3/4 to 1/2 of one per cent of the amount of issue.

Package liquor stores will now operate under special use permits after board action Monday instead of being confined to particular zoning classifications.

The old ordinance allowed them only in B-4 (service business districts), but now they are allowed in B-1 (shopping center district), B-2 (retail business district) and B-3 (general business district) as well. Individual applications, however, must be considered by the Plan Commission and the village board in special use hearings before approval.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the change will benefit such businesses as Hein's Pub, which requested a transfer of its license to Riverside Plaza after its old building was torn down. He said the old ordinance had not allowed the transfer, and he thought the plaza was not necessarily a bad place for the store.

Markus pointed out the liquor commission continued to have control over the number of liquor licenses issued by the village. The village now has three package stores, he said.

The village asked the village Monday to approve a special use for a well house and reservoir at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street. The village approved that and a set back variation of 20 feet under the requirement.

Then the village has to have its site plan and landscaping plans approved by the Plan Commission and its own official arm—the village board.

The well site is north of Lum's Restaurant. The Well No. 8 well house will share the site with two wells and an above-ground water storage facility already built in the B-3 general business district.

Three bids totalling \$282,655 were awarded Monday. George Knight Construction Company will fix the municipal building roof for \$194,120, which is \$34,120 higher than budgeted and may cost more if more steel work is necessary.

The village will pay Badger Meter, Inc. \$70,000 this year for new water meters. Over half will be spent for replacement meters for more accurate readings and \$30,000 will be spent for meters for new construction. The village plans to replace 1,000 meters this year and 2,000 next year.

Liberty Asphalt Corporation got a contract for widening the north half of Highland Avenue for not more than \$18,535. A lower bidder did not file an affidavit of availability so that company was rejected for not meeting state specifications.

New mobile home law draws ire of owners

By SHERRY BOEMMEL

When it came to mobile homes, Wheeling officials and mobile home owners couldn't see eye to eye. The officials said the new mobile home ordinance was a pioneering effort while the owners called it evidence of prejudice and discrimination against them.

The village and the homeowners were especially divided on two provisions in the ordinance, which passed Monday. The first prohibits further mobile home developments in the village.

Gene Kavanagh, president of the Whippietree Village home owners association, said this prohibition was "particularly humiliating" and an "indication of your contempt."

The second section arousing controversy set fire safety standards for mobile homes with attached garages. The homeowners and the village disagreed about the need for those standards.

Kavanagh said the homeowners should be given credit for their intelligence in protecting themselves. She said the new safety requirements were unnecessary.

"I cannot see that this ordinance is going to do any good," Kavanagh said. "All these threats about fires haven't happened."

Trustee Roger Powers agreed the regulation was unnecessary and voted against the new ordinance, but he was alone in opposing it. The staff and the rest of the board favored it.

"Let's be sure we don't have an occurrence," Trustee William Rogers said. "We want you to be in conformity with the rest of the village," Rogers told the homeowners.

After researching alternatives and

trying to find existing standards elsewhere (and finding none), the staff recommended a fire wall of gypsum board between the mobile home and the attached garage. A solid core wooden or metal door is required if used between the home and garage.

The ordinance also requires two separate exits which do not open into the garage, and bedrooms need either a door or window exit.

The ordinance gives home owners three years to comply with the provisions. Village Manager Thomas Markus assured Bernard Becker, a Whippietree homeowner, the village will help individual homeowners to comply on request. Becker, of 274 Shay Road, said about 100 homes in the development have garages.

Kavanagh and another Whippietree resident, W.B. MacKenna, warned the board the ordinance would lead to deterioration of the mobile home development.

Kavanagh said there will be an exodus of persons from the development. She said she had advised professional women interested in mobile homes not to come to Wheeling.

MacKenna said many owners were frightened and moving out of Wheeling. He said the ordinance cast a shadow of prejudice and set an ominous tone.

The village staff said mobile home developments like Willow Lakes in Elgin were waiting to see what Wheeling was going to do. Markus said Elgin had not been able to establish standards.

"It's always tougher to address the concern than ignore it," Markus said.

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Repairs to village hall roof to cost \$194,000

Wheeling officials have agreed to spend about \$194,000 to repair the municipal building roof, which leaks from damages caused by heavy snows in past years.

The village board this week voted to award the repair contract to George Knight Construction Co. of Des Plaines. The company has worked for Wheeling before, building the roof on the branch fire station at Wolf and Hintz roads.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said heavy snows during the past 12 years caused the municipal building's flat roof to settle. Extra posts have been temporarily installed in the northwest corner of the building

to add extra support to the roof's structure.

"We want to get it done before it gets cold," Fialkowski said. "It's definitely the type of thing where the roof will not be able to withstand any load." Fialkowski said the old roof will be removed and a new one will be installed. Work is scheduled to begin soon and will be finished sometime in October.

While the work is being done, Fialkowski said the administrative and community development departments and part of the police department will be moved to temporary quarters in other parts of the building, including the fire department and operations and maintenance building. Plans for the move are still being finalized.

Mobile home rules get OK

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

AFTER YEARS of discussions and meetings, Wheeling finally has a mobile home ordinance.

The ordinance, adopted by the Village Board at its meeting Monday, Aug. 17, spells out strict building codes for mobile homes, especially when it comes to garages.

Even though there is only one mobile home park in Wheeling, residents of that facility, Whipple Tree Village on McHenry Road, there has been considerable interest, and objection, to the ordinance by its residents.

Some Whipple Tree residents charged Monday night that adoption of the ordinance would cause people to move out of their mobile homes because of excessive costs to conform with the code.

Fears that the development would become a slum and that the village would lose population were aired by the residents, some of whom are politically aligned with former Village Board President William H. Hein.

ONE OF the most vocal persons against the ordinance was Gene Kavanagh, president of the Whipple Tree Homeowner's Association.

"I can't understand why there is a

need for it (the ordinance). We have not had any fires or other problems," she said.

Kavanagh, a Hein appointee to the Municipal Relations Commission, recently stepped down from that post, citing differences with recently-elected Village Board President Sheila Schultz.

Kavanagh challenged a statement that there has been discussion on the ordinance for four to six years saying it has only been "two months. I don't consider this a safety ordinance, but a restriction. I don't want to live in an eight-story fire trap."

Her reference to an eight-story fire trap was to proposed senior housing to be built in the village. Schultz coolly responded to charges by Kavanagh stating that the mobile home ordinance has "been under discussion a long, long time. We could have taken the easy way out and gone with no enclosed garages, but we didn't."

ANOTHER resident, Bernard Becker, said he was concerned about two specific points. He said a clause in the ordinance providing for inspection by any authorized village personnel appeared to leave the door open for an inspection at any time.

Village staff members, however, as-

BRIEFING

THE VILLAGE Board Monday, Aug. 17, adopted an ordinance that spells out tight regulations for garages located with mobile homes. The discussion of the ordinance had spanned two administrations, starting during the term of former Village Board President Wil-

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Firm seeks village loan-backing

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

An Arkansas firm is asking Wheeling to issue \$1.5 million in industrial revenue bonds to help finance the acquisition of a trucking facilities on Chad-dick Drive.

Arkansas Best Corporation, based in Fort Smith, is asking for the loan to buy the Maislin Gateway Transport truck terminals located at 1075 Chad-dick Drive. An employee of the company who asked not to be identified said that company is planning to move to terminals in Des Plaines.

A spokesman for ABC said the firm will use the facilities to establish an Arkansas Best Freight distribution site and will ship light manufacturing materials and food stuffs to companies within a 35-mile radius of Wheeling.

THE COMPANY initially will employ 40 people, including office and supervisory personnel, dispatchers, salesmen and truck drivers. The company hopes to hire an additional 20 people within 2 or 3 years.

The spokesman said the average age of ABC's trucks is 1½ years and predicted traffic in the area would not "increase perceptibly" since the site already houses a trucking operation. The company already has trucking facili-

ties in Hodgkins, Illinois, and chose Wheeling because of its "good location," he said.

The spokesman said the company hopes to move into the new facilities by mid-September, adding that the move depends on how quickly Wheeling moves on the request. If the bond request is rejected, the company will re-analyze the purchase because of the

high interest rates on commercial loans.

By asking the village to issue the bonds, the company will be able to borrow the money at lower-than-normal interest rates. The village issues the bonds to borrow the money, but the company will be responsible for paying back the loan.

Village board wrapup

Officials adopt personnel manual

Wheeling officials have adopted a new personnel manual for village employees.

The village's personnel officer Bheula Iverson prepared the revised manual. Changes include increasing a new employee's probation period from three to six months and modifications in the village's disability leave policy and a change in health insurance coverage for retired village employees.

Well work permitted

Wheeling trustees have approved a special-use permit to the village for construction of a well house near the water tower on the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street. The board also approved a variation that would allow the village to reduce the front yard from the required 25 feet to five feet.

The well house will help improve water distribution to the surrounding homes and businesses. The special-use permit was necessary because the well house is a public facility.

The site is about .23 acres of land and is already occupied by a water tower and two wells. The village also must have the site plan for the well house approved by the plan commission, since the structure will be built in the special downtown redevelopment district.

Bigger park lot OK

Wheeling trustees have approved site plans for the proposed extension of the parking lot at the Wheeling Post Office, 250 W. Dundee. That approval clears the way for postal officials to obtain a construction permit and begin work on the site, which they estimate will take between four and five months to complete.

The plan for the lot will eliminate the 12 spots currently located in front of the building, but add 25 spots on the west side of the building. Officials say that by eliminating the front parking, they will ease traffic jams on Dundee Road caused by drivers lining up on the street, waiting for parking spots. Architects for the post office are also proposing that the driveway on the east side of the facility be used only for exits, to improve the traffic flow.

Liquor law changed

Wheeling trustees amended the village zoning laws to create a special use to allow package liquor stores in commercial areas of the village.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the amendments "would give us an extra degree of control on package stores" in the village.

The changes in the law came at the request of the village liquor commission which sought a way to control the stores. By issuing a special use permit and a liquor license, authorities could control factors such as hours of operation and parking at an establishment. In addition, state law controls the distances between a liquor store and a church or school.

There are two package stores in Wheeling, but each operates in connection with a tavern or grocery store. Markus said the existing stores would be legal, but non-conforming under the law, and the owners of the store would have to apply for a variation from the code.

Law firm retained

The Chicago law firm of Jann, Carroll, Sain & Dolan has been retained until the end of September as Wheeling's legal counsel, while village officials study hiring a full-time village attorney.

The firm was hired in 1977 and receives a yearly \$43,000 retainer fee with extra pay for work on bond issues and "extraordinary litigation." Village Finance Director Gregory Peters estimated the village spent \$80,000 on legal fees last year, but attributed the costs to extra firms hired to handle several special cases and investigations.

The study on hiring a full-time attorney is expected to be completed next month.

Road contract given

Wheeling officials have awarded an \$18,535 contract to Liberty Asphalt of Grayslake, Illinois to complete the widening and paving of the north half of Highland Avenue, east of Wille Avenue.

Revenue from motor fuel taxes will be used to pay for the project. The street work was included in this year's budget.

Work on inn OK

Wheeling trustees have given permission to the owner of the Old Munich Inn, 582 N. Milwaukee Ave., to do work on the outside of his building that will change the color of the structure.

Hans Meschenbier needed permission from the village board because his business is located in the special downtown redevelopment district. Permission for the work was granted based on his recognizing three conditions, including applying for necessary variances from the village code within six months of board approval of his plan, that he keep the site clean and that he develop a plan for phasing in the improvements at the site.

Meschenbier agreed to the three conditions. Village officials are unsure how old Meschenbier's building is, but it's placement on the property makes it too close to the street for existing village codes. In addition village officials have been working with both the inn and adjoining businesses to develop a site plan for the area that will use a single driveway onto Milwaukee.

Rec vehicle ruling

Wheeling officials adopted an ordinance that would govern the use and storage of recreational vehicles in within the village.

Previously the village's mobile home ordinance covered the vehicles, but when mobile home owners took exception to being compared to the RV owners village officials agreed to create a separate ordinance.

Under the ordinance village residents would only be allowed to park a recreational vehicle such as a camper in their driveway for 24 hours without notifying the police department. The ordinance also puts size limits on vehicles that may be parked in the driveway at the front of the house.

Despite being split into a separate law, the ordinance is basically unchanged and village officials said the

law originally was drafted in response to complaints from residents about the vehicles parked in driveways. Several trustees expressed concern that the law was unreasonably strict and di-

rected the staff to work on amendments to the ordinance that would make it easier for recreational vehicle owners to park their vehicles near their homes.

Village objects to plowing request

8-22-81 Herald

In an unusual request, Lexington Commons homeowners have asked the village to take over maintenance of their streets except for snow plowing, which they say they want to contract to an independent plower.

But village officials object to the partial street takeover, saying it would set a precedent and cause too many problems.

Representatives of the homeowners' association already have met with the village staff and now will meet with the village board Monday night to discuss their proposal.

Association President Jeffery Robinson said the homeowners want to continue contracting for snow plowing services because most of the streets are cul-de-sacs, which are low on the village's plowing priority list. And retaining the plowing will save the village money and provide residents with quicker access to main streets, he said.

"WE PREVIOUSLY performed that service and we aren't concerned that it wasn't being done," Robinson said.

The residents also are asking the village to reduce the takeover fee since the village won't be taking over all the maintenance services. In 1979, the village established a \$200 per housing unit fee, payable over five years without interest, for the public takeover of private streets.

"That \$200 is an inducement to the village to take over the streets," Rob-

inson said. "That \$200 assumes a complete range of maintenance, and we're only asking for partial maintenance."

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village staff is against the plan, mainly because of the precedent it could set. "We could create a situation where you could end up with partial maintenance all over," he said.

ACCORDING TO a report by Vil-

lage Manager Thomas Markus, the staff objects to the proposal for several reasons. Because of unfamiliarity with the streets, a private plow could damage curbs and signs and bury hydrants and manhole covers, posing a hazard to village residents.

The report also says that the \$200 fee is "a token payment." Fialkowski called it an "agreed upon figure" and said it didn't reflect all the costs of

street maintenance even without the snow plowing. Revenue generated from property and motor fuel taxes pay the bulk of the village's street maintenance costs.

But Robinson doesn't think the request is unreasonable because "we're all citizens generating income that would be used to maintain the streets, but isn't."

The week ahead

8-24-81 Herald

Village to buy land for senior center

Wheeling officials will hold a special board meeting tonight to purchase 3.6 acres of land for the construction of the proposed senior center.

The land is located on Milwaukee Avenue near the intersection with Strong Avenue, immediately south of the emergency medical clinic that is being built on that corner by Holy Family Hospital. Village officials refuse to disclose how much they will pay for the property until the deal is complete, but \$320,000 has been budgeted for the land acquisition.

The land will be bought with two \$160,000 federal block grants administered through Cook County. One grant was originally intended for the emergency clinic's land, but instead Holy Family bought the land. Those funds will be transferred and used for the purchase of the senior land.

The board will meet to vote on the purchase and the block grant agreement at 7:45 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

HOMEOWNERS FROM Wheeling's Cedar Run and other developments will meet with the village board tonight to discuss the future of four acres of land on McHenry Road that the homeowners want turned into a park.

Homeowners from Cedar Run have urged the village to rezone the land, located at 745 N. McHenry Road, and asked the park district to purchase the property. The land is owned by James Raupp and is located directly between Cedar Run and the Lexington Commons development. The land is for sale and is zoned for residential, industrial and commercial uses.

Residents of the area have said they would not oppose residential development of the property, but claim the area is already crowded with homes and lacks open, recreational space. They have organized a letter-writing campaign to village and park officials, asking that the land be made into a park.

The workshop session will follow a special board meeting that starts at 7:45 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

INCREASES IN pay for substitute teachers will be discussed by the High School Dist. 214 Board of Education tonight.

Administrators in July asked the board to not increase the salary range for substitute teachers. However, the administration revised its proposal after a substitute teacher appeared before the board at its last meeting requesting increases.

The board will discuss raising the pay to \$50 per day for substitute teachers having five consecutive days in the same assignment. The board will also consider other pay changes for experienced substitute teachers. Starting substitute teachers pay last year was \$40 per day.

The board meets 8 p.m. today at the district's administration center, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

WHEELING VILLAGE trustees will meet Wednesday night to continue interviewing applicants for the village commissions.

Various members of the village board have been doing the interviewing as part of Wheeling's continuing effort to fill all the vacancies on village commissions. Village President Sheila Schultz has the final job of appointing residents to the commissions.

The trustees will continue their interviews at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

A REPORT on the costs of the various stages of public acquisition of Pal-Waukee Airport will be presented Thursday morning to the Technical Advisory Committee.

Prospect Heights and Wheeling hired a consultant and formed the committee to study the airport's purchase by the two towns. Drawings of the airport layout plan and noise studies will also be discussed.

The most recent cost estimates set the price of acquiring the airport and bringing it up to par with federal public airport standards at about \$53 million. That cost would be split between state and federal money, with the villages adding another \$3.1 million.

The committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Mount Prospect village hall, 100 S. Emerson.

Village to buy senior center land

8-25-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees voted Monday night to buy 3.7 acres of land for construction of the village's proposed senior citizen center.

The village will pay \$269,000 for the land located near the southwest corner of Milwaukee and Strong avenues. The site will include space for construction of both the center and an access road that will run from Milwaukee and loop up to First St.

The land will be purchased with two \$160,000 federal block grants. One grant was originally intended for land for an emergency medical clinic at the same corner, but Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines bought the land for the clinic. Village manager Thomas Markus said the cost of the senior center has escalated since the grants were originally obtained, necessitating the use of both grants for the land purchase.

VILLAGE PLANNER Richard Greenwood said the balance of the grant money would be used to cover the cost of the land acquisition, including real estate appraisals, soil tests and preliminary engineering studies. Greenwood said any leftover money would be returned to the federal government to redistribute to other village projects.

The land for the senior center is located directly south of the Holy Family Emergency Clinic and west of Cook County's proposed 100-unit housing complex at the southwest corner of Milwaukee and Strong. The land has three owners, including the housing authority and developers Thomas Popke and Lambert Domas.

Popke and Domas originally planned to build 114 condominiums on the 11 acres they own at the site but the village did not take action on their proposal when a consultant's report pinpointed the land as an ideal spot for the senior citizens center.

Neither owner could be reached for comment on their plans.

Construction on the senior center and improvement to the surrounding land will probably start in the fall of 1982 and take two years to complete. Public improvements to the site including the construction of the access road and a storm water retention lake are estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000. The cost of those improvements would be split between federal grants, money from the Cook County Housing Authority and revenue from possible future commercial developments near the site.

Tax rates down, but bills up

by Al Cubbage
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Herald staff writers

Many Northwest suburban property owners will find lower tax rates on the 1980 tax bills they'll receive in the mail next week, but that doesn't mean they will be paying lower taxes.

While most taxing districts in the Northwest suburbs will have lower tax rates this year than last, increases in assessed valuation probably will offset the lower rates in most cases, and some homeowners will end up paying more in property taxes despite the lower rates.

The new tax rates, to be released officially by Cook County Clerk Stanley Kasper today, show that rates for almost all taxing districts dropped from last year with a few notable exceptions. But the total tax rates for most

residents dropped by less than 10 percent and those decreases should be more than offset by increased assessments, particularly in Barrington, Palatine and Wheeling Townships, which were reassessed last year.

For example, the total tax rate for Palatine residents dropped by 6.5 percent from \$8.24 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$7.70 per \$100 of assessed valuation. But assessments in the township increased by nearly 40 percent as a result of the quadrennial reassessment and a big jump in the state's Cook County "multiplier" — a formula for equalizing the tax burden statewide.

SHOWING THE SHARPEST increase in tax rates of any Northwest suburban municipality was the Village of Buffalo Grove, where the village's tax rate increased from 74 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$1.04 per

A breakdown of your tax rates.

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\$100 of assessed valuation, a 40 percent increase. However, much of that increase is due to the creation of a municipal fire department this year, which was approved by voters in a referendum allowing the village to levy up to 50 cents per \$100 for a municipal fire department.

The largest jump in tax rates came in the Inverness Park District, which more than doubled from 7.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to 15.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, a 104 percent increase.

And the rate for the Hoffman Estates Park District also increased sharply from 38 cents per \$100 to 53

cents per \$100, a 41 percent increase.

Taxes are figured on a certain rate per \$100 of assessed valuation, so the greater the assessed valuation on a piece of property, the higher the tax bill.

FOR EXAMPLE, A home with an equalized assessed valuation of \$25,000 in Arlington Heights in elementary School Dist. 25 would have a tax bill of approximately \$2,239. Homes with greater assessed valuation could expect higher total tax bills and homes with smaller assessed valuations could expect smaller tax bills.

The treasurer's office will begin mailing tax bills to suburban residents this week, and the second-half bills must be paid by Oct. 1 to avoid a penalty. Because the county sends its first-half tax bill based on last year's total, the second-half can be expected to be larger than the bills paid earlier this

year.

However, most homeowners still will receive some insulation from increased property taxes through the homeowners exemption, which is applied to all single-family home and apartments of less than six units in the county. Under the exemption, the first \$3,000 of increase in assessed valuation on a property since 1977 is exempted from taxation.

But in the townships that were reassessed this year, some homes may have increased in value more than that \$3,000. In other townships that were not reassessed, property assessments increased only about 9 percent this year, so the exemption should cushion the blow somewhat.

SHOWING LARGE DECREASES in the tax rates were the Hanover Park and Bartlett Park Districts. The Hanover Park Park District rate dropped

from \$1.49 per \$100 of assessed valuation to 95 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, 36 percent decrease. In Bartlett, the park district rate dropped from 96 cents per \$100 to 65 cents per \$100, a 32 percent drop.

Tax rates for most school districts — which make up the majority of a homeowner's tax bill — generally showed modest declines. The rate for High School Dist. 214 dropped from \$2.24 to \$2.15 per \$100, a 4 percent dip, and the rate for Dist. 54 dropped from \$2.87 to \$2.82 per \$100, a 2 percent decline.

Other districts showed similar drops, although the tax rate increased for both Unit Dist. 46 and Harper Community College. The rate for Elgin increased from \$4.30 per \$100 to \$4.54 per \$100 a 6 percent increase, while

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WHEELING TAX RATES (Per \$100 assessed valuation)

	1979	1980
Cook County	\$.644	\$.790
Forest Preserve	.101	.104
Suburban TB Sanitary District	.018	.014
Metropolitan Sanitary District	.607	.551
Northwest Mosquito Abatement Dist.	.018	.016
Wheeling Township (all funds)	.166	.130
Village of Wheeling	.868	.710
Wheeling Park District	.563	.452
Indian Trails Public Library Dist.	.250	.242
Wheeling Twp. Rural Fire Prot. Dist.	.500	.495
School Dist. 21	2.598	2.570
High School Dist. 214	2.245	2.147
Harper College	.207	.219

Wheeling Total
(library and fire districts)
(park and library districts)
(park, library and fire dists.)

1979	\$8.785	\$8.440
1980	\$8.285	\$7.945
1980 tax bill for \$100,000 house, with equalized assessed valuation (after \$3,000 homestead exemption) of \$25,000	\$2,110	\$2,110

1980 tax bill for \$100,000 house, with equalized assessed valuation (after \$3,000 homestead exemption) of \$25,000
\$2,110 (library and fire districts)
\$1,986 (park and library districts)
\$2,107 (park, library and fire dists.)

Many tax rates down, but most bills still up

(Continued from Page 1)
Harper's rate increased by slightly more than a penny to 22 cents per \$100, a 5 percent increase.

Hanover Park continued to be one of the most expensive suburbs in which to live with a total tax rate of \$10.01 per \$100. By contrast, residents of Barrington, one of the more affluent suburbs in the Northwest suburbs paid a total tax rate of only \$8.18 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

TOTAL TAX RATE for residents of Mount Prospect hovered around \$8 per

\$100 of assessed valuation, depending on what school and park districts a home was in.

Residents of Schaumburg, who do not pay any municipal property tax, has a total tax rate noticeably lower than surrounding communities. Schaumburg's total tax rate was \$7.33 per \$100 of assessed valuation, or nearly two dollars per \$100 less than that of neighboring villages.

This is one of the latest dates for tax bills to be mailed in the history of the county, officials said.

Residents press quest for park 8-26-81 HERALD

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Despite news from village officials that there is little they can do to help turn a parcel of land along McHenry Road into a park, residents said they will continue their quest for a park there.

About 40 residents, mainly from the Cedar Run and Lexington Commons developments, met with the Wheeling Village Board Monday night to discuss turning the property at 745 N. McHenry Road into a park. The four-acre site is owned by James Raupp and is located directly between the two developments.

Raupp currently operates the Buffalo Grove Disposal company at the site, but he is phasing out the operation and has put the land up for sale. The land is zoned for residential, industrial and commercial uses and Wheeling officials have included the site in the village's comprehensive land use plan as a possible location for more multi-family housing.

But residents near the site say that part of Wheeling already is too crowd-

ed and they want open land developed with park equipment and ball fields instead of more housing.

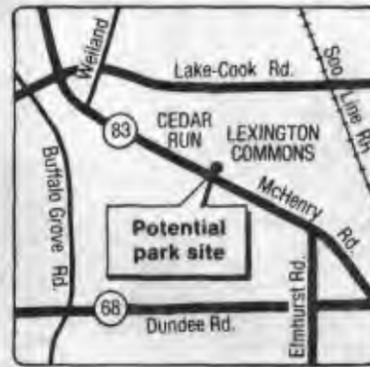
KENT GRIFFITHS, president of the Cedar Run board, told the board the residents were at the meeting to "build support" for their park movement.

"We want a park or something compatible on the land," Griffiths said. "There are 408 units at Cedar Run and 535 at Lexington. It's getting crowded out there and the prices dictate young starter families who don't have any outlets for their enthusiasms.

"There are about 3,300 people out there and another 1,000 in the apartments across the street. That's nearly 20 percent of Wheeling's population with pretty far to go for a tennis court," he said.

The residents already have asked the Wheeling Park Board to acquire the property and organized a massive letter writing campaign to village and park officials. They met with the village board to ask for support and guarantees the land would not be developed.

Village Manager Thomas Markus



said the village could not rezone the property unless the owner requested the action. "The staff has discussed zoning and think it is not appropriate and there should be a change, but also recognize Mr. Raupp's interest and business on the property," he said.

Markus also said that Raupp has indicated he would meet with village officials to discuss the future of the property, adding he (Raupp) was under no obligation to do so. Village officials also said that rezoning the property be-

fore it was sold could have a "devastating effect" on the land's value.

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT Superintendent David Phillips said the park board is studying acquisition of the site. But the park can't afford to buy the land now and would have to hold a referendum asking voters throughout the village, whether they approved purchasing the land, he said.

Attorneys for Raupp said he was willing to sit down with village officials to discuss the future of the property. "He doesn't expect to get a premium for it, but he doesn't expect to get less than it's worth," said the attorney.

Don Kirchenberg, chairman of Cedar Run's zoning committee and organizer of the park campaign, said he is optimistic about the land, even though the village board could not make any promises.

"I'm positive we can get a park," said Kirchenberg. "We had a good turnout and as a result of our meeting the board is well aware that people support a park and nothing else. The village board now realizes there is a community out there and the community is 100 percent behind the development of an active park."

Village wary of limited road takeover 8-26-81 Herald

Saying that Lexington Commons homeowners want special treatment, the Wheeling village board is hesitating on a request that the village take over partial maintenance of their streets.

It is not uncommon for the village to assume street maintenance, but the homeowners are asking the village to take over the streets except for snow plowing, which they say they want to contract with an independent plower to ensure the streets are plowed quickly. The residents also are asking trustees to charge less than the usual fee for the takeover because the homeowners don't want complete maintenance.

Several trustees Monday night said they are against any changes to the village law to accommodate such special requests.

Jeffery Robinson, Lexington Commons homeowners association president, told trustees the group wants to continue its own plowing because the development's streets are low priority in the village plowing plan.

"Most of our streets are cul-de-sacs and they have a low priority in plowing," Robinson said. "We're not faulting the village for prioritizing the plowing, but we want to make sure our residents are serviced and allowed quick access to the main streets."

BY PLOWING its own streets, Robinson said, the association would save the village money and end calls to the village from irate residents complaining that their streets weren't plowed early enough.

Robinson also asked the board to reduce the one-time takeover fee of \$200 per unit since the village wouldn't completely be taking over care of the streets. However, he did say the association would consider contracting its own plowing even if the \$200 fee is not lowered.

The association currently pays about

\$40,000 a year to have a contractor plow all the streets in the development except Lexington Drive, which belongs to the village.

But Trustee John Cole objected to the proposal, saying the homeowners want to be treated differently.

"You are asking us to change the law for you," Cole told the homeowners. "You do want to be treated differently."

The board established the fee in 1978 when the village took over maintenance of the streets in Tahoe Village. The \$200 per unit figure was chosen arbitrarily and village officials say it wasn't meant to and doesn't cover the cost of maintaining the streets.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY David Epstein said lowering the fee could cause a variety of problems for the village. "The problem might come when you cut deals with individual developments and make the fees different," he said.

The village staff has objected to the proposal for several reasons, including the precedent such an agreement could set. In addition, officials said, private contractors who are unfamiliar with the streets could also damage curbs and signs and bury manhole covers and fire hydrants, posing a safety hazard. Village officials also question who would be responsible for that type of damage.

Trustee Roger Powers said he was hesitant to go along with a partial street takeover because under current laws the village knows its responsibility.

"At least we know how the agreement works and what our liability is," Powers said. "I don't think the risks we are assuming are commensurate with the benefits to the entire village of Wheeling."

The association's attorney, Jordan Shifrin, said provisions could be worked into a plowing contract that

would remove liability from the village and put it on the contractor. Shifrin also said the association's request was reasonable. "We're willing to share the financial burden and even

though we pay taxes we'll plow our own streets," he said.

Trustees said they would ask the village staff to study the issue more before making a decision.

Homeowners ask for village help

8-27-81 LIFE

WHEELING—Representatives of the Lexington Commons Homeowners Assn. Aug. 24 asked the village to take over the maintenance of their private streets, while at the same time allowing them to hire a private contractor to do their own snowplowing.

However, board members expressed their concern about setting a precedent for other developments to ask for special considerations from the village and about the possible liabilities the village might incur in the event of a lawsuit.

Jeffery Robinson, president of the homeowners association, asked the board to consider granting a maintenance agreement allowing the homeowners to continue their practice of hiring an outside contractor to do the plowing at the cost of \$40,000 a season. He said it will save the village money by not having to have the equipment and manpower for the secondary streets and will also cut down on citizen complaints about late plowing by the village. "We recognize it is necessary for the village to prioritize the

streets, but we want to make sure our residents are served properly," he said.

ROBINSON ALSO asked for a reduction in the one-time impact fee of \$200 charged each homeowner at the time the village assumes responsibility for the street maintenance. He said the estimated savings to the village would be from 30 to 50 percent, so the fee should be adjusted accordingly.

Village Manager Thomas Markus outlined the staff's concerns about partial maintenance of private streets. He said an independent contractor might pile snow on valve vaults, sanitary manholes, fire hydrants and other locations, making it more difficult for the village to make needed repairs or fight fires.

He said liability for damage to curbs and gutters, or for downed signs would be "muddled," since it would be unclear if the contractor or the village would take the responsibility.

Markus said any reduction in the impact fee is "unrealistic," because the

fee is a "token payment" for the village to assume the maintenance of the streets, which can include catch basin cleaning and adjustments, curb and gutter replacement, pavement patching, street sign replacement, street sweeping and any other repairs, in addition to snowplowing.

MARKUS ADDED that village policy on takeover and maintenance of private streets should not be varied, since it would set a precedent for other developments to request partial maintenance of their streets. That could result in inconsistent maintenance of streets within the village, he said. "I'm finding it difficult to recommend against the standards we have used for every other development," he said.

Trustees John Cole and Roger Powers were the most vocal in arguing against changing present policy. Cole said he thought there would be "insurmountable legal problems" in granting a partial maintenance easement to Lexington Commons.

He said that even if the village's li-

bility was protected in a long contract between the contractor, the homeowners and the village, "The very fact that we would be a party in a three-way contract, we would be sued and we would have to pay costs in all the suits," he said.

Cole added the impact fee should not be lowered because everybody knew it was an arbitrary figure and could not begin to cover the costs of needed repairs.

"The problem is you're asking us not just to consider policy, but to change the law," he said.

Powers said he did not like the premise of having different criteria for different parts of town. "Right now, in my judgement, the risks far outweigh the benefits," he said. "What is the advantage to us to expose ourselves to the risks? The risks are not commensurate to the advantages the village would get."

Trustee Charles Kerr asked Markus to prepare a report on the pros and cons of allowing the homeowners association to continue the snowplowing.

Village Board hears request for new park

8-27-81 LIFE

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

WHEELING — Cedar Run and Lexington Commons homeowners took their quest for a park to the Village Board Aug. 24 in an attempt to prevent commercial or industrial development on a four-acre site which borders both of the multiple-family developments. The homeowner are seeking to have the property, currently the location of Buffalo Grove Disposal, become a park.

Don Kirchenberg, a Cedar Run resident who is spearheading the drive for a park, asked the board to support his group with a resolution urging the Wheeling Park District Board to help acquire the site at 745 N. McHenry Road.

"I think everybody on the board would like to see that area as a park," Trustee John Cole said. However, he said the village could not simply change the current zoning on the property to residential zoning. "We've tried to revert property back before. The courts would say it was unconstitutional."

As matters stand, the property now has three zoning classifications, allowing for its use as a neighborhood business, industrial facility and a single-family residence. Board members pointed out that owner Jim Raupp could sell the land to someone else and that person would not have to come to the village for anything more than a building permit as long as he stayed within the permitted uses for the zoning districts now governing the site.

VILLAGE PLANNER Richard

Greenwood explained that the Raupp property was zoned by the village "some time in the late '60s" before any of the multi-family developments were built. He and Village Manager Tom Markus acknowledged Raupp's "long-standing rights" concerning the zoning.

Asked what the monetary impact of rezoning the land to allow for park use would be, Greenwood said, "If it is rezoned prior to the acquisition of the property (by someone else), it would have a devastating effect."

Markus added that if the land were to be "downzoned" while Raupp still owned it, that would "severely limit the number of (potential) buyers."

Although the village does not have a special zoning classification for parks, it was noted that land may be acquired for park land regardless of its previous zoning classification.

Dave Phillips, executive director of the Park District, said the park board has been approached by the Cedar Run homeowners interested in acquiring the site. "It's the first time in 20 years that citizens have come before the park board seeking additional services," he said.

PHILLIPS SAID there "re" "positive signs" that the parcel might be "a valuable park site." But he said it would probably entail a citizen's initiative for a referendum to have the Park District purchase the property with general obligation bonds.

Raupp's attorney said there are really two issues. The first is whether the property should be a park. "From Mr. Raupp's viewpoint, if the village and the Park District want to pursue it, that's fine."

The second issue involves the uses of the property. "I'm not personally convinced that the uses there are the best, but at the same time, I don't think he wants to take a lesser value for the property. We don't expect a premium for it, but we don't expect less than its actual value." He indicated Raupp is willing to discuss things further.

Kent Griffiths, president of the Cedar Run homeowners association, said the area is becoming overcrowded and a park is necessary to provide the people with some open space. Griffiths said with 408 units in Cedar Run and 535 units in Lexington Commons, plus the apartments across McHenry Road and several other developments in the area, that perhaps 20 percent of the total village population resides in the area. "I don't know how much forethought was given to the planning of open space," he said.

Another resident, Phyllis Jaffe, said residents can't walk to currently-available facilities. She said those with small children particularly feel the need for a park.

OTHERS SAID that although Childerly Park is in the area, it is on the opposite side of the road and it is for picnicking rather than baseball or tennis, which is what they are seeking.

One man said the parcel is one of the last pieces of property in the area that could be used as a park site.

Phillips said the Park District has presented seven different referenda to the voters in the past and all have passed, but have required citizen support and effort.

In the mail this week

Tax bills to deliver big knockout punch

Homeowners in Wheeling Township are waiting to receive the tax knockout punch after being hit with a one-two combination that has them reeling.

The payoff punch is expected this week when Cook County sends out the bills.

Already hit with higher property assessments and approximately a nine per cent increase in the multiplier, township residents will almost certainly be jolted when their tax bills soon arrive.

And when the taxpayer looks up from the canvas, it will be local taxing bodies standing with clenched fists. In almost every case, they have asked for more money.

Local taxing bodies stand to be victorious this year because every element that brings them tax dollars is in their corner.

It began in April when a quadrennial reassessment of property in Wheeling Township revealed that the value of land and homes had gone up.

The reassessment calculated the value of residential property at 16 per cent of its fair market value, a figure which went up in almost every case because of skyrocketing real estate values.

In fact, after complaints and appeals were handled by Cook County Assessor Thomas Hynes, the total assessed valuation of Wheeling Township increased by 24.5 per cent, rising from \$492 million in 1979 to almost \$612.5 million in 1980.

The percentage increase in the township's assessment includes new construction, and therefore doesn't represent the average homeowner's assessed valuation.

Since tax bills are based upon property values, the early outlook was that it was going to be a long fight to keep taxes down.

The odds recently turned even further against the homeowner as the Illinois Department of Revenue released a state multiplier that was 8.85 per cent higher than the previous year.

The multiplier, used to help equalize assessed property values across the state, rose from 1.6016 last year to this year's figure of 1.7432.

The higher multiplier, coupled with higher assessed valuations, greatly increases the chances that township residents will be facing higher tax bills, because the multiplication of those two figures derives a figure that eventually helps determine the taxes a person pays.

The 1980 Wheeling Township assessed valuation \$612.5 million multiplied by the newly approved multiplier, 1.7432 brings the total equalized assessed valuation (EAV) to \$1.068 billion, up 35.5 per cent over last year's EAV of \$788 million.

When the EAV is multiplied by a local government's tax rate, the amount of money the homeowner pays to that government is determined.

Homeowners are now waiting for the final count, as tax bills are mailed out this week.

Because most local taxing bodies asked for more money than they did this past year, their tax rates are expected to either remain the same or drop slightly.

But since the quadrennial assessment and the higher multiplier have pushed assessed property values up, it's easy to

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see why the taxpayer will end up losing.

The only medication that will help reduce the pain comes from the state Homeowner's Exemption, which will deduct as much as \$3,000 off of a homeowner's EAV before it is applied to the tax rates. Some senior citizens can take advantage of the the seniors' exemption, as well.

Seeing the township homeowners fighting a tough bout, those close to the ring are shaking their heads in dismay.

County Assessor Hynes, for example, who's been warning taxpayers of the consequences since January, sees the taxing process laying a heavy burden on the homeowner.

"It paves the way for irresponsible taxing districts to get windfall money from all taxpayers," Hynes said. "I predict an outcry from angry taxpayers when they understand what has happened."

Wheeling Township Assessor-elect Dolores Stephan said it was a little premature to predict what the tax rate or bills will be. However, she did point a finger at where the increases were coming from.

It isn't your assessment that is increasing," she said. "It's the taxing bodies, such as school districts, that are increasing their levies. Whatever levy they pass, that's the amount they're going to get."

She also was displeased with another aspect of the taxing scenario.

"I'm a little unhappy with the new multiplier announced last week," she said. "It's causing the people in Wheeling Township to pay more in this area than others do in other parts of the county."

But even with the spectators saying what a shame it is, the homeowners must wait for the tax bills before knowing how bad the damage will be.

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Rates down, but total tax bills on rise

By JOHN SLANIA

Wheeling Township homeowners will see their total tax rates decrease an average of 3.7 per cent, but rising property values and a higher multiplier will mean larger tax bills in most cases.

Township residents in Buffalo Grove will see their total tax rate drop 3.2 per cent, from \$8.491 per \$100 equalized assessed valuation (EAV) 1979, to \$8.215.

Residents in Wheeling with library, fire, and park services will have a 3.8 per cent decrease, as last year's tax rate of \$8.768 per \$100 EAV will drop to \$8.429.

Wheeling residents with library and fire services will pay \$8.440 per \$100 EAV, a decrease of 3.9 per cent compared with last year's rate of \$8.785.

Wheeling residents with park and library services will see a tax rate drop of 4.1 per cent, paying \$7.945 per \$100 EAV instead of 1979's figure of \$8.285.

Most local taxing bodies saw their 1980 tax rates drop compared with last year, but each expects to collect more tax money when the rates are applied to the higher property values.

This spring's quadrennial assessment pushed up property values in the township an estimated average of 35 per cent. Coupled with a multiplier that rose 8.85 per cent, the (EAV) rose for most property in the area.

For example, a home worth \$80,000 in 1976 now has an estimated fair market value of \$100,000. Assessed at 16 per cent, the home would have an assessed valuation of \$16,000.

Once the multiplier of 1.7432 is added to the figure, the equalized assessed valuation of that home would be \$27,891. In

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Zoning near airport delayed

Saying they wanted to know more about the impact a proposed development would have on Pal-Waukee Airport, Cook County commissioners Tuesday delayed a zoning change for the property.

Owners Tad Gallien and Mike Neri are proposing an office building, mini-warehouse storage facilities and storage for contractor's equipment on the 2-acre site on the northwest corner of Wolf Road and Fox Lane in unincorporated Wheeling Township. The land is currently zoned for residential use and the developers are seeking a change to industrial zoning.

Wheeling filed an objection to the proposal, but the zoning board rejected the objection and approved the zoning change. Zoning board officials ruled the village's objection invalid, because it was filed by Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer and the village board did not vote on the issue.

Oppenheimer could not be reached for comment.

The county criticized the zoning board for not considering the effect of the proposed development on Pal-Waukee nor considering the fact

Wheeling and Prospect Heights are studying the purchase of the airport.

The zoning board was directed to contact the villages, the Northwest Municipal Conference and other groups about the possible impact of the buildings on the airport and report back to county commissioners.

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1976, that same home had an EAV of \$20,500.

So even though the Village of Wheeling saw its tax rate drop 26 per cent (from \$0.957 per \$100 EAV to \$0.710), it should still collect more money.

The same holds true for District 21, which had its tax rate drop 1 per cent to \$2.570 per \$100 EAV, and District 214, which saw its tax rate decrease by 4.3 per cent to \$2.147.

Buffalo Grove stands to fair the most from the tax collection, as its tax rate rose from \$0.774 in 1979 to \$1.041 in 1980, an increase of 34.7 per cent.

The only break taxpayers will get will come under the Homeowners Exemption, which subtracts up to \$3,000 from the EAV of a home before it is applied to the rates.

Tax bills are scheduled to be mailed later this week, according to Cook County Clerk Stanley Kuser, and are due by Oct. 1.

It isn't what you think, Wheeling says of tax hike

By Eddy McNeil

LIKE A MIRAGE appearing before a person stranded in the desert, the 69 per cent increase in the Wheeling property tax levy isn't what it seems, Greg Peters, village finance director, said this week.

While at first blush the increase to more than \$2.8 million from last year's levy of nearly \$1.7 million may seem excessive, Peters said much of the increase can be explained by the village's collecting taxes specifically for fire protection for the first time ever this year.

He said Wheeling tends to disconnect on Dec. 31 from the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District, an agency that collected taxes for fire protection in about two-thirds of Wheeling, part of Buffalo Grove, and unincorporated areas near the two communities. Although the district, which has no firefighting equipment of its own, collected the tax, it paid fire departments, including Wheeling's, to provide fire protection.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus said the village has had to add money from village funds to the fire department budget in the past when money received from the fire protection district didn't cover all of the department's operating expenses. In the future the village will collect money specifically for the department (\$700,000 in this year's levy) Peters said.

Since taxes are collected the year after they are levied, the increases brought on by the levy, which is expected to be approved Monday by the village board, will be reflected on next year's tax bills. Peters estimated the tax rate next year will increase to \$1.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation

from this year's rate of 71 cents per \$100.

A homeowner with an assessed valuation of \$15,000, whose tax bill this year would be \$106.50, would pay \$157.50 next year.

A public hearing on the proposed levy will be held at 8 p.m. Monday in the municipal building, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

WHEELING RESIDENTS living in the fire protection district will realize a net decrease in the amount they pay for fire protection, Peters said, because the village will collect about \$90,000 less than the district would. In addition, Markus said, they levy will spread over a larger population because now everyone in the village will pay for the service.

Because of a quirk in the law setting up the district about 30 years ago, one-third of the village hasn't been taxed for fire protection, and those residents essentially have received the service free, Markus said. Persons in that portion of the village will see larger tax increases, but he said that is only fair.

"They have gotten the same level of fire protection as the rest of the town all along without paying for it," he said. "They have all those years in the past to be thankful for."

IN ADDITION TO the change in paying for fire protection, Peters said the village intends to abate more than \$250,000 from the new levy once funds from other sources become available. State motor fuel taxes, which the village will receive later, will be used to pay for \$82,000 of a general obligation bond issue that will become due, he said.

Another \$174,000 included in the levy will be abated when the village issues general obligation bonds to partially fund its share of the cost of piping Lake Michigan water to the village from Evanston, he said.

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Parks propose 10% drop in tax levy

The Wheeling Park District is proposing a 1981 tax levy that's down 10 percent from last year's revenue request.

Park officials are asking for \$1.24

million in taxes, down from last year's levy of \$1.38 million. Park Superintendent David Phillips said the levy decrease was caused by slight improvement in park district finances and an

estimated growth in the assessed valuation of property in the district.

The park district levy can be broken into eight different funds, and Phillips said park officials last year levied higher amounts in several of those funds to make up deficits from previous years. Park officials have estimated they will receive \$1.07 million in taxes from that levy. Phillips said that amount won't cause huge profits for the park district, but will allow the park to operate without large deficits.

Despite the improvement, Phillips

said the park still will be unable to make up cutbacks in personnel and equipment that were made several years ago.

The current park tax rate is 45 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That means a resident in the district pays a property tax bill of \$85.50 on a home valued at \$19,000. Phillips estimated the 1981 levy will cause the tax rate to drop to 42 cents.

The park board will hold a public hearing on the proposed levy Thursday night at 8 p.m. at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

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1981 tax levy hike approved

A 1981 tax levy of \$11,882,000 was approved by the Wheeling Township Dist. 21 Board of Education, a 4 percent increase over taxes collected from the 1980 levy.

Associate Superintendent John Barger said that if the assessed valuation increases 4 percent or more in 1981, the district tax rate will remain at \$2.57 per \$100 of assessed valuation or will decline.

The Wheeling Township assessed valuation increased 40 percent in 1980, from \$316.9 million to \$444.5 million, decreasing the Dist. 21 tax rate from \$2.59 to \$2.57 in 1981. However, tax bills will increase dramatically because property values increased.

The 1981 tax levy will produce revenue for the 1982-83 school year budget.

Budget of \$17.8 million approved

The 1981-82 budget of \$17.8 million was approved by the Wheeling Township Dist. 21 Board of Education.

The budget is 7.5 percent more than last year's expenses of \$16.5 million and will include \$11.4 million in local tax revenues, a 41 percent increase or \$3.4 million more than the 1980-81 tax revenues of \$8.2 million.

Associate Superintendent John Barger said \$1.6 million of that increase is due to an \$800,000 error by the county clerk last year, which left the district that much short of tax money. The error will be made up this year resulting in a "net difference of \$1.6 million," Barger said.

Further, state aid is expected to decline by \$626,000 in 1981-82 and salaries are expected to increase for teachers, administrators and other employees, Barger said.

Negotiations still are under way with the teachers, and administrative salaries are being held until a settlement is reached, Barger said.

The budget indicates the district will have \$5.47 million in surplus in June 1982, a slight decrease from the cash on hand now of \$5.5 million.

Barger estimated that the 1980 tax rate of \$2.57 per \$100 of assessed valuation will stay the same or decrease slightly if assessed valuation grows by 4 percent or more next year.

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Citizens panel to advise parks on acquiring land

by Eilda Wittthoeft

Herald staff writer

Encouraged by recent citizen efforts to convince park officials to put a park on McHenry Road, Wheeling Park District officials will establish a permanent citizens committee to advise the board on land acquisitions and other park activities.

"The time is rapidly approaching when there will be no more open space to acquire," said David Phillips, park superintendent. "Any decisions that need to be made in areas that are more populated need to be made soon."

Tentatively named "Friends of the Park," the committee would be made up of citizens who are interested in working in an advisory capacity to the board.

"We're trying to spread input to the park board into the

community," Park Board President Glenn Meier said. "They'll be doing a lot of the legwork. There are only five of us, and it's hard for us to do all the legwork. It's also hard to know what the community wants even though we're from all over."

Phillips said the recent push by residents of the Cedar Run development for the park to purchase land on McHenry Road was the basis for the committee. Residents from that area have met with the park and village boards and launched a massive letter-writing campaign to get a four-acre site turned into a park.

PARK OFFICIALS were pleased by the campaign, saying it was the first time in 20 years that citizens have told the board what they (the citizens) want. Phillips said an organized committee would allow "others to step forward and put together their interests into a non-vested interest

group," to advise the board.

"They'll tell us what they think they need instead of the board telling them what they need," Phillips said. "This leads to a packaging of needs of the community in the long range. It's beneficial for the park board because they tell us what they want, how much it will cost and whether the cost is reasonable."

Don Kirchenberg, chairman of the Cedar Run zoning committee and organizer of the park campaign, said a committee is a good idea.

"We ought to have some organization to keep up with the park and tell them the type of programs we want," he said. "I'm concerned to see the lack of involvement on the part of citizens."

The park district currently is working with Wheeling officials to prepare an inventory of open space left in the vil-

lage. With that tool, the committee will be able to determine where the open space is and match it with area needs.

PHILLIPS SAID one of the duties of the committee would be to recommend a land acquisition package that's attractive to the entire community. The park district does not have the money to acquire any land without a bond issue, and any future land purchases would have to be approved by the voters in a district-wide referendum.

Park officials hope to include residents, businessmen and representatives from the village and within the park system on the committee. A final decision on how the committee will be manned has not been made, but Phillips said people with a "serious interest in seeing things get done" should address a letter to Meier, explaining why they should be on the committee. An organizational meeting tentatively is planned for mid-September.

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Tax windfalls bolster coffers

Herald staff report

While taxpayers are howling at the prospect of higher tax bills, many Northwest suburban taxing districts are reaping even more money than they asked for thanks to the complicated system by which taxes are levied.

For many districts, this week's announcement of 1980 tax rates and new property assessment totals will mean a "windfall" in tax dollars for their budgets.

For example, some Northwest suburban school districts will collect hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars more than they anticipated, with Wheeling Township Dist. 21 getting almost \$2.5 million more in revenue than it planned for in its budget. However, school district officials say the extra dollars will be needed because of a corresponding decline in state aid payments received from Springfield. The result is that even more of the tax burden for the schools is shifted onto local property taxes.

A large tax bonus also appears likely for the Elk Grove Park District. Finan-

cial consultant Lee Howard said the park district expected to receive \$850,000 when they planned the 1981 budget, but county figures show the district will collect about \$1.44 million — about \$594,000 more than expected.

Howard said any additional half-million-plus dollars would be used "to offset future taxation."

The so-called tax windfalls are perfectly legal, and while many taxing districts say they will use the extra money to reduce next year's tax collection, they are not obligated by law

to do so.

THE TAXING PROCESS in Cook County remains essentially a guessing game in which officials prepare their budgets with educated guesses of what their tax receipts will be.

Most districts that collect extra tax dollars are units whose tax rates are limited by law. These usually include school, park, library and other smaller taxing districts. Large villages are usually accorded home-rule status, and thus are permitted any tax rate they require. Consequently, they get what-

ever tax dollars they have asked for.

Here's how the taxing system works: a taxing district passes an ordinance called a tax levy, which declares how much the district wants to collect in property taxes. For districts whose rates are limited, the tax levy often is set artificially high to make sure that the district gets what it really needs in funds. Later, the district adopts a budget that includes a more realistic — and usually lower — figure on how much it expects to receive from prop-

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Tax district windfalls replenish area coffers

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erty taxes. The amount of tax money a district collects also depends on the assessed valuation of property in the district and the size of the "multiplier" — a state formula used to bring property valuation in line with all counties throughout the state.

THIS TIME, PROPERTY assessments rose substantially for Barrington, Wheeling and Palatine townships — which underwent quadriennial reassessments — and the state's multiplier for Cook County jumped an unexpected 9 percent. The result: many tax districts got even more than they asked for in their tax levy, giving them a bonus of tax dollars.

Taxes levied in 1980 are collected this year. The second installment on 1980 taxes is due by Oct. 1. Taxpayers will begin receiving their 1980 tax bills in the mail this week.

Here is how other local taxing districts will fare in tax revenue collection this year based on figures from Cook County:

School districts

• **Palatine Township Dist. 15:** The school district expected to get about \$15.7 million in property tax money, but the higher multiplier will mean the district will collect about \$16.8 million — an extra \$1.1 million. Assistant Superintendent Roy Sedrel said he will recommend that the board of education place any additional money in a reserve account to be used to offset the reduction in state aid for next year. State aid is reduced when local assessments and therefore local tax collection increases.

• **Wheeling Township Dist. 21:** The district asked for \$9,964,000 in its 1980 tax levy, but will receive \$11,423,688 in taxes, according to Cook County. In its budget, Dist. 21 planned on receiving only \$8,962,000 in 1980 property tax revenue. Thus, the district will receive \$2.46 million more than it budgeted. Associate Superintendent John Barger declined to comment on revenue questions, although the higher funds probably also will be necessary to offset reduced state aid next year.

• **Prospect Heights Dist. 23:** The district had levied for \$2,483,000 and Business Manager Rick Ewanio originally expected to receive about \$2,256,000 in taxes from that amount. But county figures show the district will be getting about \$2,559,323, which is even higher than the original levy. That means Dist. 23 will receive an extra \$303,000 than it budgeted. Like all school districts in the state, Dist. 23's additional revenue will be offset by state aid reductions.

• **Arlington Heights Dist. 25:** About \$8,855,749 in tax revenue will be collected for the district this year, higher than the \$8.3 million in taxes the district budgeted from property taxes. That means an extra \$550,000 in property taxes. Business Manager Dan Sufoletto said any additional revenues would be offset by decreases in state aid.

lage generally does not "overinflate the levy."

• **City of Rolling Meadows:** The city will receive about \$1.4 million in property taxes, slightly more than its \$1.39 million levy. Extra money will partially cover an extra charge the city had to absorb for police and fire pension funds.

• **Village of Streamwood:** The village had anticipated receiving \$1,405,550 in tax revenue but will collect \$1,440,967 instead. The village's levy was set at \$1,563,000.

Park districts

• **Arlington Heights Park District:** The district will receive about \$2,315,015 in property taxes, just about the \$2.32 million it was counting on.

• **Bartlett Park District:** About \$194,695 from Cook County property taxes will go toward the district's \$605,010 budget. District Superintendent of Recreation James E. Sharp said other income comes from revenue sharing, golf course and swimming pool fees and related sources.

• **Buffalo Grove Park District:** The district, which lies partially in Lake County, will receive \$292,748 in Cook County property taxes, representing about half of its \$616,915 levy. "We need every dollar we can get," board member James Borowski said. "This is not going to be a windfall. This is just enough to address the things that need improvement."

• **Des Plaines Park District:** The district had levied for \$1,664,080 but will be receiving about \$1,667,518. The district budgeted for \$1,625,743 and will realize an extra \$42,000. "When the levy was submitted a year ago, we had no idea what the increase (in assessed valuation) would be," Director David Markworth said. Park Board President Robert Cizek said extra money could be used at the leisure center or for expanding programming.

• **Elk Grove Park District:** The park district adopted a 1980 levy of \$1,519,577, but budgeted only \$850,000 to come from property taxes. County figures show the district will get \$1.44 million, a windfall of about \$594,000.

• **Hanover Park Park District:** The district will receive \$493,679 in Cook County taxes, accounting for more than half of its anticipated tax revenue, the rest coming from DuPage County taxpayers. District Director Robert Lashbrook said any extra revenue would be applied to the deficit in the corporate fund.

• **Mount Prospect Park District:** The district had expected to receive about \$1.8 million in tax revenues and will be getting \$1,827,285 — about \$30,000 more than expected. Director Thomas Tayler said any additional revenues could be used for roof repairs, pool repairs and other needed capital improvements.

• **River Trails Park District:** The district will be getting more than the \$406,181 it levied when it collects \$413,091. Director Marvin Weiss said the district "overestimates to get what we can legally get."

• **River Trails Dist. 26:** The district should be receiving about \$2,597,316 in property taxes, higher than the \$2.55 million levied. Superintendent Tom Rich says the district needs any additional revenues it can get because it faces a \$190,000 budget deficit next year and growing deficits in succeeding years. "Any increase in revenue will go to meet our expenses in the education fund," he said. Dist. 26 voters defeated a tax rate increase last April, but likely will face another referendum in November.

• **Schaumburg Township Dist. 54:** The district is expected to receive about \$21,560,013 in property tax revenue compared to \$19,520,963 a year ago. Additional revenue will go toward offsetting a projected \$2 million deficit, said controller Victor Berner.

• **Elk Grove Township Dist. 59:** The district will be receiving almost exactly the \$17,743,296 it levied. County figures say revenues should be about \$17,746,344. Deputy Superintendent Arthur Perry said the levy traditionally is set about 5 percent higher than needed to provide for inflation.

• **Maine Township High School Dist. 207:** The tax levy called for \$24.4 million, and the actual tax collection for the district should be \$24.9 million — an unexpected \$500,000. "It is good news for taxing bodies, but it probably isn't good news for homeowners," Business Manager Donald Kenney acknowledged.

• **High School Dist. 211:** The district can expect to receive \$27,637,363 compared to the \$26.6 million tax levy it adopted. Consequently, the district will get \$1 million more than expected.

• **High School Dist. 214:** The district will receive \$41,914,696 in property taxes, higher than the \$40,554,000 it levied — an extra \$1.4 million. Business Manager Robert Weber said a loss in state aid would result from the increase.

• **Harper College:** The college district will be receiving \$7.8 million in tax revenue, about equal to the \$7,753,000 it had anticipated. Peter Bakas, vice president for administrative affairs, said if the college received more revenue than expected, the board of education "might be able to do a little bit more in salaries for staff, or they might be able to hold off increasing tuition." The additional revenue also could be used for purchasing necessary equipment, he said.

Towns

• **Village of Bartlett:** About \$360,499 in Cook County taxes will go toward the village's \$923,000 budget. The remainder of the village's property taxes are collected in DuPage County.

• **Village of Inverness:** The village will get somewhat less than the \$1,100,000 it had expected when it received \$1,075,000. Finance Commission Chairman Robert Babour said the vil-

• **Rolling Meadows Park District:** About \$639,515 in taxes should be collected for the district, which is more than the \$590,000 budgeted for local tax receipts. Director Rudy Nelson said extra \$50,000 would be used for more park improvements.

• **Schaumburg Park District:** The district will be getting \$2,257,360 in tax revenue, less than the \$2,648,393 it levied. Business Manager Jerry Baer said the district is growing and needs any additional revenue it can obtain. Any additional revenue could have been used to pay for an estimated \$40,000 in repairs for the pool deck, the building of the Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary and general park development, he said.

• **Streamwood Park District:** The district will get \$30,000 more than its anticipated when it receives \$447,530 in park district taxes. Director Mike Ryko said any increase would be used either for next year's beginning cash balance or for some capital improvements.

• **Wheeling Park District:** The district overlaps both Cook and Lake counties, although the majority of its tax money comes from Cook. It had anticipated receiving \$1,047,424 in Cook County property taxes but will receive instead \$1,089,300 — an extra \$42,000. Director David Phillips said the district "is trying to keep up with the level of other increases" and already has issued \$300,000 in tax anticipation warrants to help a cash flow shortage situation.

Library districts

• **Bartlett Library District:** The district levied \$76,744 as its Cook County share for taxes, but figures show it probably will get \$94,695 instead — an extra \$18,000. The district partially lies in DuPage County where the bulk of its revenue derives.

• **Indian Trails Library:** The district lies in both Lake and Cook counties and will be receiving about \$723,129 from Cook County property taxes, — \$106,000 more than the \$617,003 it had anticipated. Administrator Kenneth Swanson said if the additional revenue is collected, it could be used to help pay off a \$1.5 million loan taken to help pay for the new \$2.1 million library building.

• **Palatine Library District:** The district levied for \$841,025 and will be getting \$842,782. Administrative Librarian Thomas Moore said he hoped to receive "a little more than \$800,000" to meet operating expenses this year. He said the district planned to add three employees and budgeted additional money for books and routine maintenance for changing lighting fixtures.

• **Poplar Creek Library District:** The district will be getting \$384,460 in Cook County property taxes, which will fund a majority of the \$488,000 budget.

HERALD 8/31/81
Village may scrap plans for deep well

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials are considering scrapping a deep well project in the northeast "old town" section of the village and instead using the money to make water system improvements needed before residents can receive Lake Michigan water in 1984.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said construction delays coupled with rapid developments in plans for the \$82.5 million lake water pipeline have caused village officials to consider halting construction of a deep well at Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street.

"A few years ago things were different," Fialkowski said. "There was no (lake water) allocation at all. Because of rapid development in the past half-year as far as getting Lake Michigan water, it appears that reality is becoming more and more sure."

Wheeling is part of the Northwest Water Commission, which is planning to build a 23-mile pipeline from the Evanston Water Plant. Other members towns are Palatine, Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove.

A 1976 SURVEY of Wheeling's water system pointed out the need for a deep well in that part of the village. The area currently is served by a shallow well that has existed at the same site since 1927, causing complaints about water quality and pressure in the area.

Robert Gray, operations and maintenance director, said the well water is safe to drink, but it is high in hydrogen sulfide and iron, causing it to smell like rotten eggs and look rusty. Iron settling in the water mains slows down the flow of water.

The entire well project will cost \$592,000, with the money coming from a 1979 water bond issue. The village already has spent \$192,000 on drilling a hole for the well and engineering of the pump and well house. Delays have pushed the completion date to next summer at the earliest.

If the lake water arrives on time, Fialkowski said the well will be used only for two years and that the money might be better used on the \$7 million worth of improvements needed to Wheeling's entire water system.

LAKE WATER OR a well will solve the water problems at the site, but Fialkowski said halting the project does have some drawbacks, mainly during the time while the village waits for the lake water.

Increased development at the site, now and in the future, will increase the demands for water. Riverside Plaza already has hooked into the system and Holy Family Hospital's emergency clinic is scheduled to open in November. The Cook County Housing Authority's 100-unit senior citizens housing also will hook into the well next year. That increased load and poor pressure have caused some officials to worry about the availability of water and pressure in case of a major fire.

Wheeling Fire Chief Bernhardt

Koeppen said his department never has had a large fire in that part of town, but said the department has conducted water flow studies to examine the situation.

Fialkowski said previous studies have indicated that the shallow well alone, coupled with a narrow main, might not supply sufficient pressure. But all three men said Wheeling's water system is designed so all the other wells in the system can be opened to

pump water to that area.

"WHEN YOU'VE GOT a big fire in any part of town the fire department calls the water department to kick in as many wells as possible," Fialkowski said. "Normally, the system isn't working on full capacity."

Water system improvement plans also include the installation of a larger main running up Wolf Road, north of Dundee Road. Developments in that area would be looped into the large

main.

Fialkowski also said the shallow well recently was shut down for repairs and the other village wells provided adequate pressure during that time.

The staff will discuss its proposal with the village board tonight and the board will make the final decision on continuing the project. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

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NORTHWEST WHEELING

The week ahead

Hearing tonight on '81 tax levy

The Wheeling Village Board will hold a public hearing and a special meeting tonight to consider a 1981 property tax levy, which is up 69 percent from last year's levy. However, taxes will not increase by that much.

Village officials have proposed a levy of \$2.8 million, up from last year's levy of \$1.7 million. But Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said actual tax bills will not increase by that much because residents no longer will be paying taxes to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District.

Wheeling has operated its own municipal department for many years, and village and fire district officials have agreed to allow Wheeling to leave the district at the end of the year.

Peters said the major reason for the increase in the levy is \$700,000 that was added to the request because of the change in fire taxes. Wheeling's current tax rate is 71 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That means a resident pays an annual village property tax bill of \$135 on a home valued at \$19,000. Peters estimates the levy will increase that rate to 1.05 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

A GOLF outing sponsored by Wheeling businessmen to benefit the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center in Wheeling will be Wednesday at Chevy Chase, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

The cost of the tournament is \$150 per person and includes a day of golf and food. Donations to the tournament are tax-deductible. Tee times are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

For more information call Wells Jones or Joan Cassidy at 297-1800, extension 1176.

The clinic, which cost \$4.5 million to build, is expected to open in November. Located at the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, the clinic will treat a variety of emergency injuries and provide other medical services, including preventative screening and health education program.

THE WHEELING Park Board will meet Thursday for a public hearing on a proposed 1981 tax levy, which is down 10 percent from last year's levy.

Park officials are proposing a levy of \$1.24 million, down from last year's request of \$1.38 million. The park's current tax rate is 45 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. That means a resident of the district pays an annual tax bill of \$85.50 on a house that's valued at \$19,000. Superintendent David Phillips estimated the lower levy will lower the tax rate to 42 cents.

The board will meet, starting with committees at 7 p.m. at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. The regular meeting will start at 8 p.m.

THE TAX levy for 1981 will be tentatively approved Tuesday by the Prospect Heights Dist. 23 Board of Education.

The 1981 levy will produce tax revenue for the 1982-83 budget. Business Manager Rick Ewanio said the 1980 levy was \$2,483,000 and he said he expects to receive all of that because of an unexpectedly large increase in the assessed valuation for property in Wheeling Township.

The assessed valuation, which determines the amount of tax revenue, jumped from \$68 million to \$88 million in the township, Ewanio said. But the district had expected it to be \$80 million at the most, he said, and did not ask for as much money last year as the district could have received.

That means that Dist. 23 will lose state aid for 1981-82 and will have to make up for it in 1982-83 by levying a larger amount, he said. State aid declines as the assessed valuation of a school district increases. If a school district doesn't take advantage of an increase in assessed valuation, the state still will reduce aid based on the state funding formula.

Ewanio will propose the 1981 levy at 7:30 p.m. in the board room, Sullivan School, 700 N. Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights.

THE INDIAN Trails Library Board Wednesday will hold a public hearing on a proposed 9 percent increase in its 1981 tax levy.

The levy, which will determine the amount of property taxes the district will collect next year, is set at \$890,000. Last year's levy was \$816,000.

Officials said the levy increase is needed to pay for salary increases, the purchase of new books and audio visual equipment and for the installment loan for the building of the new library.

The meeting will start at 8 p.m. at the library, 355 S. Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling.

Tax windfalls bolster coffers

Herald staff report

While taxpayers are howling at the prospect of higher tax bills, many Northwest suburban taxing districts are reaping even more money than they asked for thanks to the complicated system by which taxes are levied.

For many districts, this week's announcement of 1980 tax rates and new property assessment totals will mean a "windfall" in tax dollars for their budgets.

For example, some Northwest suburban school districts will collect hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars more than they anticipated, with Wheeling Township Dist. 21 getting almost \$2.5 million more in revenue than it planned for in its budget. However, school district officials say the extra dollars will be needed because of a corresponding decline in state aid payments received from Springfield. The result is that even more of the tax burden for the schools is shifted onto local property taxes.

A large tax bonus also appears likely for the Elk Grove Park District. Finan-

cial consultant Lee Howard said the park district expected to receive \$850,000 when they planned the 1981 budget, but county figures show the district will collect about \$1.44 million — about \$594,000 more than expected.

Howard said any additional half-million-plus dollars would be used "to offset future taxation."

The so-called tax windfalls are perfectly legal, and while many taxing districts say they will use the extra money to reduce next year's tax collection, they are not obligated by law

to do so.

THE TAXING PROCESS in Cook County remains essentially a guessing game in which officials prepare their budgets with educated guesses of what their tax receipts will be.

Most districts that collect extra tax dollars are units whose tax rates are limited by law. These usually include school, park, library and other smaller taxing districts. Large villages are usually accorded home-rule status, and thus are permitted any tax rate they require. Consequently, they get what-

ever tax dollars they have asked for.

Here's how the taxing system works: a taxing district passes an ordinance called a tax levy, which declares how much the district wants to collect in property taxes. For districts whose rates are limited, the tax levy often is set artificially high to make sure that the district gets what it really needs in funds. Later, the district adopts a budget that includes a more realistic — and usually lower — figure on how much it expects to receive from prop-

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Old corner gas stations going the self-serve route

Bulldozers have leveled the Shell station at the southwest corner of Dundee and Elmhurst roads in Wheeling, but company officials say the rubble at the site is only temporary.

A new self-service facility with three self-serve islands protected by canopies will be constructed at the site, replacing the old full-service building that stood at the corner for almost 25 years. Thomas Moran, territory manager for Shell Oil, said the company hopes to finish the new facility by the beginning of November, but that recent heavy rains have caused some construction delays.

Moran said company officials have been planning the construction for four years, but plans were delayed until they obtained permits from the village. During those four years, the station ceased its full-service car work and only sold gasoline at self-serve pumps.

DEALER MIKE Glomski, who managed the station for four years, will return to manage the new pumper facility.

Ironically, Amoco Oil Company has approached the village for variations to allow the construction of the same type of facility at the southeast corner of the same intersection. That request was denied because officials feared traffic would increase at the congested intersection.

Amoco station owner Dale Lyne has rented the facility and operated a full-service station at that corner for 23 years. Now that his station has been chosen for conversion, Lyne says Amoco officials have refused to renew his lease, putting him out of business at the end of the year.

Despite a failure to get the needed variations, village officials say Amoco can still force Lyne to close his station, since the company owns the site and Lyne only leases it.

Amoco officials have said they will convert 30 percent of their stations to self-serve facilities and chose Lyne's station because of its location, size and the fact that there would still be full-service stations nearby.

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'81 tax levy, up 69%, approved

Wheeling village trustees Monday night adopted a 1981 tax levy up 69 percent from last year's, but taxpayers should only see a slight increase on next year's property tax bills.

The levy of \$2.8 million is up \$1.7 million from last year's tax request, but Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said the increase is deceptive because residents will no longer pay taxes to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District. Wheeling officials also plan to abate \$256,000, a move that will lower the levy.

For years Wheeling has operated its own village fire department, while most village residents have paid taxes

to both the district and the village. The district taxes at the rate of 55 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and \$790,000 of the tax money collected is returned to Wheeling to run the village fire department. But Peters said the budget for the department is about \$1.2 million, and the difference is being made up with village funds.

VILLAGE AND fire district officials have agreed to allow the village to leave the district on Dec. 31 and residents will pay their fire protection taxes directly to the village. This will make the tax rate more equitable for village residents.

In the past, all residents of the vil-

lage with the exception of about 2,000 people and a few businesses in the northeast "old town" area have paid taxes to the fire protection district. Since all village residents pay village property taxes, the burden of paying for the fire department will be spread over the entire village, including the northeast section. Peters said this could actually lower taxes slightly in some areas of the village.

This change in the fire district caused the village to add \$700,000 to the levy, which Peters said was the biggest reason for the increase. But if the deal falls through and Wheeling remains in the district, village officials

could abate the \$700,000, lowering the levy.

THE VILLAGE will also lower the tax levy by abating \$256,000. In two different years the village floated bond issues to pay for street and water system improvements. State law requires that the repayment of those bonds be backed with property taxes, thus the village must levy that amount.

Wheeling's current tax rate is 71 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That means a resident pays an annual village property tax bill of \$135 on a house valued at \$19,000. Peters estimated the levy will increase that rate to \$1.05 per \$100 assessed valuation.

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Alternate plan to deep well proposed

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

An alternative to constructing a deep well in Wheeling has been proposed and officials say the plan would assure adequate water pressure in the northeast section of town until Lake Michigan water arrives.

The project, however, will not improve the quality of water in the area and several trustees have criticized the proposal to halt the deep well project, saying residents of the area have put up with poor water long enough.

To ensure there will be adequate water in case of a major fire, the village staff is proposing that a 950-foot loop be installed in the water system on Strong Street. This loop would bring water from another deep well to the area, and guarantee an adequate supply, even with increased development.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE Manager Robert Fialkowski said the loop would cost \$55,000 and would have to be installed eventually to bring lake water to the village. Fialkowski said the loop will take less time than the 8 to 14 additional months needed to complete the well.

The staff and board this week discussed the proposal to stop work on the \$529,000 deep well project at Center Street and Milwaukee Avenue, and instead use that money for \$7 million in

improvements to Wheeling's water system. The improvements are necessary before the village can receive lake water. Fialkowski said the proposal was made only after village officials became confident the village will receive lake water by 1984.

Village trustees have yet to award contracts for the well's mechanical parts, including the pump. Fialkowski said after accepting bids, the village won't be able to stop work on the project. The village already has spent \$192,000 on the well and has suggested that the engineering be finished in case the well must be turned on in the future.

But Trustee James Goetch questioned whether the village could count on getting lake water by 1984. "You've established we'll have lake water by 1984 and they haven't even put a single pipe in the ground from Evanston," said Goetch. "There's no way, not if you're so far off on a simple thing like a well."

THE DEEP WELL was to be finished by late this summer, but delays have pushed the completion date to late next year.

Resident Paul Eisterhold said homeowners in the Shadow Bend development believed the village was working to improve their water.

"We think there are so many factors

that lend themselves to finishing the well," Eisterhold said. "We need more water now and we need better quality water. I used to drink a clear scotch and water and now it looks like milk."

Eisterhold said residents served by the existing shallow well in the area also were concerned the water supply would be inadequate with new developments like the emergency medical clinic and the senior citizens housing being built in the same supply area.

A 1976 survey of Wheeling's water system indicated a need for a new deep well in the northeast part of town. Residents of that area now are served by a 44-year-old shallow well with water that is full of iron and hydrogen sulfide, causing it to smell, look rusty and taste bad. The iron also settles in the mains, causing a slow water flow.

BUT ALL wells must be shut down after the village receives lake water and Village Manager Thomas Markus said the board must decide "whether it's worth spending \$400,000 for two years of better quality water."

Trustee Charles Kerr said residents of the area have put up with poor water for almost 15 years and said by halting the well, the village "dangled something in front of the residents and then pulled it back," adding he thought it would be closer to 1987 when Wheeling finally receives lake water.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the board would have to consider the benefits of constructing a well for one part of town as opposed to the cost of the well to the entire village. "It's a tossup," she said. "I have confidence in lake water but these things are unsure."

The board is scheduled to consider contracts for the pump equipment on September 8 and Schultz said she didn't ask the board for a decision this week because "it would be like pressing for a premature vote."

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Bad, not so bad, news in tax bills

by Susan Duerksen
and Al Cubbage

Herald staff writers

After a year of debates on government budgets, levies, assessed valuations and equalizers, Northwest suburban homeowners finally got the bad — or in some cases good — news this week as Cook County property tax bills were mailed out.

Some taxpayers were outraged at widely ranging increases, and others got a pleasant surprise as the bills dropped from last year. But many reacted with inflation-weary resignation.

Most of the bills came in Monday's mail, and the Cook County Treasurer's office said all should be received by today. Payment is due on Oct. 1.

Local township assessors — especially in Palatine and Wheeling townships, which were reassessed this year — reported offices crammed Tuesday with angry taxpayers filing complaints.

"I NEVER paid any attention to taxes for 17 years, until now," said Eugene Olivo of Arlington Heights, whose tax bill rose by \$423, or al-

most 70 percent, over last year. "The federal government caused the overall inflation and then they peg property tax to market value. It's just government confiscating money from us."

Some got hit much harder than others. In townships where property was not reassessed this year, many homeowners reported decreased tax bills.

Judy Wilson, of Hoffman Estates Highlands subdivision, got "good news, very good news" in the mail as the bill on her family's house dropped by \$15 from last year. "I had heard about the increases coming through and ours was not nearly as high as I had anticipated," she said.

But Wilson lives in Schaumburg Township, which is being reassessed this year. For Joan North, also a Hoffman Estates resident but in the Palatine Township section, the tax bill should have been printed in red ink. The total property tax bill on the North's home went up about \$400 from last year to nearly \$1,800.

"We actually expected a bigger increase after what we saw in the pa-

per about the assessments and bills," North said. "But it's not really good news."

"THERE'S NO choice involved — you've got to pay it," said her neighbor, Tom Cerone.

Cerone and several other residents of the neighborhood were particularly upset about the increase in the tax rate for Barrington Unit School Dist. 220, which increased from \$5.137 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$5.317 per \$100. Children from the neighborhood are bused to Carpentersville for elementary school, although other Barrington schools are closer.

"The money is going to Dist. 220, but not to Sunny Hill, where our kids go," North said.

In Mount Prospect, neighbors in similar-sized houses on either side of Central Road will pay vastly differing tax bills. On the north side, in Wheeling Township, Wanda Tezky was walloped with a 25 percent increase. "I don't like it, but who am I going to fight?" she said. "Didn't everything else go up?"

But across the street, in Elk Grove Township, Patricia Lett was surprised to find her bill \$50 lower

than last year. "I was really happy, but I expect to get it zonked to me some other time," she said. "I've never known any time I got a bonus like that that sooner or later I didn't get it taken away from me."

Central Road provides the same unseen boundary in Rolling Meadows, this time separating Elk Grove Township from Palatine Township, which also was reassessed this year.

EVELINE JANUS, on the Elk Grove side, saw her tax bill go down \$40 this year, but she also knew the relief is only temporary. "I'm not looking forward to the reassessment on this side," she said.

Across the street, Ruth Bowe was trying to decide whether to be unhappy with the \$71 increase in her bill. "If they would state it in black and white and tell you what they need the money for, you might accept it more gracefully," she said.

But another Palatine Township resident, William Matzke, said he built his own home outside of any village in 1947 and "I don't really get many services out there."

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Bad, not so bad, news arrives with tax bills

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Nevertheless, his tax bill rose 24 percent this year. "I'm troubled with the increase," he said. "I see them running around in municipally owned cars and I have to buy my gas. Everybody is taking more than their entitled to."

Taxpayers unhappy with the bills still can file complaints through their township assessors, but they still must either pay the bill by Oct. 1 or be charged a penalty of 1½ percent a month for late payment.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP Acting Assessor Delores Stephan said she took about 150 phone calls about

the bills on Tuesday, but only about a third of those actually filed complaints. "Two-thirds walk away with an explanation and a better understanding of the tax bills," she said. "Some of the increases are just hard for people to accept."

Norman Kullas, of Palatine Township, said he was shocked to find the tax bill had more than doubled on a vacant lot he owns which is unsalable because it floods. "I didn't pay any attention to the first notice that came around," he said Tuesday after filing a complaint. "The equalizer is the one that kills us. I think that's the most unfair situation."

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Village Board to decide if all is well

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By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

WHEELING—When they meet Sept. 8, Wheeling Trustees will have to decide whether to go ahead with plans for an eighth well to serve residents of the northeast section of the village or to try to get by without spending the money until Lake Michigan water becomes available.

The well, located at Milwaukee and Center, near the site of well number one, has been dug, but further construction has been stopped and the well hole has been capped. Staff personnel told Village Board members at their Aug. 31 workshop meeting that construction of the pump and well house could take from eight to 14 months. In other words, the well could be in operation next summer, about one year after it was originally planned to be fully working.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said present water quality in that area is "fairly low," although

the water is potable. But, he said, there have been problems with its color and taste, and residents of the area have complained frequently about the water.

Fialkowski said there had been delays involving the Illinois EPA and the drilling of the deep well which had led to its being behind the original construction schedule. He said it had been drilled at a "less-than-expected width" and engineering for the pump and well house is now being done.

ON THE other hand, he said, village staff is "fairly optimistic" that the village will be able to have its first delivery of Lake Michigan water by early 1984. When Lake Michigan water becomes available, the village will have to cap all of its wells, with two or three of them as reserves in case of any emergency needs.

Fialkowski said the staff questioned the expenditure of \$400,000 to finish building well No. 8 if it will be shut down in two to three years. He said the

money for the project is already available from the proceeds of a 1979 bond issue.

Several of the trustees were not nearly so optimistic about the delivery of Lake Michigan water by the early 1984 estimation. Trustee James Goetch said there is "no way" Lake Michigan water will be available to Wheeling residents by that date. "We haven't even put in a single pipe from Evanston. We haven't even got right-of-way yet," he said.

"We do appreciate this being brought before us, but these people have suffered (with poor water quality) for the past 15 years," Trustee William Rogers said. "I am disappointed that staff has not pursued the building of this well diligently. It could be on line right now. I'd like to see that well completed."

The board will decide Sept. 8, on a consultant for the engineering work for Lake Michigan water.

Wheeling raises levy 60%

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WHEELING — Taxpayers may have received their 1980 tax bills this past week, but local officials already have taken action on 1981 taxes. During a special meeting Aug. 31, the Wheeling Village Board approved a tax levy of \$2,845,145, an amount 69 percent higher than the 1980 figure of \$1,682,566.

The tax levy is the dollar amount the village staff has estimated will be needed to run village government in the coming year. The final levy amount may be adjusted downward by amendments to the ordinance before the Dec. 31 deadline, when the amount becomes final.

Wheeling taxpayers may find that the portion of their taxes payable to the village has decreased, according to Finance Director Gregory Peters. That is because the equalized assessed val-

uation of the village for 1980, which had been estimated at \$190 million, actually came in at \$237 million. Peters attributed the broadened tax base to three factors:

- An increase in the real growth of the village due to annexations and building;
- The quadrennial reassessment of properties to correspond to current market values, and;
- The state equalizer having increased in Cook County by about 9 percent.

THE MAIN reason for the large percentage jump in the levy from 1980 to 1981 has to do with fire protection. Peters said the village is trying to correct an inequity whereby some residents are paying both the Wheeling rural fire

protection district and the village for their services.

He said it began in 1951 when the fire protection district was formed for the protection of those in the unincorporated areas. As the village expanded westward and southward from its 1951 limits, state law required those annexed areas to disannex from the fire protection district automatically, Peters said. However, in a 1966 court order, the areas were not automatically disconnected from the fire protection district, but had to formally petition for disconnection, which few did.

Other adjustments to the levy will include definite abatements of some \$256,000, which will bring down the final levy amount to \$2,588,758 "for sure," Peters said. He pointed out that the final amount may be as low as \$1,888,758.

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Sign code changes to be discussed

Amendments to Wheeling's controversial sign code will be discussed Tuesday night by the Wheeling village board, which is expected to give final approval to the ordinance without making significant changes.

The code was adopted two years ago and set strict controls on the size, design and location of signs in the village and also set deadlines for owners to remove the signs or change them to conform with codes. Wheeling trustees have also refused to exempt all signs erected before the ordinance was adopted. Wheeling businessmen have said the code will cost them millions of dollars.

Now the village staff is proposing changes to the code that would slightly increase the allowable maximum size of free standing and wall signs. They say the changes would make the signs easier to read from the street and would allow owners to include more information on the signs.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING VILLAGE board Tuesday also will consider amending the village's shopping cart code to require owners to post signs about car removal inside the store and level stiffer fines against store owners who don't collect carts that have been picked up by the village. The carts would also have to be tagged with the name, address and phone number of the store and a warning about removing the cart from the premises.

Store owners would have to pay a \$10 fee for carts retrieved by the village and a \$1 per day storage fee for each additional day after 10 days the carts is stored by the village. Unclaimed carts will be disposed of by the village 30 days after they are picked up.

THE VILLAGE BOARD Tuesday also is expected to deny a request from homeowners in the Lexington Commons development to take over partial maintenance of their streets.

It's common for the village to assume street maintenance, but the homeowners are asking the village to take over all street care except for snow plowing, which they say they want to contract with an independent plower to ensure the streets will be plowed quickly. The residents also asked the board to lower the usual takeover fee because the village won't be doing complete maintenance.

Village Manager Thomas Markus has recommended the request be denied, saying it would set a precedent and it is necessary for the village to keep the level of street maintenance equal throughout the village. Several trustees have also voiced opposition to the proposal.

WHEELING TRUSTEES Tuesday also are expected to abate over \$256,000 from the village's \$2.8 million 1981 tax levy.

The reduction represents the money that was included in the tax levy to cover bond payments for street and water system improvements. The money for those bond payments will actually come from motor fuel taxes and water fee revenues, not property taxes.

The abatement will lower the levied amount to \$2.54 million, a figure that is still 33 percent higher than last year's levy. The increase is mainly due to extra money added to the levy to cover the village's fire department expenses since Wheeling will leave the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District at the end of the year.

THE VILLAGE BOARD also will decide Tuesday whether to award a bid for the pump equipment needed for the proposed deep well at Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street or halt work on the well.

Milaeger Well and Pump Company has submitted a bid of \$142,450 on the pump and driver equipment for the well, the only bid the village received.

But in anticipation of receiving Lake Michigan water in 1984, the village staff has suggested that the \$592,000 project be shelved and the money used for the \$7 million worth of internal improvements to Wheeling's water system that must be made before the village can receive the lake water.

But several village trustees have said the residents along the Milwaukee Avenue corridor have waited long enough for better water and that the village staff is being overly optimistic about the arrival of lake water.

Once the trustees award a bid for the pumping equipment the project will continue until the well is put on line. The project has met with several delays and optimistic estimates set its earliest possible completion date for late next year.

WHEELING TRUSTEES Tuesday also will consider giving final approval to a capital improvements plan that calls for an estimated \$18.9 million in improvements to the village streets, sewers and the water system over the next five years.

Included in the plan are almost \$7 million in water system improvements made necessary when the village receives Lake Michigan water. The program also includes \$6.4 million road and bridge work, including \$5 million worth of improvements to Wheeling and Dundee Roads.

The plan also includes \$3.2 million in storm water improvements and \$1.8 million in miscellaneous projects, including construction of a proposed senior citizen center. The program also covers \$478,000 in sanitary sewer work and \$209,750 in sidewalk improvements.

Capital improvement plan OK'd

Wheeling trustees have approved a capital improvements plan that includes \$18.9 million in improvements to village streets, sewers and the water system over the next five years.

The plan includes \$7 million in water system improvements made necessary when the village receives Lake Michigan water and \$6.4 million in road and bridge work, including \$5 million worth of improvements to Wheeling and Dundee roads.

Other work in the plan includes \$3.2 million in storm water improvements and \$1.8 million in miscellaneous projects, including construction of the village's proposed senior center; \$478,000 in sanitary sewer work and \$209,750 in sidewalk improvements.

The projects will be funded with money from various sources and the entire plan will be updated each year.

Trustee Charles Kerr said he was pleased with the plan. "For as long as I've been in the village there has been nothing to compare with this," he said.

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Street maintenance urged

In a surprise move, representatives of the Lexington Commons Homeowners Association have withdrawn their request for partial village maintenance of their streets and are seeking a complete takeover by the village.

Originally the homeowners had asked that the village take over all maintenance responsibilities with the exception of snow plowing. They said they would contract with an independent plower to ensure the streets will be plowed quickly. The residents also asked the board to lower the one-time takeover fee of \$200.

But Village Manager Thomas Markus recommended the board deny the request because it would set a precedent, saying complete takeover is necessary to maintain an equal level of maintenance throughout the village.

Lexington homeowners will now meet with Markus to discuss their takeover application.

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Village board wrapup

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Law aims to round up shopping carts

Store owners will be charged stiffer fines for failing to pick up shopping carts collected by the village, as a result of Wheeling Village Board action this week. And store owners will be told to post signs warning customers not to remove the carts.

The amendments to the shopping cart law are the result of recent village efforts to clean up the Wildwood Apartment complex, often strewn with carts from local stores. The amendments will also require that all carts be tagged with the name, address and phone number of the store and a warning about removing the carts from the property.

Store owners will have to pay a \$10 fee for carts retrieved by the village and a \$1 per day storage fee for each additional day after 10 days the carts are stored by the village. Unclaimed carts will be disposed of by the village 30 days after they are picked up by village workers.

Village scraps new deep well in northeast section

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Despite criticism that residents in the northeast part of Wheeling have waited long enough for an improvement in their water quality, the village board has scrapped plans for completion of a deep well in that area.

The village had planned to construct a deep well at Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street to help improve the quality of water in the "old town" part of Wheeling. A 1976 study of the village water system indicated a need for the well since a shallow well, in operation since 1927, serves that area.

Use of the shallow well has resulted in a steady stream of residents complaining about the rusty look, rotten egg smell and taste of the water —

even though village officials say the water is safe to drink. But construction delays, coupled with optimistic developments in the acquisition of Lake Michigan water, caused village officials to re-examine the project.

BY SCRAPPING the well, the village will save \$400,000 that will be used to help pay for the \$7 million worth of internal improvements needed in Wheeling's water system to prepare it for lake water. The village already has spent \$192,000 to drill a well hole and start the engineering for the project and the engineering will be completed in case the village must go ahead with the project.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said construction of the deep well would not guarantee better water. One way the village could try and improve

the water quality would be to phase out the shallow well and direct water from other wells to that part of town.

But Markus said he didn't believe that would be a wise decision. "In my opinion there would be no excuse for phasing it out when it has useful life. I can't endorse that type of action."

PLANS TO INSTALL a 950-foot loop in the water system to pump water from other wells and increase the pressure in the area also have been delayed. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said engineers have indicated the loop won't do much to increase pressure in the area. "There are a number of improvements needed and we've heard significantly greater figures than \$50,000 for the loop," said Fialkowski.

The loop eventually will be needed as part of the lake water improvement program.

Village Trustee Charles Kerr, who originally criticized scrapping the project because residents had lived too long with bad water, said the amount of money that would be saved changed his mind.

"I guess it was the money more than anything else," said Kerr. "I'm very much concerned with the quality of the water and how long people have waited, but I have to look at it village-wide. The best decision was to go along with not spending \$400,000, but I still don't think we'll get our lake water as quickly."

MEANWHILE ONE Wheeling dentist has threatened to hold the village liable for expenses he incurs while

trying to protect his dental equipment from sediment in the water.

Dr. Gerald M. Reed could not be reached for comment, but in a letter to Markus, Reed said water in his dental office at 47 W. Dundee Road contained "an inordinate amount of air as well as solid particles." Reed wrote he would be forced to install a variety of filtering equipment unless the village could "immediately correct" the problem and because of the expense he would have "no alternative but to hold the village of Wheeling liable."

Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance for the village, said his staff is looking into the matter. "There are other problems. The building was reconverted from a restaurant and an addition was put on. A new water service was added and sometimes

by doing that you cause problems," said Gray. "Whenever there's a problem there's usually more than one cause."

Village attorney David Epstein said he wasn't sure if Reed could make a claim against Wheeling. "What he's talking about is water quality and as long as it is potable I don't think he has a claim," adding he hasn't heard of any formal action against the village.

Village officials say the water problems in that area of town should clear up when residents get lake water, which is scheduled to arrive in 1984. Wheeling is part of the Northwest Water Commission, which is planning to build a 23-mile pipeline from the Evanston Water Plant. Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine also belong to the commission.

Changes will make sign law easier for village businesses

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

After two years of arguing over the village's controversial sign code, Wheeling trustees have formally agreed to make the rules more lenient. In an effort to clean up areas of Wheeling, especially along Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road, the sign code was adopted two years ago and set strict standards for the size, design and location of signs and deadlines for the removal or conformance of existing signs. Wheeling businessmen said it would cost them millions of dollars to bring their signs up to code.

The amended code will increase the allowable wall sign size from 50 to 75 percent of a store's length and will increase the size of a two-sided free-standing sign to 100 square feet on each sign face. The village's special sign district, created to coordinate signs in shopping centers, was also expanded to include industrial, office and municipal complexes.

THE STAFF proposed the changes after it was determined that smaller signs were difficult to read from the street and could cause traffic problems if motorists slowed to read them. Under the ordinance, all illegal signs

must be removed by Dec. 31, 1981. Owners of signs that don't conform to required specifications have until May 1985 to update their signs, apply for a variation or remove them. That deadline was extended one year.

The board originally rejected the staff proposals, but Village President Sheila Schultz said a "real consideration of businessmen" caused the trustees to reconsider the amendments.

"We realized the difficulty businessmen would have if we stuck with what we wanted," said Schultz. "It would not be a practical thing. We've got to start somewhere and someone always has to suffer. If you pass an ordinance and realize a huge number of people have to ask for variations, you look again."

BUT WHILE the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce agrees in principle with the ordinance, officials still predict problems.

Jackie Pollack, the Chamber's executive secretary, said the timing and setback requirements in the ordinance are still troublesome to Wheeling businessmen. "Because of the setback requirement many of the businesses on Milwaukee and Dundee will have to move their signs so far back they can't be seen from the street," she said. "Signs are the lifeblood of many small businesses, and they must be seen."

Pollack also said the Chamber had hoped to persuade the board to exempt all existing signs from the new law. "We had hoped for a grandfather clause because signs would not have to be changed while they're in good shape," said Pollack. "The cost to the businessman is a lot of money." Earlier estimates had set the number of non-conforming signs at 90 percent, but both Pollack and Schultz said the less stringent amendments will probably save a lot of small businessmen.

BOTH ALSO recognize that the law will create a larger demand for variations from businessmen who hope to keep their signs. "The village is setting themselves up for a lot of extra work with the variations and it doesn't make sense," said Pollack.

As they had a past meetings, several Wheeling business owners attended Tuesday's board meeting to argue against the law. Pollack said if the village did not approve the more lenient amendments, the Chamber was considering filing a class action suit to stop the law.

Currently the village staff is working on an inventory of signs in the village and will begin notifying the owners of illegal and non-conforming signs.

Wheeling eyes law to block Chicago's taxes

Mayor Byrne's tax foray into the suburbs met opposition in Wheeling Tuesday, but the village board deferred action on an ordinance which would prohibit the collection of business taxes within the village by any municipality other than Wheeling.

The action is similar to an ordinance passed Tuesday by the City of Park Ridge. However, Wheeling Village Attorney David A. Epstein drafted an ordinance which would broaden the scope of the proposed ordinance beyond that of Park Ridge.

"Park Ridge's action is drafted specifically to address the City of Chicago's service tax," Epstein said. "Ours is designed to cover all municipalities."

The suggestion to table further action was made by Village Manager Thomas Markus, after Epstein urged the village to test the legality of the enacted Chicago tax in court.

"There is no such precedent in the entire country," Epstein said of Chicago's action. "Adopting this ordinance will serve to protect Wheeling businesses from

tax encroachment by other municipalities."

Epstein suggested that if Chicago wins a favorable ruling from the Illinois Supreme Court, other municipalities may impose similar taxes on Wheeling businesses.

"I believe we should enter into a test case," Epstein said, "which is certain to happen anyway."

The proposed village ordinance, Epstein said, would meet attempts by other home-rule cities from imposing extra-territorial taxes on businesses in Wheeling.

"Although there is a strong potential to get involved in litigation," Markus said. "I don't think we (Wheeling) want to get into a suit that could be long, drawn out and very costly to the village."

Village Trustee Roger A. Powers agreed with Markus.

"It would be wise to go slowly here," he said.

Markus asked the board to table the issue until all trustees were present. Trustees John Cole and James E. Goetch were absent from Tuesday's meeting.

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Ethnic slur, insect in food charged

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling man filed health and defamation complaints against a restaurant, saying the manager answered him with an ethnic slur after he complained of a cockroach in his food. Norman Roth said when he complained to Dean Pappas, manager of the Market Square Restaurant, that he had found a cockroach in his tapioca pudding, he was told to get out of the restaurant "because we don't want Jews in here," and to "get on the next boat to Israel."

But Thomas Pappas, owner of the restaurant, 600 W. Dundee Road, denied the charges after he said he talked to his son and the waitress.

"These people, they're lying," Pappas said. "They go from restaurant to restaurant, lying, trying to get free

meals. We don't work that way. We welcome everyone and treat everyone the same. We're not here to judge their religion."

HOWEVER, PAPPAS did say that Roth could have found a fly in his food.

"We sprayed for flies yesterday and it's possible there was one," said Pappas, adding "if that happens we buy them dinner and apologize."

Dean Pappas could not be reached for comment.

Roth, who said he has two witnesses to the incident, contacted the village health department about the bug and also filed complaints with the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He also spoke to Pappas, who apologized about the incident.

"I accepted the apology of the owner

only from the standpoint that he shouldn't have said it," Roth said. "The man didn't say his son wasn't going to work there anymore. I think things like this have to come to a stop. It was a cursory apology."

ROTH SAID he also contacted two local rabbis and asked them to mention the incident at their services.

Lisa Skolnik, community consultant for the Anti-Defamation League, said that since the owner apologized, he would receive a letter asking for his side of the story.

"But we will make it clear we don't approve," said Skolnik, adding no legal action was planned. "The important thing to remember is there are Jewish constituents in the area and you don't want to make slurs against any ethnic groups."

Chamber officials could not be

reached for comment, but Roth said chamber secretary Jackie Pollack told him a letter about the incident would be sent to Pappas.

WHEELING SANITARIAN Dan Adams said he will handle the incident like a regular complaint and will inspect the restaurant for insects. If he finds any, Adams said the owner will have to call a state-certified exterminator to spray the place.

Roth said he is pursuing the incident because of its implications.

"This has to stop," he said. "We're in a growing Jewish community and we're talking about a major business. (Ethnic slurs are) like a cancer."

"I'm not a militant. I don't belong to an active synagogue and I don't wear my religion on my sleeve," said Roth. "If I don't say something, who will?"

Water system work considered

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees will meet Tuesday night with representatives from three Chicago engineering firms to discuss improvements needed in Wheeling's water system before the village can receive Lake Michigan water.

Representatives from Alvord, Burdick and Howson, Kiefer Engineering and PRC Consoer will present their plans to the board and answer questions, and the trustees are expected informally to choose a firm.

Cost estimates for the engineering studies range from \$495,000 to \$650,000, depending on the number of storage tanks and whether they are buried or built above ground. The project will include the engineering design of two, 2.5 million-gallon storage reservoirs; pumping stations; 42,200 feet of water mains; and two elevated water storage tanks.

Those improvements were determined in a study already done for the village by consulting engineers from Consoer, which said the improvements

were necessary to convert the village from well water to lake water. Estimates put the total price tag for the improvements at about \$7 million, but Kiefer is suggesting that those improvements, particularly the storage volume, be reconsidered before the engineering is complete.

KIEFER ALSO HAS done work for the village, including the plans for a deep well and reservoir.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the engineering study will be paid with reserves in the village's water and sewer funds. An additional \$400,000 is available after the village recently decided to scrap a deep well project in the northeast section of Wheeling.

The field was narrowed to three firms after the village staff received proposals from seven companies. Fial-

kowski said the choice will not automatically go to the firm that offers the lowest proposal, because the board also will consider experience and qualifications.

Fialkowski estimated the engineering would take from eight months to a year to complete, but because it will be done in phases, construction work could start on one phase while the engineering work continues on another phase.

Wheeling is a member of the Northwest Water Commission that is planning to build a 23-mile pipe from the Evanston water plant to the suburbs to carry lake water. Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine are also members.

The village board will meet to discuss the proposals at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

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WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES will conduct a public hearing Tuesday to discuss renting half the township garage to Prospect Heights to store public works trucks.

Township and city officials have been negotiating a deal that provides for Prospect Heights to pay \$18,000 a year to rent the space and in turn provide some road services for the township.

During the township campaign last spring, Township Highway Commissioner Thomas Gillis pledged to trim the highway department operations and has already laid off one employee and sold several pieces of township equipment. He said plans to sell the garage, located at 2340 E. Hintz Road, have been postponed.

The public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road. A regular board meeting will follow the hearing at 8 p.m.

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Pal-Waukee report lacking: village

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

A consultant's report on public ownership of Pal-Waukee Airport has not addressed several important economic questions, Wheeling officials say, and the village has asked the consultant to provide more information.

Consultant Larry Donoghue was hired by Prospect Heights and Wheeling to study the airport's purchase. His \$120,000 study is in the final stages, with village and city officials awaiting final word on an environmental impact study before submitting the report for state and federal review.

In a letter to Donoghue, Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus and Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said he did not address

whether shortening the airport's main runway will have a significant economic impact on the airport.

CURRENTLY THE end of the airport's 5,000-foot runway is too close to the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads to meet federal standards for a public airport. Relocation of the roads has been planned for the later stages of the 20-year conversion to a public facility and the runway would be temporarily shortened until the road work was completed.

Markus previously expressed concern that shortening the runway would limit the size of planes that could land and impair full operation of the airport, making it economically unfeasible for the villages to operate.

"We would like to see that question adequately addressed in the report," said Fialkowski. "We ask questions and we get different answers. If they are going to be shortened, that may not affect economics, but that should be in the report."

Fialkowski said shortened runways might affect landings, particularly those where the pilot is depending on instrument readings.

FIALKOWSKI ALSO said the village is recommending that the relocation of the roads be done at the same time, instead of separate five-year periods, to hold down engineering and construction costs. Donoghue has put the relocation of Wolf in the second phase of the airport's acquisition, somewhere between 1988 and 1990.

Hintz would be moved after 1990 and the price of moving both roads has been estimated at near \$10 million.

The officials also are questioning the imposition of landing fees, a move they said was dismissed three years ago at the beginning of the study as impractical. Donoghue is proposing a \$1 landing fee on planes that don't use the airport regularly in an attempt to get "transients" to help meet the airport's operating costs.

"He (Donoghue) always said a landing fee was unworkable. How do you collect it? We went along with that and now he's proposing it," said Fialkowski.

Donoghue was out of town Monday and could not be reached for comment.

Wheeling officials will meet with other members of the Technical Advisory Committee, a group of suburban officials studying the airport's purchase, on Sept. 24 to discuss the report. Comments from other groups will also be discussed at that time.

Despite the near completion of the report, officials estimate it will be next spring before a final decision is made on the airport.

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Construction under way for warehouse project

Construction has begun on an eight-unit combination office and warehouse building in Wheeling being built by a Gurnee development company.

Esper Peterson, president of the U.S. Development Corp., said the one-story building will cost \$2.25 million and is expected to be complete by the end of January. The warehouse is being built on five acres the company owns at Hintz Road and Glenn Avenue, and space in the building will be leased to other companies.

Peterson's company also will widen the intersection and install a right turn lane on Hintz, along with a merge lane on Glenn. Peterson said some driveways have been installed at the site, and while the road construction has

been delayed by the heavy equipment operators strike, he is confident the work can be completed by the same time the building is finished.

Traffic at the intersection is not expected to be affected by the road work.

Ruling Oct. 15 on Wheeling police lawsuit

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Kocoras said Tuesday he will rule on Oct. 15 on seven requests for summary judgments in a two-year-old lawsuit filed by 11 Wheeling policemen.

Attorneys for the officials requested the summary judgments earlier this summer. Kocoras' clerk said if the judge grants the motions the suit will be thrown out of court. If the motions are dismissed the case should go to trial sometime this fall.

Two years ago, the 11 police officers filed suit against former village president William Hein, Police Chief Theodore Bracke and members of the village police and fire commission, charging that the results of promotion exams were falsified and that the officials conspired to promote police officers based on their political ties.

Later that year the officials' attorney asked that the suit be thrown out because it had no basis. U.S. District Court Judge Nicholas Bua refused the request, ruling that the suit was valid.

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Senior housing cost \$3.2 million

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

The Cook County Housing Authority

will spend at least \$3.2 million to build a proposed 100-unit senior citizens housing complex in Wheeling, project bids opened Tuesday indicate.

A Westmont company, Klein Construction, submitted the lowest bid of \$3.2 million for the project, which will include construction of the building, surrounding land improvements and landscaping.

The highest of 18 bids submitted to the housing authority came from Ockerland Construction in Morton Grove, which set a price of \$3.7 million for the development planned for the corner of Milwaukee and Strong avenues, next to the proposed senior citizens center.

Victor Walchirk, housing authority executive director, said the bids now will be submitted to the authority's board of commissioners, which will review them and determine which firm

will be awarded the work.

THE PROJECT will be built with federal funds. The bid accepted for the work also must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and approval.

Walchirk said he hopes the board will rule on the bids within the next 10 days. He said HUD normally takes 30 days to review projects, although the bids are good for 60 days.

Walchirk said the project should be completed about 15 months after the contracts are signed.

The eight-story senior citizens apartment building will contain 14 one-bedroom apartments on seven floors and also will include a special first-floor apartment for a handicapped resident. The building also will have public rooms, offices, laundry facilities, a craft room and living quarters for

maintenance workers.

Village officials have decided to give priority for residence to senior citizens who already live in the village. To be eligible, a senior citizen must be at least 62 years old if single, or one member of a couple must be 62-years-old.

The rent for an apartment in the building would be about 25 percent of a senior's annual net income, not to exceed \$105 per month. There also is a \$12 monthly utility fee.

CAAG charges unfounded

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THE NATIVES are restless again. This time it's some folks in the Wheeling and Prospect Heights area who are upset because of a possible conversion of Palwaukee Airport from private to public ownership.

Such conversion, they say, will lead to expansion, more planes, more noise and increased safety hazards. Airport experts disagree, but community groups seldom agree with experts — whether it's cable television or airports.

What appears to be happening with this one group, the Citizens Airport Activity Group (CAAG) is that the end of the airport study is in sight and it's possible the consultant looking into the conversion, is going to recommend that Wheeling and Prospect Heights purchase the facility.

Which has CAAG concerned. Not only concerned, but perhaps a little difficult to communicate with.

I WAS "honored," if you will, to be the recent target of their charges.

CAAG's president, John Whitman of Wheeling, sent us a letter here charging inaccuracies with a report published in the Sept. 3 LIFE.

Which I find interesting because no one remembers Whitman being at the meeting. But it's the thought that counts, I guess.

Whitman makes several accusations, not just about me, but about the members of the Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport.

Ones which participants on the committee refute, but that's to be expected.

It's the nature of Whitman's assaults, and accuracies which is interesting.

He says there were five angry residents at the meeting, which is true, and they were concerned with TAC's "inability" to answer several questions.

We could debate from now until eternity about the meaning of inability.

Many of the questions raised by Whitman have been discussed by TAC and some are not in the jurisdiction of the committee.



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FOR EXAMPLE, he wants to know why Mt. Prospect doesn't send a representative to the meetings since the airport's traffic affects that village.

That's not a question for TAC. That's a decision Mt. Prospect Village Manager Terry Burghard has to make. And, he says, a staff member has been assigned to the meetings and missed the Aug. 20 meeting. Burghard says the staff member will be attending meetings from now on.

Whitman also questions representation by Glenview on the committee. In addition to Glenview, Northbrook, Wheeling, Prospect Heights and representatives from the FAA and Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics are present.

Glenview Village Manager Robert van Deusen says Glenview, as well as Northbrook were invited to join TAC when it was created three years ago, by the Northwest Municipal Conference. He says his village is interested in Palwaukee because many of Glenview's industries rely on the airport.

Whitman also wants to know why the Wheeling Village Board and the Prospect Heights City Council have "limited knowledge" of the proceedings of TAC meetings.

This, as expected, upset both Steve Sturgell, Prospect Heights City Manager and Tom Markus, Wheeling Village Manager.

Sturgell says he keeps the council informed of TAC's activities and while he doesn't inform them of such mundane things like a five-foot difference in the proposed width of a runway, he says council members are kept in-

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formed of major developments by the committee.

MARKUS SAYS board members are also kept aware of what TAC is doing, but did say they did not receive minutes of the last meeting something he attributed to an "oversight."

Whitman also charges that with the exception of consultant Larry Donoghue and "one or two others," all members of TAC do is "nod their heads." I spoke with some of the members of the committee and they indicated that while they might not speak every minute of every meeting, they

don't hesitate to ask questions if there is something they don't understand.

Aside from myself, however, the agency which came under the most attack from Whitman is the FAA.

Whitman says the FAA has failed, among other things, to conduct meetings as detailed in its own manuals and has failed to provide a two-way dialogue with members of the community and interested groups.

It should be noted that the FAA is not in charge of the TAC and does not run its meetings. And according to manual and guidelines, the FAA does not have to hold public hearings or meetings. That's the responsibility of

the sponsor.

As for meetings, Whitman asks "why has there been a very limited amount of publicity of these TAC meetings in public places as well as newspapers. This is a federal requirement."

I don't make it a habit of hanging around in Wheeling or Prospect Heights so I can't attest to public postings. As for the newspapers, I know that at least two of three which serve Wheeling provide regular coverage of TAC meetings.

Persons I spoke with say there is no federal requirement for posting meeting notices, especially since TAC is not a federal committee.

Nor is it controlled by the Illinois Open Meetings Act. To play it safe, however, Markus says TAC meetings are being held as though they had to be in compliance with the act.

Finally, Whitman suggested (and pardon the last name only, sir, but that's proper style) that I join the TAC "publicity committee."

I'd be honored to, but it would be a conflict of interest seeing as I actively cover the meetings.

And even if Whitman challenges what TAC members do and how I cover meetings, there is one thing he has to remember.

We were there.

Firm selected to draw up water system improvements

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees have agreed to hire the Chicago engineering firm of Alvord, Burdick and Howson for up to \$495,000 to design improvements in the village's water system to prepare it for Lake Michigan water.

The proposed improvements include two 2.5-million gallon storage reservoirs, two elevated water storage tanks, 42,200 feet of water mains and pumping stations. Engineers from Alvord estimated the engineering design costs will not exceed \$495,000 and told trustees they thought the entire project, including construction, could be completed for less than the \$6 million originally estimated.

The trustees are expected to take formal action on the choice at next Monday's board meeting and authorize the village staff to negotiate an agreement with the company.

ACCORDING TO THE company's report, designing the project should take seven months. They estimated the construction of the improvements could take two years.

The firm was one of three that presented their plans to the village board Tuesday night. The other two firms, PRC Consoer Townsend and Kiefer Engineering both have done work be-

fore for Wheeling. Consulting engineers for Consoer prepared the original study of the improvements needed in the village's system.

Alvord engineer William Richardson told the board some of the existing water storage facilities may be used for lake water and that his firm would review the entire system before recommending the removal of water towers. Richardson also recommended that all the facilities be built off the design to reduce the cost of repairs and replacement parts, but said architectural differences could be used to vary the look of the structures.

The firm has done extensive work in other suburbs and is a consulting engineer for the Evanston water works. Wheeling is a member of the four-town Northwest Water Commission that is planning to build a 23-mile pipe from the Evanston water plant to the suburbs to carry lake water. Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine also are members.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz said she thought the board chose the firm because of its proposed financial arrangements with the village and because they gave the board confidence in their plans.

"It was very difficult. Any one of the three firms could do it," Schultz said.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he thought all three firms could do the work but he liked Alvord's attitude toward saving money.

Markus also said that Alvord's work with Evanston would not present a conflict of interest between Wheeling and the Northwest Water Commission, because the firm worked with the city and not the commission.

The engineering study will be paid with reserves in the village's water and sewer funds. An additional \$400,000 is available after the village recently decided to scrap a deep well project in the northeast section of town. Village officials have estimated the work will take care of the village water system well into the next century.

Capital improvements plan gets approval

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EVEN THOUGH the Village Board has approved a capital improvements plan for the village, it could be a while before the program is actually implemented. The program definitively identifies the areas in the village where work is needed. Included in the program are improvements to sanitary sewers, storm water facilities, roads and bridges and sidewalks.

Also proposed for improvements in the village are municipal building and street lighting. Land acquisition is also included in the capital improvements program.

Funding for the project could come from any one of several sources or a combination of them. Some of the possibilities include the village's operating fund, motor fuel tax revenue, general obligation bonds, a special taxing district, special assessment funds, industrial revenue bonds and regular revenue bonds.

ALTHOUGH NO specific dates have been outlined, it's expected that engineering and design of the projects could take about one year with costs exceeding \$500,000.

One possible problem with getting the program into full gear is the current economic condition and budget tightening by the Reagan Administration.

Village Manager Thomas Markus is keeping a close eye on the variables which could affect the project, especially the funding.

He added that the adoption of the resolution by the board identifies the need for improvements to facilities in the village.

The program developed by the village is to cover a five-year period starting with 1981-82 fiscal year and running through the 1985-86 fiscal year.

Markus has called this program "dynamic and continuing" and one which be updated as projects are completed.

Comment uncalled for, says diner

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TOM PAPPAS would just assume drop the whole thing.

He's the owner of the Market Square Restaurant in Wheeling where Norman Roth had lunch last week.

Roth contends that after finding a roach in his tapioca pudding, Pappas' son, Dean, made several derogatory remarks about Roth and the fact that Roth is Jewish.

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Roth added that Pappas suggested

he go to LeFrancais because he (Roth) "could afford it."

"WHAT BOTHERS me the most," Roth says. "Is the handling of the incident and the assumption I was Jewish. There's no way he could have known."

The senior Pappas, however, says there is some irony to the whole thing. "The waitress who waited on them," he says, "is Jewish."

Pappas added that "I came from Greece and don't believe in that stuff. I don't care what Mr. Roth says. I'd rather drop the whole thing."

And for the most part, so would Roth. "I'm not a militant. But I have to take a stand. There was no reason

for his remarks. My only comment was to the waitress and when we went to pay our check, I mentioned it to the manager."

Roth had contacted the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and the B'nai Brith's anti-defamation league.

Roth adds that he did receive an apology from the senior Pappas, but called it "cursory."

After discovering the bug in his pudding, Roth says the waitress did offer to bring him another serving, but he declined.

"IT'S A DAMN shame," Roth says. "It's a nice restaurant and appears to

be clean and I can accept the fact that a bug might get in some food once in a while."

The assumption that he was looking for a free meal also bothers him. "I had the money when I went in and had no intention of looking for a free meal."

Roth calls remarks made by Pappas "despicable and inexcusable. What if I was an Italian-Catholic?"

Wheeling Village Sanitarian (health inspector) Dan Adams says he has checked the restaurant and has not found any problem.

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One pack

WHEELING FIREFIGHTER JEFF HOFF HAS his BioPak mask adjusted by Gordon Harris, fire service specialist with the safety products division of Rexnord. Hoff was one of several firefighters participating in a training session.

By JUNE STEWART

SEEMS LIKE someone is always asking for something.

Ever hear—"Give! Give! Give!"

Ever ask—"Whaddya want? Blood?"

The answer is YES!

The next Wheeling Community Blood Drive is Oct. 7, at the Municipal Complex, between the hours of 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The community blood program participants and their families are provided with blood replacement credits anywhere in the United States through Wheeling's participation in the North Suburban Blood Center program, and affiliation with the American Association of Blood Banks.



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ONE THING should be clarified. Belonging to the program does not mean "free blood" should a participant require a blood transfusion. Maintaining blood banks costs money. A former Wheeling resident, who shall remain nameless, was shocked when she required two pints of blood during a recent hospital stay, and found the item on her hospital bill.

Perhaps the most positive aspect of the program is that the blood was there when she needed it. It was available!

Nothing but human blood can replace human blood. So it is worthwhile to keep the blood banks stocked—worthwhile, and critical. Don't forget Oct. 7.



The results of a three-phase study will determine if the villages of Wheeling and Prospect Heights are still interested in purchasing Pal-Waukee Airport. (Staff photo)

Airport purchase still a puzzle to villages

By RICK SORCI

Like a jumbled jigsaw puzzle, one by one the different pieces of the three-phase Pal-Waukee Airport study are beginning to formulate a picture.

The villages of Wheeling and Prospect Heights, both interested in purchasing the facility, are awaiting the final outcome of the contingency study being conducted by Ralph Burke Associates of Park Ridge.

Unfortunately, the picture is still clouded by unanswered questions and uncertainty, which leaves the whole situation somewhat muddled.

"We're having some problems with some of the requirements handed down by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)," Wheeling Assistant Manager Thomas Fennell said. "Our village is waiting for the revised Phase III report, which, we hope, will address some of the problems."

The purchase of the airport is contingent upon the report. With the federal government putting up between 80 per cent and 90 per cent of the funding (reported to be close to \$41 million), FAA approval and regulations are mandatory.

Among the issues to be settled are the relocation of Hintz and Wolf Roads, the shortening of the airport's 5,000-foot runway and the effect the changes will bring.

Burke Associates began the study in late 1978. Completion of Phase I came in March, 1980. While Phase II was finished in July, 1980, Phase III is due shortly.

Fennell hopes the revised report, which may be delivered at the Sept. 24 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, will give indications as to how much revenue the airport will generate.

"If FAA requirements require the one runway to be shortened, what effect would it have economically to the operation of the airport?" he said. "How many planes would leave Pal-Waukee if the runway was shortened?"

Fennell said Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials want to determine if the purchase of the field from George Priester is economically feasible in light of the FAA regulations.

"If some of the business at Pal-Waukee goes elsewhere, will we still be able to make enough money to operate the facility?" Fennell asked. "This is a big concern to us."

Cost of relocating Hintz and Wolf roads, as well as a proposed \$1 landing fee for aircraft which use the facility infrequently, are other concerns of Wheeling, Fennell said.

The FAA is concerned about the safety of the northwest runway approach at Hintz

and Wolf roads.

"According to FAA regulations," said George Euring, Burke's chief of planning and reports, "every plane landing must have a 15-foot clearance over a road, to avoid trucks. Presently, the airport doesn't quite meet that requirement."

Phase I of the report looked at existing airport facilities at Pal-Waukee, airport users and investigated FAA airport facility requirements.

"The report explained what the Pal-Waukee Airport operation was all about," Euring said. "We wanted to make a forecast as to future activity at the facility, as well as establish future airport requirements."

The Phase I report, Euring said, determined the facility was useful and would meet the needs of the area for the next 20 years.

Phase II compared the existing facility and forecast future FAA standards and requirements. The report also described a layout plan showing how the airport would meet FAA standards.

"Most airports are owned by a municipality," Euring said. "In order to purchase Pal-Waukee, the facility has to meet FAA standards."

Phase II also required the movement of some airplanes and hangers to a different airport location.

"This required the purchase of an additional 100 acres north of the airport," Euring said.

Phase III will reveal the final layout plans, feasibility study, land use plans, environmental assessment and financial economics.

"We are supposed to deliver a draft of the revised Phase III plans at the next TAC meeting," Euring said. "The commission will give its comments at this time."

Euring said a public hearing will be held, possibly in December, on the environmental assessment.

"Anything is possible," Fennell said. "After the final report is in, both municipalities will have to decide if they still are interested in obtaining the facility."

Fennell said the number of twists and turns the situation could take is multitudinous.

"It's possible Wheeling or Prospect Heights will decide to make the purchase," he said. "It's also possible Wheeling or Prospect Heights will decide they're not interested any longer. Who knows? Maybe the Cook County will decide to buy it."

The final pieces of the puzzle, Euring indicated, probably would not be visible until sometime in 1982.

Dist. 214 staff suggests smaller levy increase

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By MICHELE SHOOLIN

An unexpected surplus in High School District 214's 1981-82 proposed budget prompted administrators to recommend that the board of education increase its 1981 tax levy no more than 5 per cent over this year's tax collection.

At a public hearing Monday evening on the district's \$72 million proposed budget, Robert Weber, associate superintendent for business services, told the board that the district can now expect a \$686,000 surplus. Weber said revenue from local taxes and state aid is greater than earlier predicted.

The revised figures indicate the district will receive \$1.5 million more in tax income and \$54,368 more in general state aid than previously expected.

In order to equalize income and expenses next year, the administration is recommending levying taxes at approximately \$2.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This will bring the district \$43.9 million in tax income.

If taxes next year are levied at the 1980 rate of \$2.15 per \$100 of assessed valuation the district predicts at \$5.8 million surplus. By law, school districts are directed not to build surpluses, but tax to meet expenditures and balance the budget.

Board member Marilyn Quinn indicated how difficult it is to decide what the tax levy should be for the coming year. She

explained that if the tax levy was lowered now, and inflation continues, the district might not have enough money in the future. The board is required by law to levy a tax rate almost one year before a final budget is approved.

However, Weber told the board that if they decided to raise the levy more than 5 per cent, over the 1980 extension, the district would be required to hold a public

hearing.

The board cannot make any decisions about next year's tax levy until after the 1981-82 proposed budget is approved. Approval is expected at the next board meeting on Sept. 28.

Helen Showers of Mt. Prospect, the only citizen to address the board about the budget, asked members to clarify and justify why they raised taxes this year

when enrollment is declining and they are considering school closings.

Board member Richard Bachhuber explained that costs do not go down in direct proportion to the reduction in the number of students in the district.

Weber said enrollment is down, but costs are up. "We do have a continued increase

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Old Town residents want better water now

Village all wet in decision to cap well

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By RICK SORCI

What's wet, the color of rust, and tastes worse than it looks?

If you live in the Old Town section of Wheeling, that's easy to answer — the drinking water.

Residents living in this section of the village — the eastern vicinity near Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road — have suffered with this problem for years.

Because they had no access to Lake Michigan water, like their neighbors in many other northwest suburbs, Wheeling residents had to settle for well water.

Unfortunately, the quality of the water, at best, was mediocre.

When the announcement came last spring from the Northwest Water Commission that Lake Michigan water was coming to the Village of Wheeling in early 1984, hopes for better drinking water buoyed.

However, before this announcement, the village made plans to spend more than \$400,000 on a new well to clear up the murky Old Town water situation.

Now that lake water is coming to Wheeling, village officials have decided to scuttle plans for the new well (Well Eight).

"I recognize this is a difficult decision to make," Village Manager Thomas Markus said. "We've promised the Old Town people better water. However, I believe we can get by with the present situation for two more years."

Trustees were concerned about legal hangups that could delay Lake Michigan water longer than scheduled.

"What if the Lake Michigan water is delayed until 1987?" Trustee Charles Kehr asked Markus. "Are you ready to

guarantee the water will be here by then?"

"I can't answer that," he said. "If I knew for sure, then we would have no problem making a decision."

"I'm afraid Lake Michigan water won't get here for three or four years," Trustee William A. Rogers said.

The new well, according to Markus, could be put on line if there is a long delay with lake water coming to Wheeling. If the well were put on line before lake water arrives, the well, like all other wells in the village, will have to be capped.

Presently, residents in the Old Town section draw water from Well One, which is a shallow well. Well Eight was to be a deep well — approximately 1,000 feet. Drawing from a spring in Wisconsin, the well would have produced water that contained more minerals, had a high iron count, was cleaner and, above all, would have tasted like water.

Because of an Environmental Protective Agency test, as well as other delays, the project fell 8 to 14 months behind schedule. Markus said the well couldn't be put on line before May, 1982 — approximately two years before Lake Michigan water is due.

Kehr wanted to know if the quality of water in Old Town could improve without Well Eight and before lake water arrives.

"I don't think so," Markus said. "You can continue to have the same quality water or you can spend the \$410,000 for a better quality water. I believe the taxpayers would rather save the money and put up with the same quality of water for a little longer."

After much discussion with village trustees, Markus was able to convince the

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in fixed costs. Energy is up 20 per cent over last year." Weber also cited the increase in cost per pupil which he attributed almost entirely to increases in salary.

Board member Harold Best, who is retiring from the board in November, criticized the board's financial policies. He believes one of the reasons costs do not go down is the board has not taken as firm a stand on school closings as elementary school districts have. "We knew as early as 1975 that enrollment would go down," Best said.

Best also believes costs could have been cut by placing STEP, a program for behaviorally disturbed students, into one of the district's eight high schools instead of renting Feehanville school in Mt. Prospect.

"We needed to rent a school like we needed a hole in the head," he said.

In response, board member John Gmitro said the board has always tried to balance quality of education with cost, and cutting or adding to the budget is a question of judgement.

Board President Donald Hoeck said the board was aware of residents' concerns over rising costs. He reminded everyone that board members also must pay higher taxes.

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board to cap the well project

For some Old Town residents, like their water, this was a little hard to swallow.

"If I could vote," said Brad Shandling, of Foxboro Apartments in the Old Town section, "I'd say spend the money. They didn't ask the people. They aren't the ones drinking the water. The water is terrible."

Shandling uses a filter on his faucet, as many other residents in the area. Without it, they said, the water was not fit to drink.

"It tastes and smells like chlorine," Joy Blomquist, 322 S. Wheeling Ave., said. "It looks kind of a rusty color. I would not particularly like to wait until Lake Michigan water arrives before they do something about the situation. I say, spend the money that it takes to improve the water."

Others said they won't drink the water at all, preferring to purchase bottled water. Others complained the water does "funny things" to clothes in the wash.

"The quality and quantity of our water is horrendous," Old Town resident Paul Eisterhold said. "I feel the board should go ahead and put the well on line."

Markus stands by his recommendation to the board.

"The water the residents in that area have is potable," he said. "Some people have a problem with it, others don't. The water is an acceptable standard."

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Trying kids as adults: how to judge?

by Pat Doyle
Herald staff writer

A 14-year-old boy is accused of the strangulation murder and attempted rape of a neighbor girl. A 15-year-old girl is accused of firing a gunshot that killed an IBM salesman during a robbery.

The 14-year-old — William C. Boyd Jr. of Wheeling — faces a murder trial as an adult. The penalties range from 10 to 40 years in youth detention centers and prison. The 15-year-old — Lorna Ortiz of Chicago — will be tried as a juvenile and could be released after a short stay in a youth center.

Both decisions were made by Juvenile Court Judge Jose Vazquez, who has been criticized by Cook County State's Attorney Richard M. Daley for not ordering more juveniles to stand trial as adults.

Anyone 17 or older is an adult in the

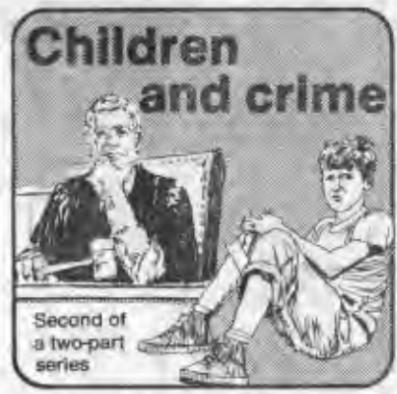
eyes of Illinois law, but the law also permits youngsters as young as 13 to be tried as adults for serious crimes. Only about 6 to 12 transfers are approved annually, court records show.

MEANWHILE, THE number of juveniles arrested in Cook County for violent crimes increased 42 percent in the past three years. Juvenile court officials report an 80 percent increase in serious Northwest suburban juvenile court cases.

The state's attorney's office has appealed Vazquez's ruling that Miss Ortiz not be tried as an adult. It has also appealed another Vazquez decision that a 16-year-old boy charged with the rape and deviate sexual assault of a 79-year-old woman not be tried as an adult.

Authorities have withheld the boy's name.

Vazquez was reluctant to discuss in detail his reasons for transferring



Boyd to adult court while keeping an older girl and boy in juvenile court for similar violent crimes.

Boyd, of 408 Sunset Lane, is charged with the July 18 murder of Mary Kosinski, 14, of 199 W. Jeffery Ave.

A police officer testified at a juvenile hearing that Boyd, who had never

been in trouble with the police, and another boy were playing strip poker with Miss Kosinski in a shed behind the Boyd home.

The officer said Miss Kosinski and the other boy engaged in "sex play," but that she rejected Boyd's sexual advances.

BOYD AND the other boy reportedly left the shed shortly after midnight and Miss Kosinski stayed and went to sleep, police testified. Boyd returned two hours later, tried to rape her and murdered her, a prosecutor charged.

There were bite marks on Miss Kosinski's body, and one eye was blackened.

Ortiz is charged with the murder of IBM salesman Anthony J. Hopfner, 32, who was killed Dec. 13, 1980 near the Lincoln Park Gun Club along Lake Michigan.

Police said Ortiz and three other girls, ages 13, 17 and 18, hitched a ride

from Hopfner. He drove them to their destination near Lake Michigan, where one of the girls allegedly pulled a knife and robbed him of \$17 and his ignition keys.

According to an account given police by one of the girls, Hopfner was struggling with the 17-year-old when Ortiz, who had a pistol, yelled for Hopfner to stop and fired a warning shot into the air.

She then allegedly fired one shot into Hopfner's forehead.

Her 17- and 18-year-old companions were charged with murder for participating in the slaying. No charges were filed against the 13-year-old.

JUDGE VAZQUEZ gave no explanation for his decisions at court hearings for Ortiz and Boyd.

During an interview this month, Vazquez was asked why he would transfer a 14-year-old accused of murder. (Continued on Page 7)

Not many juveniles go on trial as adults

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der and attempted rape to adult court, but not a 15-year-old accused of murder and armed robbery, or a 16-year-old charged with rape and deviate sexual assault.

Vazquez said age is "just one factor. There are other factors to be considered."

By law, a judge must consider age, prior criminal record, the likelihood of a teen benefiting from juvenile court facilities, and whether the crime was aggressive and premeditated.

Vazquez said his transfer of Boyd was based partly on "the nature of the offense — premeditated, aggressive, sex...I used those factors. He went back and forth. He used a pillow. He had to use a lot of pressure — this was a big girl, I saw the pictures."

The judge declined to specifically contrast Boyd and Ortiz, but said he considers whether a child had been abused or neglected in deciding whether to transfer to adult court.

ORTIZ REPORTEDLY came from a poor, broken home, and spent much of her time on the streets. Boyd is from a middle-class family with no serious prior problems, a psychiatrist testified in court.

"Let's assume you have a battered, neglected child," he said. "Would you treat that child the same as one who has a beautiful bedroom, property? It's not justice."

Regarding his ruling against an adult trial for the 16-year-old accused of raping a 79-year-old woman May 1, Vazquez said the rape of an older woman is generally not as heinous as the rape of a young girl.

He said he doesn't compare cases. "I have to maintain a clear and fair mind. So I do not, in the back of my mind, compare one minor with another. It wouldn't be fair."

Vazquez's ruling preventing the 16-year-old boy from being tried as an adult for rape was "contrary to the manifest weight of the evidence," Daley said.

"The evidence indicates that the victim was abused and sexually assaulted after her apartment was broken into by force," Daley said. "We also presented evidence that the crimes were deliberately committed against one of the most helpless members of society, an elderly woman."

DALEY, IN APPEALING the Ortiz ruling, noted the maximum sentence she could receive as a juvenile would be imprisonment until she is 21. Daley said a six-year sentence would be insufficient "considering the seriousness of the offense."

The average stay for juveniles found "delinquent" on a murder charge is less than three years. Under Illinois law, a judge can only sentence a juvenile to the Department of Corrections, which decides where to place the youth and when to release him. The department can release a youngster anytime without court approval.

Daley has called for a new Illinois law providing automatic transfer to adult court for 14-, 15- and 16-year-olds charged with murder, rape, robbery and other violent crimes.

That would expose them to the risk of mandatory prison sentences of 20 to 40 years for murder and 6 to 30 years for rape, robbery and other crimes. At least half of the sentence must be served.

Under present law and Daley's proposal, a youngster tried and convicted as an adult begins his sentence at a juvenile facility and is transferred to an adult prison between his 17th and 21st birthdays.

Vazquez defended his decisions on Boyd, Ortiz and the 16-year-old, and the role of a judge in determining which youngsters to try as adults. "The judge has to decide which youngster can be salvaged," he said.

He said judges should be given authority to decide when a youngster can be released from a youth facility.

"One of the problems we have always had is that we determine that a youngster needs to be committed for a serious crime, and he is released after a short stay in the House of Corrections," said Juvenile Court Chief Judge Arthur Hamilton.

Hamilton said judicial discretion is an important element in deciding whether a youngster should be tried as an adult because, "The whole philosophy of juvenile court is to provide individual justice."

Assistant State's Attorney Marva Paul said the decision to try a youngster as an adult is a highly personal one. Said Paul: "You're dealing with human beings on the bench."

Trustees don't like plans near airport

Wheeling trustees tonight are expected to formally object to a request to rezone two acres near Pal-Waukee Airport for an office building, mini-warehouses and storage for contractor's equipment.

Land owners Tad Gallien and Michael Neri are asking Cook County for industrial zoning to build on the northwest corner of Wolf Road and Fox Lane in unincorporated Wheeling Township.

Wheeling is objecting to the rezoning because the land is surrounded by the village and may be affected by a public purchase of Pal-Waukee and the proposed relocation of the intersection of Hintz and Wolf Roads. Officials have also said the outdoor storage proposed for the site exceeds that allowed by the village, and that the effect of the land's use on adjoining residential developments must be considered.

Wheeling Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer already has filed one objecting with the county zoning board, but it was rejected because the entire village board did not vote on the issue. But the county board delayed vote on the change, criticizing the zoning board for not considering the effect of the proposed development on Pal-Waukee nor considering the fact that Wheeling and Prospect Heights are studying the airport's purchase.

The board is expected to approve the objection, which will then be refiled with the county. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

TRUSTEES TONIGHT are expected to give formal direction to the village staff to negotiate a contract with the Chicago engineering firm of Alvord, Burdick and Howson to complete the engineering designs for improvements to the village water system.

A recent study by another engineering firm indicated that some \$7 million worth of internal improvements will be needed to Wheeling's water system to bring Lake Michigan water to the village by 1984. Wheeling is a member of the Northwest Water commission, a four-village agency that plans to build a 23-mile pipeline to the Evanston water works to supply lake water to the northwest suburbs.

Engineers from Alvord have estimated the design work will not exceed \$495,000, and said they thought the entire project could be brought in for less than \$6 million.

The board informally chose Alvord after interviewing three engineering firms at a board workshop. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall.

A DEVELOPER who plans to build 55 single-family homes northeast of McHenry Road in Wheeling has asked that the village board tonight give him another one-year extension on his deadline to submit final plans and post surety bonds for the development.

Citing the poor housing market and high mortgage rates, Northfield developer Jerry Falcon has asked the village to give him another year to finish the plans for Denoyer Village, which he plans to build on a 14.6-acre site.

A year ago the village gave Falcon an extension because of market conditions, and Plan Commission Chairman Anthony Altieri said his board recommended the second extension because of all the work Falcon did on his original plans.

"We hated to see it go down the tube," said Altieri. "He actually downgraded the number of units and by doing that upgraded the development."

The village staff is also recommending that the board grant the extension. The village board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall.

TRUSTEES TONIGHT are expected to terminate a contract with Murphy Engineering to do a study of the village's water quality.

A water study done in 1976 recommended that the village seek bids for work on the water system that would provide for better quality water. Instead of improving the system the village decided instead to investigate the source of water quality programs. In 1978 the village board hired Murphy Engineering to do that study at a cost of \$14,500.

Changes in EPA water quality standards and rapid developments in the effort to bring Lake Michigan water to the village caused the study to be delayed several times. Only \$2,300 have been spent on the work and now village officials are recommending that the agreement be terminated since lake water should be available in 1984.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall.

THE ADVISORY Committee of Pal-Waukee Airport will meet Thursday morning to discuss preliminary findings in a study of the effects public ownership of the airport would have on the environment.

The environmental impact study is part of the third and final phase of a \$120,000 airport consultant's study commissioned by Wheeling and Prospect Heights, which are studying the airport's purchase.

Previous report results set the cost of buying Pal-Waukee and bringing it up to federal standards at about \$53 million, with the cost being met with state and federal grants and some \$3.3 million in local money.

Committee officials are also expected to discuss a date for a public hearing on the finished report. Preliminary plans call for a public hearing on the report to be in late November or early December, but no official action on the airport's purchase is expected before next spring.

The committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Mount Prospect Village Hall, 100 S. Emerson.

Developer granted extension on plans

The Wheeling village board Monday night granted Northfield developer Jerry Falcon another year to submit final plans for a residential development in the village.

Falcon is proposing to build 55 single-family homes on a 14.6-acre site northeast of McHenry Road. Citing the depressed housing market and high mortgage interest rates, Falcon asked the board to give him another year to finalize his plans for Denoyer Village. This is the second extension Falcon has received.

Trustee Joseph Ratajczak, who was a member of the plan commission when Falcon first presented his plans to village officials, said those officials understand the economic troubles in today's housing market and were willing to grant the extension because Falcon was proposing to build single-family homes. Ratajczak also said that Falcon has upgraded his plans since its original proposal and lowered the density of the project.

Water quality study ended

A contract with Murphy Engineering, commissioning the firm to study the quality of the village water, was terminated Monday night by the Wheeling village board.

In 1976 consulting engineers recommended that the village seek bids on work needed in the village water system to bring better quality water for village residents. Instead of making immediate improvements, in 1978 the village commissioned a \$14,500 study of the water's quality.

Frequent changes in the EPA water quality standards and rapid developments in efforts to bring Lake Michigan water to the village have delayed the study until the village staff recommended that the study be terminated. Only \$2,300 of the money has been spent, and the remainder will be used to finance future water system studies and improvements.

Development near airport hit

Trustees Monday night formally objected to a request to Cook County by two developers to rezone their property near Pal-Waukee Airport for light industrial use.

Owners Tad Gallien and Michael Neri are seeking industrial zoning to build an office building, mini-warehouse and storage for contractor's equipment on two acres on the northwest corner of Wolf Road and Fox Lane in unincorporated Wheeling Township.

The land is zoned residential, and the Cook County zoning board has recommended the industrial rezoning, rejecting an objection filed by Wheeling's Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer.

Wheeling is objecting to the rezoning because the land is surrounded by the village and may be affected by a public purchase of Pal-Waukee airport and the possible relocation of Hintz and Wolf Roads. Village officials have also said that the proposed outdoor storage for the site exceeds that allowed by the village and that the developers should consider the impact of their proposal on surrounding residential developments.

The Cook County board refused to rule on the rezoning earlier this month, sending it back to the zoning board for further study. Several board members criticized the zoning board for not giving more consideration to Wheeling and Prospect Heights' possible purchase of Pal-Waukee.

Pipeline engineering in works

The village staff has been authorized to negotiate a contract with Alvord, Burdick and Howson, a Chicago engineering firm, to design improvements needed in the village's water system to make it ready to accept Lake Michigan water in 1984.

Another engineering study of the system indicated that some \$7 million in internal improvements would be needed before village residents could get the water. Wheeling is a member of the Northwest Water Commission, a four-village agency that plans to build a 23-mile pipeline to the Evanston water works to supply lake water to the northwest suburbs.

Engineers for Alvord have estimated the design work will not exceed \$495,000, and said they thought the entire project could be completed for less than \$6 million.

Alvord was chosen after the board interviewed three firms. The firm has not done work for the Wheeling before.

Voter signup at village hall until Oct. 5

Wheeling residents who want to register to vote in elections must register to do so at the village hall by Oct. 5.

To qualify, a person must be 18 by the next election, a U.S. citizen and a resident of the village for at least 30 days. Residents who currently are U.S. citizens but were not born in the United States must also provide the month, day and year they became a citizen to register.

The village hall is located at 255 W. Dundee Road. It is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays until 7 p.m.

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Plan panel chairman re-elected

Wheeling Plan Commission Chairman Anthony Altieri has been elected to another term as chairman.

Altieri, an engineer at Signode Corporation in Glenview, first was appointed to the commission in 1973. He has been commission chairman the

last four years.

Paul Eisterhold, a plan commissioner since 1969, has been elected vice-chairman. Patricia Gurley, who has served on the plan commission one year, has been elected secretary.

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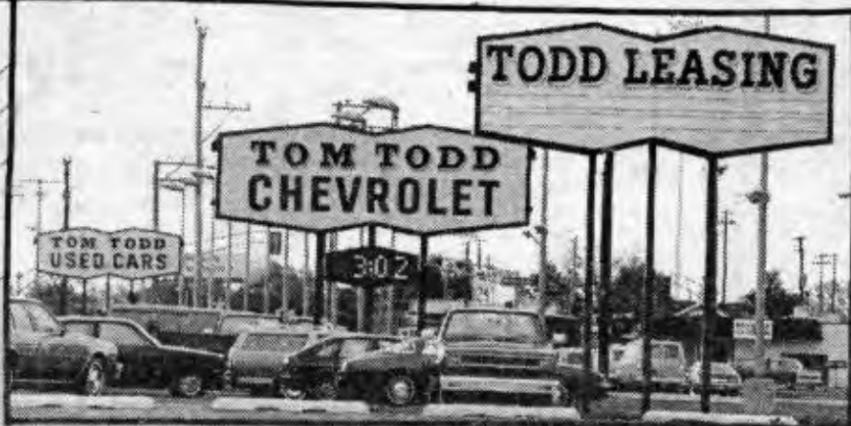
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In the middle

THEY'RE renovating the Wheeling Village Hall and while they're in the middle, some secretaries are finding themselves in the middle of a mess.
 (Photo by Susan Edwards)



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The above signs, according to Ace Hardware owner Allan Bluestone, appear to be out of compliance with Wheeling's sign ordinance, an ordinance that has drawn battle lines between business and the village government.
 (Staff photos)



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Wheeling, businessmen re-signed to a fight

By RICK SORCI

An apparent confrontation between the Village of Wheeling and village businessmen over Wheeling's sign ordinance seems to have the two sides on a collision course.

Four years ago, during Village President William Hein's regime, the Village of Wheeling decided it needed a rigid sign ordinance to regulate the influx of businesses in the village.

According to Thomas Fennell, the present village building, housing and zoning administrator, the original intent then was to prevent the rapid increase of signs in the village.

"It was the feeling of the village corporate authorities there was a growing proliferation of signs in Wheeling," he said. "They felt there was just too many signs in the village."

Fennell, who was not in the village during this period, has worked on the present sign ordinance, including the recent amendments. Looking back on the reasons for the stricter ordinance, Fennell said the village found that the signs, not only were increasing, but in some cases, were too large and were becoming a safety hazard.

"The purpose of the ordinance is to promote the use of signs that are aesthetically pleasing, compatible with the surrounding area, safe and legible," he said. "The ordinance would eliminate any signs that couldn't conform to this premise."

Some signs that appear to be out of compliance, for example, are Tom Todd Chevrolet, Ace Hardware, Wickes Furniture and McDonalds Restaurant, all located on Dundee Road, according to the ordinance.

Tom Todd Chevrolet has three free-standing signs. One is permitted, the

ordinance states. Todd also appears to have exceeded the 400 square-foot total signage maximum.

Tom Todd said he hadn't seen the ordinance revisions and couldn't comment whether he was in compliance or not.

Ace, Wickes and McDonalds all appear to violate the 400 square-footage maximum, as well as the 24 feet height maximum.

"It's safe to say that over 90 per cent of the business signs in Wheeling are out of compliance," said Allan Bluestone, owner of Ace Hardware.

Bluestone said the ordinance has deemed all three of his store signs out of compliance.

The ground work for the ordinance began in 1977. By 1979, the final details had been worked out and the ordinance was passed by the village.

Besides having restrictions on size, how close the sign could be to the roadway (10 feet), as well as height, it was very explicit, detailed and, above all, rigid.

According to the ordinance, many of the signs, perfectly legal before the ordinance,

would be considered in violation of the new code. No grandfather clause, allowing previous businesses from being exempt from the ordinance, would be allowed. A period of five years, recently amended to six, was given to businesses to conform to the ordinance.

"This is ridiculous," Bluestone said. "You can't set fresh standards for buildings built several years ago."

For many, alteration or replacement of their advertising shingle would represent an added expense, not to mention the loss some would take on the now-obsolete sign.

The mood of the Wheeling businessman, who has been fighting the village over the ordinance since its inception, is one of desperation and anger.

Businessmen have asked for and have received some amendments to the original ordinance. But, for some, this is not enough.

"We're trying to work with the village on the ordinance," Bluestone said. "We've got everything we own tied up in our store. We just moved here recently and hope to be here for a long time. All we're asking is that the village consider what it's doing. There has to be some fairness."

Bluestone said the ordinance will force him to paint over the sign painted on the side of his building.

"Will our wives and children be safer when we paint it?" he asked.

"The unwarranted expense for replacement of many of these signs is contrary to the mood of the country, which is that of conserving," said Hubert Sommerfeld, former Village of Wheeling trustee and owner of a shoe store in Lynn Plaza. "It could cost businessmen \$2,500 to \$4,000 to replace their signs."

Sommerfeld said business signs are the lifeline of most businesses, many of which

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can't afford any other form of advertising.

"Don't put them in a position of losing their business," he said to the village trustees at a recent board meeting.

Wheeling Chamber of Commerce president Charles Schramm said it appears the village is gearing itself up for a legal battle.

"It sure looks that way," he said. "A lot of the buildings were built many years ago and that dictates where the businesses can or can't have their sign."

Schramm, who owns his an insurance company in Wheeling, contends the village is out to make itself a modern and up-to-date town.

"It's okay to take a new village, like Buffalo Grove or Schaumburg, and make it a modern village," he said. "Wheeling is different. It's already built up."

"Nobody argues with a cleanup of the sign situation," Bluestone said. "But there has to be some order. Some compromise."

Schramm said the village ordinance misses the boat on another count — tradition.

"Wheeling shows historic growth," he said. "It has its own character. There's a whole flavor to it. The village wants to change that. I don't believe this is what the majority of the people want. A lot of the businesses are in the same location they were in when the village originated."

Schramm said the village has a "let's tear down and rebuild" attitude.

"It would make an interesting referendum to see if the people would prefer to keep Wheeling the way it is or to modernize it," he said. "I know I'd like to keep that local flavor."

Fennell, who said the village is ready to

go to court if challenged, said the ordinance amendments are the result of eight to nine months of public hearings, along with several workshops.

"Part of the ordinance was a directive from the village community development department," he said. "Its recommendations were forwarded to the village board and they were acted on. Legal action, if necessary, is worth pursuing. We feel we have a fair and workable sign ordinance."

Some of the changes made have increased the footage the store-front sign can occupy according to the size of the store front.

"We increased that from 50 per cent of the store front area to 75 per cent," Fennell said.

As far as Schramm's contention the village is attempting to modernize and replace the historic look, Fennell disagreed.

"The village planners are going to great extents to identify with village history," he said. "We absolutely are not trying to destroy Wheeling's historical sites."

Fennell said the present ordinance allows businesses to request for variations through the Special Sign District addition to the ordinance.

"The way it's set up, anyone can apply for this," he said. "A hearing will be granted and each request will be handled on a case by case basis."

If the ordinance is so workable, what is it the businessmen want?

"We want compromise," Sommerfeld said. "You're talking millions of dollars to replace all these signs. We also need 10 to 12 years to conform to the regulations, not six. Give us little guys a chance."

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Social agencies fear cuts by Reagan; villages OK

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

SOCIAL SERVICE agencies in the northwest suburbs may be hit hard by the gradual elimination of federal revenue sharing monies announced during the past week by Washington, but local village and township officials say their governments will not be hampered.

According to Wheeling Township Supervisor Phil Rogers, the federal revenue sharing act was not intended to go on forever, but instead was to provide local governments with "seed money" for agencies in charges of mental health, services for the handicapped, youth programs and senior citizen programs. "It was only an interim welfare measure," he said, and was set to expire on Dec. 31, 1980, but the revenue sharing act was renewed by President Carter until September 1983.

Rogers said President Reagan is not talking about cutting the revenue sharing program short, but simply not renewing it.

Most of the officials from Wheeling, Deerfield, Northbrook, Glenview, and Highland Park said they had not spent the revenue sharing funds on day-to-day operations, but on one-time, non-recurring expenses and therefore, they did not believe their governments would suffer from the loss of the federal funds.



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GREG PETERS, Wheeling's Finance Director, said the village received \$204,000 in federal revenue sharing funds out of a total \$6.8 million in revenues. He explained that because the village's fiscal year is different from that of the federal government, the village usually has two of the quarterly payments from the government, "in hand" by the time it is beginning its own budget every May 1. So, if revenue sharing is cancelled now, he said, "it will affect next year's budget.

Peters said the amounts of revenue sharing funds the village has received from the federal government since 1973 have varied from \$131,688 to \$204,283. The money has been used to purchase and install computers at the Village Hall, to fund the senior citizens program, to buy a police pistol range, to abate taxes, to put a new roof on the old part of the village hall, to pay for paramedic training, to acquire land for the fire station and to rehabilitate sewers, among others.

Asked what elimination of the revenue sharing funds will mean to Wheeling, Peters replied, "It obviously means you cut what you were normally using it for, or you raise taxes."

Deerfield Village Treasurer George Valentine said he had not heard anything specific about a revenue sharing phase-out. "We don't know when they plan to cut it," he said.

Valentine said Deerfield receives "roughly \$100,000 a year" which has been used to abate debts and "primarily for capital projects, not operating expenses." But the annual budget is close to \$7 million, so "our world will not come crashing down," when revenue sharing ends, he said.

Last year's revenue sharing monies were used for Park Avenue relocation, the purchase and donation of a trauma unit to the fire department, fixing a
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broken sewer, purchase of a computer, construction of the police building and abating debt, Valentine said.

Valentine expressed caution about revenue sharing funds by saying Deerfield had tried not to become dependent on them as a constant source of revenue. "Certainly, if the money's available, we should go out and get it. I think it's the kind of feeling that the federal government giveth and the federal government taketh away. You've got to be careful of getting tangled up with it for an ongoing project. We adopted a posture years ago that this might go."

"It's minimal, which is one reason I can look at it somewhat calmly," he added. "The city of Chicago may feel differently about it."

"THE TOWNSHIP of Northfield and the large cities will be most affected by the cuts," was the viewpoint of Northbrook Village President Lucinda Kasperon. She said the township has used its federal funds to support social services organizations such as North Shore Mental Health, Northbrook Youth Services, Links, Wilmette Family Ser-

vice and many others.

As far as Northbrook itself, Kasperon said, "No level of services would change in the community. We would find the money somewhere else." She said this year's revenue sharing amount is somewhat less than \$165,000 "less than two percent of the budget," and it is normally used in the police department for training and other needs.

Glenview's Finance Director Dennis Lauer said federal revenue sharing funds make up about 1 percent of the total annual village budget of \$14 million. Last year the village received \$160,000 and this year's figure will be \$155,000, he said.

As with other villages, Glenview has used its revenue sharing funds for capital improvements and other non-recurring budget items, including the Techny flood control program, partial funding of the construction of the fire station and the Village Hall and this year some of the funds will be applied to the construction of the public works garage.

Lauer said ongoing projects such as those involving the payment of salaries are not paid with federal revenue sharing money because "at any point along

the way the allocation can be cut or stopped and then you're stuck with fixed costs."

HIGHLAND PARK finance director, James Kelly said the city would have to make changes in its budget if its roughly \$175,000 per year revenue sharing funds were eliminated. He said the funds have been used to support the North Suburban Fine Arts, Save-a-Pet, the Highland Park Historical Society, the annual fireworks program, Youth Employment Service and Landmark preservation, as well as pay half the cost of the blue Cross-Blue Shield program for city employees.

"Obviously we would have to continue what we've obligated ourselves for for the fiscal year," Kelly said. "We would look at the general corporate fund to see what could be cut out. This is just my opinion. It would have to be a policy decision of the City Council."

Kelly said he was surprised to hear of the proposed phase-out, but "perhaps it won't happen. It won't kill us, but it'll be like a bee sting and not as bad as a .22 bullet."

MANY OF the township officials agreed with Bob Moroney, Supervisor

of Deerfield Township, who said "It's going to cause anxiety and turmoil in the (social service) organizations." Moroney said "It's going to cause anxiety and turmoil in the (social service) organizations." Moroney said the Township has agreements to provide funds for 24 organizations, such as Catholic Charities, the North Shore Mental Health Clinic, and The Haven. He said those agreements "will probably be phased out" and the Township will focus on senior transportation and child care for low-income families.

"The Board of Trustees will have to establish exact priorities. The organizations will have to do some belt tightening and sharp penciling and some will have to close," Moroney said.

He said the only place the township could replace the lost funds is through real estate tax hikes, unless the states were to receive block grants, another idea that is being discussed by the Reagan administration. "If the state gets block grants, the cities will be there first. We'd probably have to do down (to Springfield) with baseball bats to get a share of the money. These are not programs of bricks and mortar."

Speaking their minds

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Residents concerned about pools, walls and pinochle

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

SWIMMING POOLS, the mobile home ordinance and the need for a pinochle club are some of the things bothering Wheeling residents. At least according to the "speak out" portion of the village newsletter.

Village Board members received samples of the some of the responses received by the village staff at the board's regular meeting, Monday, Sept. 21.

And while trustees were interested in some of the remarks, Trustee John Cole said it is important that residents know the village is not responsible for

everything.

"We continually get requests for things like this (swimming pools) which are not handled by the village," he said. Cole said it is important for residents to realize that there are other taxing bodies besides the village.

HE CITED the Park District and Indian Trails Library District as two examples of other governmental bodies which levy taxes on residents.

As for some of the comments by residents, one wrote that "by passing the new mobile home ordinance which restricts any new parks, you are creating a monopoly for existing parks in the

area and forcing new growth to become 'quad projects.' Some people don't like attached housing."

Another resident complained about sidewalks, telling village officials "we need new sidewalks over on 1st, 2nd and 3rd streets, especially with the new construction that will bring increased traffic."

One resident said the the transmission of Lake Michigan water "should be top priority. Milwaukee Avenue should be cleaned up, trees should be planted at Shamrock Estates and a stop or yield sign should be placed in (sic) the corner of Anita and Manchester."

AN ANONYMOUS resident told the village "the senior citizens should have a pinochle club once a week."

And finally, the one which Cole commented about said "get the swimming pool at Chamber Park fixed. So much money has been invested in the pool, that to close it would be like throwing money away. If you invest more money into the pool (instead of all these studies as to why you should or shouldn't open the pool), you will have spent money and still have a pool to show for it."

The pool, however, is owned and operated by the Park District, not the village.

Palwaukee committee to discuss final phase, environmental impact

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THE TECHNICAL Advisory Committee (TAC) for Palwaukee Airport is scheduled to hold a meeting Thursday, Sept. 24 at the Mount Prospect Village Hall.

Members of TAC will be reviewing the initial part of the Phase 3 study presented to them at TAC's August meeting.

Comments are being sought by Ralph Burke Associates, the airport consultants conducting the studies for Wheeling and Prospect Heights, the two communities interested in purchasing the airport turning it into a public facility.

Palwaukee is currently owned by Priester Aviation.

In addition to reviewing the already submitted portion of the final study phase, TAC members will be discussing the draft of the environmental information document presented to them by the consultant.

Also planned for the meeting are discussions on noise monitoring sites and airport layout plan drawings.

THE NOISE monitoring locations could produce some of the more interesting discussion because noise of aircraft landings and takeoffs is a prime source of irritation to area residents.

At the last TAC meeting, representatives of the Citizens Airport Activity Group (CAAG) said they would submit suggested locations for the monitoring equipment and hinted that they would also be willing to provide some of the monitoring equipment if necessary.

TAC members are also scheduled to discuss the date and location of the public hearing which will be held as part of the final phase.

Previous discussions about a tentative date for the public hearing have indicated that it might be held at the end of November or in early December.

BRIEFING

THE TECHNICAL Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport is scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24 to continue its discussion into the public acquisition of the airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights. The committee is expected to review the initial portion of the Phase 3 study while also looking at information surrounding the environmental information document needed to complete the final phase. Also to be discussed by the TAC are locations for noise monitoring equipment in and around the Wheeling-Prospect Heights area.

Park work irks Rogers

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THE ONGOING work, or lack of work, at Heritage Park as part of the improvement programs for that facility came under fire by Wheeling Trustee William A. Rogers at the Monday, Sept. 21 board meeting.

Rogers was responding to a staff report about the work which still has to be completed at the park.

Rogers said that the work which has been done so far does not seem to parallel the plans discussed at public hearings on the park.

"It's disturbing," he said, "people attend a public hearing and a year or two later the plans are changed."

Rogers focused specifically on two trees that were slated for removal. To date, he said, only one has been removed and the other is on such a steep

angle that if it falls, it will land in private property and do damage to a fence alongside the park's edge.

"JUST WHAT are we paying for?" Rogers asked. "\$25,000 for East Heritage Park and what have we done?"

He said he was "getting up tight" because "we never seem to finish a project. I think the park looks worse now than it did before."

He asked to see both the plans for the scheduled improvements at the park and the agreement worked out between the village and contractor.

Rogers added that he was "disappointed" with the work that has been done at the park so far, a point that Larry Oppenheimer, director of community development agreed with.

BRIEFING

WHEELING TRUSTEE William Rogers charged at the Village Board meeting Monday, Sept. 21, that improvements at Heritage Park are not progressing as well as they should be, nor are they the same plans unveiled to residents at public hearings. Rogers said he wants to see a copy of the agreement between the city and the contractor and also wants to review the original plans for the park. He was especially upset that one of two trees scheduled to be removed is still in place posing a hazard to a fence along the park's edge and neighboring private property.

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Pal-Waukee impact minimal: study

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Public ownership of Pal-Waukee Airport would have "minimal or less than minimal" impact on the residents and land surrounding the facility, says a consultant hired to study whether Wheeling and Prospect Heights should buy the airport.

Consultant Larry Donoghue said Thursday that most of the changes in the airport's impact on the environment would occur over the next five years no matter whether the airport changed from a private to a public facility.

The airport's biggest impact on the surrounding area is noise, and Donoghue predicted more noise as a result of an expected 30 percent increase in the amount of traffic at the airport by 1986, regardless of who operates it. And while the population in the area around the airport is expected to increase slightly, Donoghue said the population will grow at the same rate, regardless of who owns the facility.

But if the airport becomes publicly

owned, the runways would be shortened to meet federal airport standards, and that would cause planes to ascend and descend closer to the airport. Coupled with federal regulations requiring all plane engines to be quieter by 1988, that could also work to reduce noise in the area, he said.

DONOGHUE SAID ABOUT 500 aircraft are currently based at Pal-Waukee, with room to park more. He said that number also is expected to remain about the same through 1986, though the types of planes might change.

Some 125 acres of land around the airport would have to be acquired to help bring the facility to federal standards and consultants said that only nine homes with about 27 people would be displaced by that purchase. One of the homes is burnt-out and vacant and another is on airport property. Seven businesses also would be relocated.

But Donoghue told members of the Technical Advisory Committee, a group of local, state and federal officials studying the airport's purchase, that \$25 million in federal funds are

available to help residents relocate.

Donoghue also proposed that an advisory committee of residents and village and airport officials be formed to study alternatives to the airport noise and land use that would be compatible with the airport and would satisfy area businesses and residents.

The environmental impact study also indicated that relocation of the Wheeling drainage ditch could increase the amount of sediment and particles in the water, but that careful construction techniques could avoid the problem.

THE AIRPORT ALSO is in a flood plain and construction of more taxiways and increased parking could increase the amount of standing water in the area, but the consultants have suggested the addition of retention basins to hold the extra water.

Public purchase of the airport is not expected to have any effect on wildlife in the area, though a few trees on Cook County Forest Preserve land east of the airport will have to be topped or removed to clear land for planes ap-

proaching and flying out of the airport in that direction.

The environmental impact findings are the final part of a \$120,000 airport study commissioned by Wheeling and Prospect Heights to study public ownership. Noise samples now will be taken at various locations throughout the towns and the report will be reviewed by state transportation officials.

Previous work has shown it will cost \$53 million over the next 20 years to purchase the airport and convert it into a public facility. That figure includes the cost of airport and extra land acquisition and the relocation of Wolf and Hintz roads in the later phases of the program.

The cost to Wheeling and Prospect Heights would be \$3.3 million, probably paid with revenue bonds, with state and federal money paying the balance of the cost.

Officials are tentatively planning a public hearing on the study in early December. The finished report will be available for public inspection at libraries and village halls at least 30 days before the hearing.

Village can be challenged

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on Pal-Waukee: judge

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

① A Cook County Circuit Court judge has ruled that Prospect Heights has grounds to challenge Wheeling's 1980 annexation of the northern half of Pal-Waukee Airport.

Judge Joseph Schneider said Prospect Heights has the right to challenge the annexation because the land involves one of the city's borders. Prospect Heights' claim that the annexation petition was not signed by all the

owners of the airport also was found to be valid, Schneider said.

② The ruling came in response to a suit filed early this year in which Prospect Heights challenged the annexation. The judge gave Wheeling 30 days to respond to Prospect Heights' objection and Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village will respond. Markus said he first will consult with the village attorneys and trustees.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said the city

would wait for Wheeling's response. "There's so many unknown things about the airport anyway, we'll just wait," he said.

③ But Pal-Waukee owner George Priester said he didn't believe any of the current litigation would affect his sale of the airport. "I don't think Prospect Heights has a leg to stand on," Priester said. "This (the annexation) was a voluntary thing on my part because I didn't think the entire airport should be in Prospect Heights."

④ Priester also said that Schneider was "crazy" to think the annexation petition was not signed by all the airport's owners. The papers were signed by Priester, members of his family and Waukee Realty. In its suit, Prospect Heights claimed that a third owner, Motel Land Corp., did not sign the agreement, thus invalidating it.

BUT PRIESTER said he set up the motel corporation with \$1 million in mortgage money and that he and the corporation are the same being.

⑤ A separate suit, filed by a group of residents west of the airport who wanted to annex to Prospect Heights but were cut off from the city's borders by the Wheeling annexation, has been taken to appeals court. The judge in that case originally ruled that Wheeling's annexation was valid.

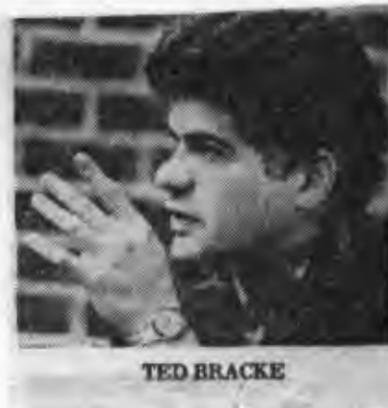
Officials from both suburbs said they don't believe the current round of legal fighting will have any effect on the airport study commissioned by both. An airport consultant was hired

⑥ by both towns three years ago to conduct a \$120,000 study on the feasibility of public ownership of Pal-Waukee. The officials also said the latest round will not affect the two towns' working relationships.

But Wheeling President Sheila Schultz said she felt the whole annexation question would have to be resolved before either town takes any firm action on the airport's purchase. No action is expected on that move before next spring.

Wheeling Police Chief

Ted Bracke fired



TED BRACKE

by Anna Madrzyk

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Police Chief Ted Bracke, followed by controversy since he was appointed to the post four years ago, has been fired by Village Manager Thomas Markus.

"I decided I wanted new leadership in the police department," Markus said Saturday. "It's my decision."

Markus fired Bracke Friday, effective immediately, and appointed Lt. William Ralston to serve as acting chief.

Asked if he had concerns about

Bracke's performance, Markus said, "I do, but it's a personnel matter that I don't discuss publicly."

Bracke, a 20-year veteran of the Wheeling police force, refused to comment on the dismissal when contacted at home Saturday. "I'm off today. I don't want to talk about it," he said.

MEANWHILE, THE reaction of village board members, informed of the decision on Friday, was mixed.

"I have complete confidence in Mr. Markus," said Village President Sheila Schultz, who has been critical of police department operations in the village.

"If he has decided to take this step, I would support it."

Trustee John Cole said he was surprised at the timing, but that the firing itself was not unexpected.

"I don't think the police department has been one big happy department since he took over," Cole said, adding, "personally, I just don't think he was that good of an administrator."

But Trustee Roger Powers, who was allied with the board majority in power when Bracke was appointed, said he was "totally" surprised by the firing. "As big a step as this is, I think it

would have been more appropriate to discuss it, even if the final decision did rest with one individual," he said.

Powers said he pressed Markus for his reasons for the firing "and to be quite blunt about it, I was not given any reasons.... I'm not saying what he did was wrong. Maybe if I knew everything he knows, I'd do the same thing."

THE VILLAGE SOON will advertise for a new police chief both inside and outside the department, Markus said, and "hire the best candidate that applies." Bracke, meanwhile, may stay

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Village clean-up project moves to business areas

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

Encouraged by the results of a clean-up campaign aimed at Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling officials are expanding the effort to include commercial areas along Dundee Road and parts of Wolf Road.

Building and zoning administrator Thomas Fennell called the results on Milwaukee "amazing" and said much of the clean-up has been voluntary. But the village also has the power to issue citations "to people who aren't cooperative (to make them) understand we're serious," he said.

With the village planning staff trying to persuade property owners that the improvements will help business in the long run, building owners have cleaned up trash and weeds along Milwaukee, Fennell said. Some owners even have banded together to work on

parking lot improvements. And now village officials are meeting with property owners along Dundee and Wolf to discuss similar problems and help work out solutions, especially near the intersection of Dundee and Elmhurst roads. Heavy traffic and a large concentration of stores in the Gaslight and Dunhurst shopping centers present special problems at that location.

LARRY OPPENHEIMER, director of community development, said the village currently is working on several alternatives for the area and is suggesting ways the site can be cleaned up. The village also is trying to develop a sign package for the area that will help the businessmen meet the village's sign laws.

"The response has been fair to middle," said Fennell, admitting that many of the improvements required a

"sales job" from the village staff. "This isn't the best economic time and some of these things take a lot of prodding."

Fennell added that the staff also would use citations on Dundee to force building owners to clean up their buildings, but would rather work out alternative solutions after discussing insurance, liability and the benefits the improvements could have to the businesses.

WHILE THE VILLAGE can suggest site improvements, the building owners have to pay for the improvements because they would be made on private property. Fennell said that type of work "could involve thousands of dollars," but the village also is looking for ways to help relieve the financial burden.

Oppenheimer said many of the zoning problems with existing businesses occurred while village officials were

concerned with attracting new developments to Wheeling. "When the businesses opened they were legal, but they expanded when our backs were turned and we were busy with new development and rapid growth. We inherited a lot of stuff, too," he said. "We say we expect you to contribute to the village by at least keeping your property clean."

The village staff also is working to collect background information on the older buildings that line Milwaukee to study the possibility of restoring them to their old splendor. But Oppenheimer said the entire facelift campaign is not aimed at making Wheeling another historic shopping district like Long Grove.

"It took Wheeling 100 years to get this way and it will take time to clean up," said Oppenheimer. "We want Wheeling to be Wheeling."

Wheeling chief Bracke fired

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with the department in the rank of lieutenant if he so chooses.

Markus said he has been considering the action for some time and "discussed it on and off again with the chief." During the past several months, Bracke has applied for the position of police chief in several nearby suburbs.

Controversy has followed Bracke since he was named police chief in 1978 by then-Village Manager Carsten Leikvold. The previous village manager, Terry L. Zerkle, was fired several months before Bracke's appointment because he resisted pressure to hire Bracke as police chief. Zerkle said he was pressured by then-Village President William Hein and several trustees, but that he felt there were persons more qualified for the post outside the department.

Along with Hein, Bracke is one of the defendants in a two-year-old lawsuit brought by 11 Wheeling policemen, charging that the results of promotion examinations were falsified and that officials conspired to promote police officers based on their political ties.

A federal court judge is expected to rule Oct. 15 on whether the lawsuit should be thrown out of court or go to trial.

Board staying out of Bracke demotion

Daily Herald 9-29

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials say they won't reveal the reasons for the demotion of police chief Ted Bracke and will not pursue the issue any further.

Meanwhile, Bracke reported for work Monday as a lieutenant but could not be reached for comment on his demotion. Before the demotion, Bracke began looking for another job and was a finalist for the chief's job in Mount Prospect. Bracke also is being considered for the chief's spot on the Sedalia, Mo., police department.

He was paid \$34,650 as chief, but his salary as lieutenant has not been determined.

Village Manager Thomas Markus, who demoted Bracke last Friday, will not discuss the reasons for his decision, and Bracke can force a public hearing on the issue only if Markus seeks to

have him fired by lodging a formal complaint with the village's fire and police commission. Markus said he "has no intention" of doing that.

AND VILLAGE President Sheila Schultz, who initiated an investigation of how Bracke handled a politically sensitive case, said she is satisfied with Markus' decision and will not ask for a public explanation.

Bracke spent four turbulent years as Wheeling's police chief. He was named to the post in 1978 by Village Manager Carsten Leikvold after the previous manager, Terry Zerkle, was fired when he refused to appoint Bracke. Zerkle said he was pressured by former president William Hein and several trustees to name Bracke chief.

During Bracke's tenure as chief, the police department has been under Markus' scrutiny several times for its conduct, including an \$11,000 investi-

gation of a traffic accident involving Gregory Stavros, nephew of James Stavros, a former Democratic township committeeman who was convicted in 1974 of extorting bribes from developers. Markus hired two different law firms to investigate the accident after a resident told Schultz, then a village trustee, that police were told over the radio to handle the matter "carefully" and "with kid gloves."

Markus said the investigation has been completed but refused to reveal the result, saying only he turned his results over to Bracke, and that he "may not" discuss the results with the board and probably won't make the results public because it involved personnel.

Markus also refused to say whether the results of the Stavros or other investigations, or the suit had any bearing on his decision. "If I said that it would lead to the reasons why he was

fired," he said. "These are personnel matters and I don't discuss personnel matters. I'm in charge of hiring and firing in a number of positions and I don't intend to discuss each and every action I take."

MARKUS SAID he demoted Bracke because he wasn't satisfied with his leadership. "It was based on administrative reasons and I don't intend to discuss those reasons," he said. "It wasn't a political move."

Schultz said she has not learned the results of the investigation and probably won't ask for them. "If Tom doesn't see any purpose for bringing it up, if it was non-conclusive, it seems pointless to bring it out."

Bracke also has been named, along with Hein and former members of the police and fire commission, in a suit filed by 11 Wheeling police officers charging that department promotions

were being made on political affiliations and were not based on merit or test results. A federal district court judge is expected to rule on Oct. 15 whether the case should be thrown out of court or will go to trial.

Both Markus and Schultz said he did not discuss the decision to fire Bracke with Schultz or the village board previous to the move, though Markus said he has discussed his role as village personnel officer with each trustee. "I've had discussions with all of them about the positions and others, but we didn't discuss that specific position and the firing," he said. "I'm not going to run to the board with every decision. That's what they hired me for."

Schultz said she thought the board "very successfully stayed out" of the matter, though she said Markus knows what the board expects. "Mr. Markus knows we expect a top-notch police de-

partment and he knows the board overall hasn't been happy," she said. "The fact that there were so many investigations indicated some things were not handled well."

"I HAVE NO problem with people calling it political. We demand a high standard of professionalism in the village. That's public knowledge. It was a campaign issue two years ago and now. We do not interfere with the manager. As unhappy as I've been, I wouldn't put pressure on him."

Markus also said he discussed the move several times with Bracke before he took the action. "I discussed that and the job with him. I let him know I was dissatisfied with his performance," he said.

Lt. William Ralston has been named acting chief until a permanent chief is appointed. Markus said the job will be advertised both within and outside the department.

Deadline passes for utility to correct pollution

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by Karen Huelsman

Herald staff writer

The owner of an outdated sewer system that is polluting the Des Plaines River has failed to find a solution — either through the Village of Buffalo Grove or Lake County — by a deadline imposed by the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

The pollution board is set to meet in late October and will decide if Buffalo Grove can be forced to accept the sewage from the Chevy Chase Sewer and Water Co. or if owner William Johnson can be forced to fix his own plant to meet Environmental Protection Agency standards.

The private utility serves about 75 homes and several businesses in the area between Buffalo Grove and Wheeling, and the EPA says it is dumping five times more treated sewage into the river than standards allow.

LAST FEBRUARY, the pollution board ordered Johnson to take steps to clean up his plant and apply for permission to hook up to the Lake County sewer system. But Buffalo Grove, which controls sewer service in the area, refused to allow the hookup.

Johnson owns 200 acres along the Soo Line Railroad tracks that is considered a prime industrial site, and has asked Wheeling to annex it. But Buffalo Grove officials say they will not allow Johnson to use the Lake County sewers unless he annexes some of his property to their village. Johnson has refused.

Jacob Dumelle, chairman of the pollution board, said, "Our hope was that these things (between the village and Johnson) would work out...that we'd be a catalyst. But the question is with other parties involved, can we order them to do it? Then it could be tied up

in appeals."

The pollution board last week ordered Johnson to ask the Lake County Board to consider taking over the Chevy Chase plant. Johnson had written to the Lake County Public Works Department, but that agency cannot decide policy.

JOHNSON'S LETTER to Lake County also will be sent to Buffalo Grove and both the county and village will have until Oct. 15 to respond or make comments.

"I'll wait for the pollution board to come back to me. I have done my part," Johnson said. He said although

he wants to annex his land to Wheeling, he wants to use the Lake County sewer system and run pipes through Buffalo Grove. "I think this is a realistic solution and the pollution board thinks so too."

Buffalo Grove Village President Verna Clayton is sticking firm to the village's desire to get at least some of the Johnson property in exchange for granting sewer service. "I can't see the village ever giving up all of that property and getting nothing in return. We

can provide the sewer and water service to the property and it has been costly to do that. When we signed that Lake County sewer agreement, we included Johnson in our sewer plan."

The village can deny public sewer service to the Johnson property through an agreement with other Vernon Township communities. The 1972 agreement gives Buffalo Grove control of sewer hookups to the Lake County plant that would serve Johnson's property.



Reaction to dismissal depends on position

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REACTION TO the dismissal of Ted Bracke as Wheeling Police Chief was varied, depending on a person's political allegiance or position within the Police Department.

Village Board President Sheila Schultz said she has "confidence in Tom's (Markus) decision. The Police Department is a village department just like any other and I've made it clear that the Village Board is the legislative body and that the village manager takes care of personnel matters."

Schultz said Markus looked into the department "as a whole and felt it needed stronger leadership."

She firmly stated that neither she, nor any member of the Village Board, had any role in Markus' decision and would not be involved in personnel actions surrounding any department head.

One trustee, however, has taken the opposite view. Roger A. Powers, the lone survivor from the Schultz slate's victory over former Village Board President William H. Hein and his slate in April, thinks Marcus should



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have had better timing and consulted with the board before dismissing Bracke.

"I'M NOT HAPPY with it," Powers said. "I think his timing was bad and I say that for two reasons."

"One, he (Markus) was back on the job (following a week-long convention)

after being gone a week or so. And what he did was say "I thought it over, and you're out." Secondly, why couldn't he have come back and discussed it with the board at its next meeting. I wanted to have input."

Powers said it could prove to be
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Varied reaction to Bracke firing

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embarrassing for him if "a voter comes up to me on the street and asks why Ted was fired and I say I don't know. The voter is likely to say that my name, not Mr. Markus' was on the ballot."

MARKUS CALLED and informed each board member of his decision on Friday, Sept. 25, the day Bracke was dismissed from his duties as chief.

"I think he should have had the courtesy to sit down and tell me what he is planning to do, even though he still is going to do it. I don't like management in the dark."

Powers added that he could not understand what was so "holy" about the day Markus told Bracke of his decision and said "a person with strong judgement will talk about it no matter what his decision is."

Some of Powers' fellow trustees,

however, said Marcus handled the matter correctly.

"It's the manager's job and it's his doing," said Charles Kerr. "I disagree with anyone who says it is political. This is the first time the Board members have not interfered with the operation of the village. I would be very much opposed if anyone had anything to do with it."

TRUSTEE JOHN COLE echoed those sentiments. Cole said comments that the dismissal was political because of the change in administrations are "ridiculous. The board didn't fire him, the manager did. Although the board (at the time) didn't feel that way when Terry Zerkle was fired."

Zerkle was Village Manager when Wheeling was looking for a replacement for former Police Chief Syke Horcher. Zerkle reportedly had interviewed candidates and his selection

didn't coincide with the candidate of some of the Village Board members. That candidate was Ted Bracke. Zerkle refused to budge and was allegedly ousted for not naming Bracke.

Markus is planning to name a new chief "by the end of the year." And like the dismissal of a chief, that will be handled by Markus. "That's who the chief works for," Cole said. "So he will hire the new chief, not the board."

FORMER CHAIRMAN of the Police and Fire Commission, Jack Metzger, said Bracke's dismissal was "somewhat of a surprise" adding the "chief should run the department." Metzger said he thinks it is "a political thing. I'm sure they have an ax out. It's no different then what anyone else would have done. I think the chief did a good job."

William H. Hein, who lost his bid for re-election to Schultz, said he wasn't

sure why Bracke was dismissed, but said "as far as I'm concerned, I thought Ted did a great job. He was a good administrator and was instrumental in getting grants for the department and always stood up for his men. He's been in the business for 19 or 20 years and always gets a lot of respect."

Hein didn't seem to think it was a surprise. "I think everyone expected it as part of the new regime."

SOME MEMBERS of the Wheeling Police Department expressed surprise at Markus' decision.

"To be honest with you, it came as a shock to me," said Lt. Ronald Nelson. "Other than that, I have no comment."

Sgt. Jack Kimsey said "I really don't know what to say. I think it was forthcoming for some time That's just scuttlebutt I've picked up, but I'm really not sure. It caught us all by surprise."

Deny Bracke firing was 'political'

THE DECISION by Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus to dismiss Police Chief Ted Bracke is likely to result in an increased watching of how both Markus and members of the Village Board operate.

Charges have been made by former village officials and those not aligned with the current administration, that Bracke's termination was "political," a fact adamantly denied by Markus and members of the board, including Village President Sheila Schultz.

Bracke, a veteran with the Wheeling Police Department, became chief in 1977, amidst political controversy that allegedly led to the firing of Village Manager Terry Zerkle.

It is that kind of situation that some people contend is the reason Bracke was ousted from his post.

MARKUS, HOWEVER, says that it was his decision alone to remove Bracke as chief.

"I thought there was a need for stronger leadership within the Police Department and I was ready to make a change," Markus said.

To fill the vacancy in the interim, Markus named Lt. Billy Ralston as acting Police Chief.

Bracke, who has chosen to remain in the department as a lieutenant, has remained quiet on his dismissal, saying only, "I have decided not to comment on it. It's just something that's happened."

As for remaining with the department, Bracke said the lieutenant's post "will be my position until I decide if I want to do something else."

As of Monday, Sept. 28, Bracke and Ralston merely switched positions and offices. Prior to being named acting chief, Ralston was in charge of the Patrol Division while Lt. Ronald Nelson headed up the Investigations Division.

SUMMARY



TED BRACKE, Wheeling's Police Chief since 1977 was fired late last week by Village Manager Thomas Markus. Bracke, who has decided to remain with the department as a lieutenant for the time being, was dismissed by Markus, who said he is interested in getting "stronger leadership" for the department.

Bracke's appointment was a stormy one and led to the firing of Village Manager Terry Zerkle who, after reviewing a list of candidates, had favored another candidate.

Most of the current Village Board members are leaving the firing of Bracke, and hiring of his replacement, up to Markus.

Until a new chief is named, Lt. Billy Ralston will serve as acting Chief.

The Service Division was under the direction of Sgt. Mike Hermes.

The only change in any assignment will be Bracke's handling Ralston's position in the Patrol Division.

MARKUS IS hoping to have a new chief named by the end of the year and said he is looking into the guidelines and policies on how the village will go about seeking a replacement for Bracke.

"I have some good ideas of what I want," Markus said. As for dismissing Bracke, Markus said he "was ready to make a change." He added that he did not want to discuss the specifics in public because it is a personnel matter.

The firing of a police chief marks the first time Markus had taken an action of that nature during his career. "I've suspended people before or suggested that they leave, but this is the first time I've terminated anyone."

As for some comments that Village Board members should have had more input into Bracke's termination, Markus said "there has to be an understanding of the manager form of government. When there is a misunderstanding, these things (accusations) happen."

During Bracke's four years as chief, the department has become split, mainly because of a lawsuit filed by 11 members of the Police Department against the village.

The suit charges that there were irregularities in the promotion of several officers to higher ranks.

A status hearing on that suit is scheduled for Oct. 15.

It was also during Bracke's tenure as chief that Lt. Thomas Conte was fired for allegedly using excessive force when responding to a call of a reported armed robbery.

No teeth in porno limits: officials

Daily Herald 10-1-81
by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials say a proposed county law designed to control the spread of "adult businesses" might have little effect.

Cook County officials have proposed a law that would confine adult businesses like pornographic book stores and clubs with nude dancers to unincorporated industrial areas of the county, away from residential neighborhoods. The shops would also be allowed in commercial areas if the business receives a special use permit from the county.

But Wheeling Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village is still concerned because its name would still be associated with adults-only businesses near its borders.

"THERE ARE some industrial areas

neighboring the village, and Milwaukee Avenue is obviously planned for incorporation at some point in the future," said Fialkowski. "We're concerned about anything-goes pornography houses.

"There's also an image problem. Like it or not, people will think they're in Wheeling," he said.

The Cheetah II, a club that features nude female dancers, is located on a commercial strip along Milwaukee Avenue just outside the village boundaries. Under the proposed ordinance the club could probably remain there if a special use permit was obtained. The club is in one of the areas targeted for annexation to Wheeling sometime in the future.

If the village staff finds the law could have a negative effect on the village, Fialkowski said he expected the village board would take formal action

to object to the ordinance. The county zoning board recently rejected an objection filed by the village staff on the grounds the board had not voted on the issue.

THE COOK County Zoning Board scheduled a second hearing on the proposed law on Oct. 21 after officials from Wheeling, Elk Grove Village and Northbrook asked for more time to examine the ordinance.

Cook County officials proposed the ordinance after the existing adult law was struck down as unconstitutional. Assistant State's Attorney Morris Alexander said the new law, while very explicit in language, actually allows the businesses in a broader area. Previously adult businesses were allowed in commercial areas if they obtained a special use permit. Under the new law the businesses would be allowed to locate in three of the county's four indus-

trial zoning classifications and in commercial areas.

"We're not saying they're illegal," Alexander said, "but we're putting them in places where they won't affect many people. We retained the right to have them." He said the law was broadened to "overcome objections" of the appellate court, which ruled the existing law unconstitutional.

The businesses will not be allowed in the county's light industrial zones, Alexander said, because that could put them too close to residential areas, churches and schools.

Existing adult businesses would be given one year to relocate if their zoning does not conform with the new code, Alexander said.

The ordinance still faces final approval by the zoning board and the full county board before it becomes law.

Wheeling Life 10-1-81

Markus: You can go home again

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

THERE USED to be a time when anyone who became village manager in Wheeling was taking a chance.

The kind of chance involved when playing Russian roulette with a howitzer, parachuting with a paper bag or selling pork chops to a rabbi.

In other words, it wasn't the most stable of careers.

Enter Tom Markus.

Markus returned to Wheeling in May 1980 as village manager following a stint as City Administrator in Savage, Minn. He had previously been assistant village manager in Wheeling.

Markus wanted to get things going professionally and at age 29, he thought Wheeling presented enough of a challenge for him to return to the village.

AND NEARLY 18 months later, it

seems to have been a good move for him.

He's frank and honest about overcoming the stigma of the "in by 9, out by 5" image the village seemed to have developed with its village managers, having gone through four in five years.

Longevity, he says, could be what the village needs to get many of its future programs, including one of his pride and joys, the capital improvement program, off the ground.

"It's unfortunate the village has gone through managers the way they have," he said. "If I stay here for four or five years, it's not just good for myself, but for the community, because it needs a continuous manager to see programs implemented."

And even in the short time since his return, Markus is pleased with some of the projects the village has been able to tackle and finish.

He cites cable television and the finalization of plans for the transmission of Lake Michigan water as two of the most significant ones.

"I think the big one coming up in the future is going to be solid waste disposal," Markus says.

Markus says there have been other areas in the village which have improved since he became Village Manager 16 months ago.

ONE AREA he has been especially pleased with is improvement in village departments.

"The Operations and Maintenance Department is an excellent department. And they've had some horrendous tasks to deal with."

Markus says the department has done an outstanding job coping with the village's well-water supply system and keeping it going when the water
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Markus home in Wheeling

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supply has been tight during some of the summers.

The computerization of the village's Finance Department, under its director, Greg Peters, has also gone well, says Markus.

"I feel real positive about the bulk of my staff," Markus says.

It's no secret that there is no major love loss between the manager's office and the police department, one area Markus says he'd like to see an improvement.

The desire for new leadership is one of the reasons Markus dismissed Ted Bracke as Police Chief late last week (see related articles).

Around the village, Markus says the key is to improve the image through physical improvements. He's a little disappointed that more hasn't been done in that area, but he says the tight economic situation has limited activity there to a minimum.

MILWAUKEE AVENUE is one of his primary goals. "That area doesn't just need capital improvements, but there also has to be improvements by private property owners as well." The fact that Milwaukee Avenue runs from unincorporated Cook County into incorporated Wheeling, doesn't help matters as much as he'd like.

The problem, however, is the same in or out of the village boundaries. "Many of the merchants are under the impression that the outside of a building is not important. And I think they're missing a good point."

He says it's "the little things" which can be done to spruce up the overall appearance of not just Milwaukee Avenue, but other commercial areas in the village as well. "Things like sweeping sidewalks and improving signage can really help."

Markus says there are no secrets about what has to be accomplished in the village. "It's kind of like Reagan. Everyone knows what has to be done, it's just a matter of doing it."

10-2-81 Herald

Judge to face judge on drunken driving charge

by Joe Sobczyk

Herald staff writer

A Cook County circuit court judge will appear in court on the other side of the bench next week when he faces charges of driving while intoxicated through Wheeling, police and court officials said Thursday.

Judge Peter Georges, who presides at Dist. 1 Housing Court in Chicago, was arrested by Wheeling police Sept. 18 after an anonymous citizen reported seeing his car weaving across traffic lanes on Dundee Road, according to Wheeling police reports. He is scheduled to appear in the Palatine branch of circuit court Oct. 5.

When stopped by a Wheeling patrolman at 1:06 a.m. on First Street and Dundee Road, Georges had a "strong odor of alcohol" on his breath and showed "poor balance" when he stepped out of his car, the police report said.

Georges refused to take a breathalyzer test, the report said, which could result in his driver's license being suspended for six months.

Though bond for a drunken driving charge usually is set at \$100 plus surrender of a driver's license, Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro authorized Georges' release on personal recognizance.

DIST. 1 Presiding Judge Richard F. LeFevour said Georges, who was appointed to the bench in December 1980, informed him of the arrest the Monday after the incident.

Any possible disciplinary actions against Judge Georges would come from the Judicial Inquiry Board, he said. The board has not informed LeFevour of any pending investigation, but he added, "They wouldn't tell us."

A spokeswoman for the board refused to comment on the case.

Wheeling Police Lt. Ronald Nelson said Georges never mentioned his position as a judge when arrested.

In explaining the personal recognizance bond, Judge Harold W. Sullivan, presiding judge in the Dist. 2 circuit court, which covers Wheeling, said, "If you're reasonably sure he will appear in court, (the bond judge) ought to make it an I Bond."

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Traffic from school irks neighbors

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Frustrated by car and pedestrian traffic generated by nearby Tarkington Elementary School, residents of Wheeling's Malibu development have petitioned the village for help and are threatening to block off a sidewalk between the school property and their homes.

Christine Morgan, who headed the petition drive, said parents who drive to pick up their children often line the sides of Pacific Court in the subdivision, blocking driveways and fire hydrants. Children leaving the school also cut through the development, walking on lawns and gardens, fighting and spreading litter, she said. Morgan said at least one homeowner has complained of vandalism to his house.

Residents are particularly concerned about a sidewalk that connects the back of the development with school property. Children leaving the school use the walk to get to their parents' cars parked on Pacific Court. Morgan said area residents are considering erecting a fence to block the sidewalk, and if that measure fails, she said they will ask the village to tear out the sidewalk.

Morgan also said youths with dirt bikes ride through the development on their way to empty lots next to some of the houses and that residents are afraid that someone will be injured.

TARKINGTON PRINCIPAL Edward Searing could not be reached for comment, but Morgan said she has discussed the problem with him and he suggested a meeting of residents, police and school officials, though no date

has been set.

Wheeling police Sergeant Jack Kimsey said he has proposed a ban on parking on Pacific Court so driveways will not be blocked.

But Kimsey and Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the homeowners cannot block the sidewalk connecting the development with the school property because it is public village property.

"They can't do that; it's a public way," Fialkowski said, adding he didn't think a fence would solve the problems. "It's going to be a mess. There are a lot of kids over there, a lot of young people living there, and they have kids. Those units are going to be in a high traffic area, and there is no other way."

BRUCE NICHOLSON, assistant to the vice president of the Hoffman Group, developers of the houses, said the village required that the sidewalk be installed, and he is familiar with the problems. "These sorts of things happen a lot and we're familiar with them. Kids never stay on the sidewalks. We

tried to warn the village."

Nicholson also said signs prohibiting dirt bikes have been installed on the vacant lots, and the police have been given permission to control the situation. "The signs don't stay up long. It's an inherent problem. It's next to impossible to control them." Nicholson also said his firm hopes to build on that land as soon as the economy improves.

Kimsey said the police department has confiscated dirt bikes to help curb the problem and has been aware of a long-time problem in the area, but has not received any recent complaints.

Morgan said she has talked with Kimsey and is waiting for a response from the village and will continue to fight to close the sidewalk between the school and the development. "We knew about the school when we bought the home, but the sidewalk came later, and we didn't think there would be this many kids," she said. "People are afraid these kids will get hurt on their property and they're worried about the toddlers who live here and play on the sidewalks."

Chief's 'promotion' out of bounds: cops

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

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An attorney for the 11 Wheeling policemen who filed suit charging promotions in the police department were being made based on political connections, filed a motion in federal district court Friday asking that Wheeling police Lt. William Ralston be removed from his position as acting chief.

Attorney Michael Wall said on three separate occasions attorneys for the village have "stipulated in open court not to make any promotions within the Wheeling police department without first notifying the court." Wall said he "didn't hear a word" on Ralston's job change and that it violated provisions of the suit.

Ralston was named acting chief on Sept. 25 after Village Manager Thomas Markus demoted Chief Ted Bracke, saying he wanted new leadership in the

department. Ralston was named in the suit, along with Bracke, who now works as a lieutenant in the department.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY Gary Weintraub said that Ralston is still the acting chief and that he "doesn't view the current situation to fall within the parameters" agreed to in court. Wheeling attorneys have been given until Monday to reply to the motion and Weintraub said the situation would remain "status quo" until the judge rules.

Wall said Federal District Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras will rule on the motion Oct. 15, the same day he is scheduled to rule on seven other motions that will determine whether the case is thrown out of court or goes to trial.

Ralston said he was not notified of the legal action, but will remain acting chief. "This is not a promotion. When leadership has been removed, someone

is designated to take over that position. That's required by rules and regulations," said Ralston.

"Their contention is that this is a promotion. I'm not getting any extra compensation, or even carry the rank of chief," he said.

THE SUIT was filed in March 1979 and named Bracke, Ralston, former

village president William Hein, Police Sgt. Jack Koenig and former police and fire commissioners Ronald Bruhn, Alan Carlson, Jack Metzger, Robert Olson, and Jerome Vesecky. The policemen are charging that Hein and the police commissioners were deciding in advance who should be promoted and rigged the test scores accordingly.

Towns pay women employees less than men, figures show

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Herald staff report

Women make up nearly a fifth of the municipal work force in the Northwest suburbs, yet their pay averages \$6,000 to \$9,000 a year less than that of their male co-workers.

With few exceptions, white males hold down the high-paying administrative jobs, while about three-fourths of the women employed by local governments fill office and clerical positions. And minorities, while composing more than 6 percent of the Northwest suburban population, hold only 1.5 percent of the municipal jobs. However, their salaries are comparable to those of white males.

Those statistics, compiled from employment data that most towns are required to file with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, did not surprise leaders from women's and minority groups.

Nevertheless, the U.S. Department of Justice confirmed this week that nine Chicago-area towns — including Arlington Heights, Des Plaines and Schaumburg — are under federal investigation for possible discrimination in hiring practices. Federal officials will not comment on any specific allegations, but said they launch an investigation only after they receive a complaint there is a "deliberate attempt" to keep women and minorities out of jobs.

OFFICIALS FROM THE three towns being investigated refused to release copies of the reports they must send to federal employment officials each year.

"Since we are the subject matter of the investigation, for our purposes, they may not be for the public record," said Jack Seigel, village attorney for Arlington Heights and Schaumburg. "I think I'm going to say I'm not going to release them."

Reports from Mount Prospect were incomplete because officials there were able to account for only 170 of 238 village employees listed on their forms. Assistant Village Manager Ed-

ward Geick blamed the discrepancy on a computer error. Bartlett and Hanover Park did not file reports because any town with fewer than 100 employees is exempt from filing.

But statistics obtained from reports filed by Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Streamwood and Wheeling show that women land in a pay bracket a notch or two below male employees.

For example, the average white male employee in Buffalo Grove, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Streamwood and Wheeling earns between \$16,000 and \$25,000 a year. But women employees in Buffalo Grove and Streamwood make between \$10,000 and \$13,000. In Hoffman Estates and Wheeling, women's average pay is between \$13,000 and \$16,000, and between \$10,000 and \$16,000 in Rolling Meadows.

THOSE FIGURES roughly correspond to recent national statistics that show women, despite their rapidly increasing numbers in the work force,

still are well behind men in wage earnings.

The problem for women workers is not so much getting hired, but "the rate of promotion," said Day Piercy, executive director of Women Employed, a 2,000-member organization designed to get more women into the work force and ensure they are being adequately paid. "We find that after three to five years on the job, a man with equal experience tends to get promoted faster."

Another problem, she said, is that many jobs are labeled "women's job" and the pay accordingly remains low. However, Piercy said municipal employers are no more guilty of this than those in private industry. In fact, she said, it is less likely for municipalities to discriminate because more documents are available for public inspection.

While saying they were not surprised that women in Northwest suburban government jobs earn less than their male counterparts, some of the women who hold influential local government positions said they are unsure whether it is a problem that even warrants action.

"I don't know how strongly women are searching out (municipal) positions," said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz. "The well-qualified

women are out there; no doubt about that."

AND LEIGH GAUTSCH, one of the highest paid women in Northwest suburban government as Rolling Meadows' \$31,500-a-year finance director, said she encountered no difficulty in rising to her position.

"I would say it was not difficult to break into it," she said. "I had the credentials and my qualifications were superior to the men who applied. There was no question I was suited to the job."

The federal documents also showed that the number of minorities employed in municipal jobs is not proportionate to the number of minority residents. Excluding white women, who are considered minorities by federal employment standards, there are only 18 minorities out of the 1,164 municipal employees in the seven towns examined.

The Rev. Clyde Brooks, an Elk Grove Village resident and president of the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said one reason for the shortfall is that suburban administrators do not actively recruit minority workers and that they advertise jobs in suburban newspapers and other publications normally not read by blacks and other minorities.

"Another problem is that I would think minorities are not aggressive in searching out municipal jobs," he said, adding that few minorities tend to pursue public jobs in predominantly white towns. "It'd be like me trying to be a policeman in Cicero."

Elk Grove Village Personnel Director Richard Finn agreed that minorities don't look too hard for suburban municipal jobs. "To be quite frank with you, it takes a certain type of individual to work in a predominantly white community," he said.

TOWN	TOTAL EMPLOYEES	WOMEN (PERCENT)	MINORITIES (PERCENT)	MINORITY POPULATION
Buffalo Grove	84	19 (23%)	1 (1.2%)	3.4%
Hoffman Estates	207	42 (20%)	5 (2.4%)	6.5%
Streamwood	103	23 (23%)	4 (3.9%)	5.2%
Rolling Meadows	154	32 (21%)	0	5.0%
Elk Grove Village	268	45 (17%)	1 (0.3%)	7.0%
Palatine	197	29 (15%)	4 (2%)	2.9%
Wheeling	151	24 (16%)	3 (1.9%)	4.9
GRAND TOTAL	1,164	214 (18%)	18 (1.5%)	11,733 (6.2%)

Builder seeks final OK to build 400 apartments

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Despite opposition from village and park district officials in Prospect Heights, a Texas developer Monday will ask for final approval from Wheeling to build 400 apartments on a 40-acre site near the southeast corner of Palatine and Wheeling roads in Wheeling.

The proposed \$30 million project by Finger Enterprises of Houston would include five 5-story luxury apartment buildings, an underground parking lot and a variety of recreational facilities. The site would be called Woodland Creek, although it was called Inwood Manor when it originally was proposed late last year.

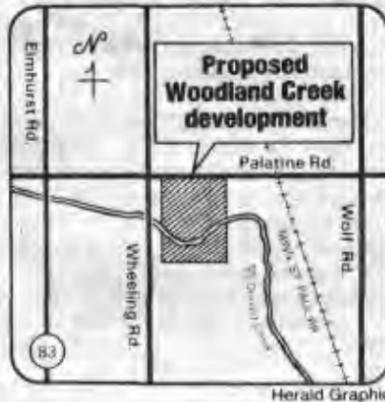
Wheeling officials originally planned for 23 acres of the land to be used as a park and school site, but Wheeling Planner Richard Greenwood said those plans were scrapped for lack of need and money. He determined that the development didn't need a school, and the

local park district didn't have the money to buy the land proposed for a park.

Developer Alan Huvad now has asked that the village hold a public hearing, which would be required to change the official land-use plan for that area and allow him to use the entire 40-acre site for the apartment complex.

BUT PROSPECT Heights Park Director James DeVos said his district still is interested in the land, or some sort of compensation for allowing the land to be developed. He said park officials met with the developer and proposed a \$700 per unit donation to the district in exchange for ending attempts to gain the land, but that no deal had been worked out.

"We're against it until we get a donation of land and money or something," said DeVos. Unlike some other villages, Wheeling doesn't require donations of cash or land to park districts from new developments. But the park district legally must be given a



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chance to refuse land slated for a park before a developer can be allowed to build on it.

Despite the developer's plans to construct recreation facilities at the site, the addition of so many new residents probably would crowd the park district's racquetball and health club facilities, he said.

Prospect Heights officials also have gone on record as opposing the development, saying it is incompatible with the single-family developments south and west of the proposed complex.

Sturgell said city officials also are worried that the apartment buildings might cause drainage problems because the land is cross-cut by McDonald Creek, making the site prone to flooding.

BUT HUVARD has said that making the buildings five stories high would allow him to keep construction out of low-lying areas near the creek. He also has said he will use land as dividers and natural growth in the area to separate the development from the single family homes.

If the project is approved, officials have said they hope to start construction as soon as the financing for the project is completed.

The village board will meet to discuss the plans at 8 p.m. Monday, in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Village offices moved temporarily

Offices at the Wheeling village hall have been relocated to the village fire department, where they will be for nearly two weeks while a new roof is installed on that part of the municipal complex.

The fire department is located in the same complex at 255 W. Dundee Road. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said residents who need village services such as voter registration and ticket payment can stop in at the fire department and they will be directed to the proper room. The village

phone number, 459-2600, will remain the same.

The roof repairs, which will cost \$194,000, were needed because the roof began to leak after heavy snow in past winters. A flat roof was installed when the building was built 12 years ago and temporary posts were installed to add support to the structure.

The construction is expected to be finished by the end of October.

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Pal-Waukee Airport environment study goes to interested suitors

By RICK SORCI

The long awaited Pal-Waukee Airport environmental study is in the hands of representatives of the villages of Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

With both municipalities interested in purchasing the airport facility, the outcome of the report compiled by the Ralph Burke Associates consulting firm is being studied closely.

All the interested parties gathered at Thursday's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting and discussed the purpose of the report, as well as a date for a public hearing on the reports findings.

"We're looking at a date sometime in early January," said Robert Fialkowski, Wheeling assistant manager. "In the meantime we're going to study the findings by Burke."

Fialkowski said TAC members will get a good idea the reaction of the public to the study at the hearing.

"The hearing will be used to go through the environmental study," Fialkowski said. "We'll get to hear their comments on

it, as well as Phase III."

The final phase of the study will reveal the final layout plans of the airport, feasibility study, land use plans and financial economics, as well as the environmental study.

"The first draft of Phase III is complete," Fialkowski said. "Once we read through it we'll be able to submit any comments or questions to Burke Associates."

The first two phases of the study, which has been in progress since late 1978, are complete.

Fialkowski said that once the study is complete and a public hearing has been held, a final decision can be made.

"The municipalities can determine from the study and public reaction, whether they are still interested in purchasing the facility," he said.

At this point, he said, an application can be made for federal funding.

"It's possible that the issue of whether or not to make the purchase will go be decided by a public referendum," Fialkowski said.

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400-apartment complex plans OK'd by village

Wheeling trustees Monday night gave final approval to plans by a Texas developer to build 400 apartments on a 40-acre site near Palatine and Wheeling roads after the developer worked out a last-minute deal with Prospect Heights Park District officials to donate \$40,000 to the district.

Alan Huvad of Finger Enterprises of Houston said he plans to begin construction on the \$30 million project as soon as he can secure financing for the project. The plans include five five-story luxury apartment buildings, an underground parking lot and a variety of recreational facilities.

Officials from the park district had protested the project because part of the site had been earmarked for a school and park by Wheeling officials, and the park district legally has first right to the land. Edward Karakowiak, treasurer of the park district, said park officials felt they should be compensated for the land partly because of the added burden the estimated 1,400 additional residents could place on district facilities.

KARAKOWIAK SAID his board had proposed a \$770 per unit fee or a 7.7 acre donation but had received a proposal of \$50 per unit from the landowners who are selling the parcel to the developer.

Both sides reached a compromise agreement after the village board indicated it would not vote on the plan until an agreement was reached. Karakowiak will now have to bring the proposal to the full park board for formal approval. The \$40,000 fee will be paid when Wheeling issues the building permits for the project.

The plans for Woodland Creek were proposed late last year. But Huvad said it has taken him this long to work on securing the financing for the project. Huvad told the board he hopes the apartment project will be included for funding in the Federal Housing Authority budget for 1982 but that he is sure the funding will come through in 1983.

Prospect Heights city officials had also gone on record as protesting the development, saying it is incompatible with the single family developments south and west of the proposed complex. They also said the development might cause drainage problems because the land is crosscut by McDonald Creek, making the site prone to flooding.

But Huvad said the buildings will only actually utilize 15 acres of the site and the remaining acres will be used as natural buffers and landscaping around the development.

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Interim chief faces court test of status



Lt. Bill Ralston

By RICK SORCI

The appointment of Lt. Bill Ralston to interim Wheeling chief of police by Village Manager Thomas Markus may be short lived.

Ralston was named Friday to replace Theodore Bracke, who Markus demoted to lieutenant.

However, Chicago attorney Michael Wall, representing 11 Wheeling police officers in a federal suit against the village, said the elevation of Ralston to chief is a violation of an agreement between the village and his clients. He said he is preparing a motion to have Ralston removed from the interim chief position.

"Nearly one year ago," Wall said, "the village entered into an agreement with the plaintiffs stipulating they (Village of Wheeling) would make no further promotions in the police department while the suit was pending."

Wall considers the temporary appointment of Ralston to chief a promotion and a violation of the promotion agreement.

"The motion will be filed sometime this week," Wall said.

Ironically, Ralston is also a key figure in the lawsuit.

The 1979 suit alleges Bracke, former Wheeling Village President William Hein and several members of the police and fire commission, conspired in the promotion of Patrolman Jack Koenig to sergeant, and Ralston from sergeant to lieutenant.

The suit centers around police examinations taken by Ralston and Koenig, alleging the defendants committed one or more of the following:

- Informed one or more officers taking the lieutenant or sergeant exam of the questions and subject matter of the exam;
- Falsified the exam and oral interview scores of one or more persons;

- Failed or refused to disclose to all officers their exam or interview scores;

- Falsified merit ratings;
- Falsified all numerical rankings;
- Determined, before the promotion eligibility list was compiled, who would be promoted;

- Discriminated against officers because of their political affiliations;

- Conspired to falsify examination results "to procure the promotion of the persons whom defendants desired to promote;"

- Caused the police and fire commission to be composed of more than two members of the same political party, a violation of the Illinois Municipal Code.

Wall said Bracke was added to the suit as a defendant for a number of reasons.

"We felt Bracke would be involved in the retesting and reappointment of officers passed over for political consideration," he said. "You have to sue people who can remedy problems that have been caused."

Seven motions by the village to dismiss the suit are scheduled to be heard by U.S. District Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras on Oct. 15.

Village Attorney David Epstein said the wait for a decision on the motions has been long.

"We've been waiting for about six months," he said. "The motions have been fully briefed for four or five months. Hopefully we'll get a decision."

Epstein said the recent demotion of Bracke will have no impact on the case.

"There's no technical reason why he should be dropped from the suit," he said. "He was the chief when the suit was filed. I'm not sure his (Bracke) being in the case makes much of a difference."

Ralston, who may seek permanent status as police chief, refused to comment on either his appointment or the suit.

Top cop chop

With the news coming out of the Wheeling Police Department starting to sound like the sportscast for a baseball game—one up, one down—we imagine it won't be long before somebody's side is retired.

Last Friday's shakeup, in which Lt. Bill Ralston replaced Chief Theodore Bracke, was a long time coming. For years, the business of law enforcement and the business of politics have been sharing the same bed. So it was inevitable, perhaps, that someone would get hurt eventually.

Chief Bracke's term in office could not exactly be described as a smooth one. Among the many bumps he and his department had to negotiate were the infamous incident involving Lt. Thomas Conte, who was found guilty of using "excessive force" (i.e. placing a loaded gun into the mouth of a suspect), the sudden and apparently spiteful crackdown on littering which resulted in 200 tickets, and a lawsuit alleging that he, former Village President William Hein and members of the police and fire commission conspired to "doctor" the written and oral tests of two officers seeking promotions. So, a valedictory at this time would perhaps not be appropriate.

However, we would be pleased if only we could report that the department's troubles are now a thing of the past.

But we simply can't. Ralston's promotion is certain to keep the controversy alive since he is one of the two officers who allegedly received illegal favors from Bracke, Hein and members of the police and fire commissions. Not only that, but it might even lead to more court action since it apparently violates an agreement which was worked out between the plaintiffs and the village stipulating that there be no further promotions in the police department until the lawsuit is settled.

Village Manager Thomas Markus would've better served the residents of Wheeling by waiting a little while longer to demote Bracke. At the very least, he should've replaced the chief with a man who had an untainted record.

But since he didn't, it's our guess that it'll only be a matter of time before the heads start rolling again. The only question in our minds—given the nature of Wheeling politics—is whose?

Countryside Reminder 10-6

Trustees to discuss zoning amendments

Wheeling village trustees will consider a series of amendments to the village zoning code at tonight's village board meeting.

The proposed amendments will clean up the code to remove inconsistencies and contradictions in the law and make it clearer.

Changes were made in nine areas of the code, including a rewritten chapter on actions that don't conform to village laws. Other changes include banning outdoor storage in the village's commercial areas; allowing professional offices, except medical and dental offices in industrial areas; allows some retail sales in industrial areas and requiring 10-foot grassy buffers in commercial and industrial areas between a front parking lot and the street.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

A REQUEST FOR \$2 million in industrial revenue bonds will be discussed tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

Arkansas Best Corporation, based in Fort Smith, Ark., has asked the village to issue the bonds to help the company finance the purchase of the Maislin Gateway Transport truck terminals at 1075 Chaddick Drive.

The firm will use the facilities to establish an Arkansas Best Freight Distribution site and will ship light manufacturing materials and food stuffs to companies within a 35-mile radius of Wheeling. The company also expects to initially employ 40 people and hire an additional 20 people within the next two or three years.

By asking the village to issue the bonds, the company will be able to borrow the money at lower-than-normal interest rates. The village issues the bonds to borrow the money, but the company will be responsible for paying back the loan.

The village staff has recommended that the board approve the request. The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP board Tuesday night will discuss appointing an assessor to serve the rest of the year until Dolores Stephan takes office on Jan. 1, 1982.

Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld said he would nominate Stephan, who is currently serving as deputy assessor. Gov. James Thompson recently signed a bill into law that gives township boards the power to appoint assessors.

Wheeling Township was left without an assessor this summer when incumbent assessor Fred Yonkers was asked to vacate his post by the township board. They based their move on an unofficial legal opinion from the Illinois state attorney's office that said the previous township board did not have the legal power to appoint Yonkers to the office.

Yonkers is continuing his legal battle to regain his job.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

A DISCUSSION ON the evaluations of social service agencies funded by the township will continue Tuesday night when the Wheeling Township board meets.

Township Supervisor Phil Rogers has proposed that the township develop an evaluation form that would be completed by residents who use the services and would help the township determine how their funding is being spent and how the residents are being served.

The Northwest Municipal Conference is also working on a form and township trustees had previously expressed some hesitancy at duplicating that effort.

The board will discuss the matter at 8 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

WHETHER TO RE-ESTABLISH the village's youth jury system will be discussed when the Wheeling Youth Commission meets Wednesday.

Several youth commissioners have expressed interest in reviving the jury, which gives juvenile offenders convicted of minor crimes the chance to work off their sentences and avoid a criminal record. The sentences are imposed by a jury of junior high and high school-aged youth who volunteer for the program.

This year the commission hopes to arrange for work sentences with private homes and businesses to remove the work and supervision burden from the village and the park district, which in the past has sponsored the juveniles. Commissioners are waiting to hear whether the village insurance will cover the kids and several have said that if it doesn't they will have to scrap the program.

The recent demotion of Police Chief Theodore Bracke, a prime proponent and organizer of the original youth jury, could also affect the jury's re-establishment.

The commission will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY Committee of Pal-Waukee Airport will meet Thursday to discuss the date for a public hearing planned to air a consultant's report on the public ownership of the airport.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights commissioned the \$120,000 study to examine the feasibility of public ownership of the airport, since owner George Priester has been trying to sell the facility for some time. The TAC committee is made up of officials from those two suburbs and officials from local, state and federal agencies.

The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Mount Prospect village hall, 100 S. Emerson St.

Village gets federal development funds

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by Kurt Baer
Herald political editor

The Cook County board Monday approved a federal grant of \$535,000 for three projects in the Village of Wheeling. They include \$310,000 for a senior center under development at Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street; \$100,000 for streetlighting in the area; and \$125,000 for rehabilitation of older housing.

The county board awarded a total of

\$16,855,643 under the Community Development Block Grant program to communities and social welfare agencies in suburban Cook County. The program is part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Village of Hanover Park also will receive a \$221,000 federal grant to pay for the rehabilitation of the troubled Glendale Terrace apartments, the home of several Laotian refugee families.

A FIRE AT Glendale Terrace Jan.

21 killed three Laotian refugees and injured 15 other residents. A 19-year-old Streamwood man, John L. Williams, has been charged with murder and aggravated arson in connection with the fire and is awaiting trial.

The apartment owners, Sevak Corp., have promised to put up a matching amount of money and to assist the Laotian families in the complex, according to Suzanne Hayes, a county administrator. "The owners are attempting to relocate large families and provide ed-

ucational information on how to maintain the units," she said. Seventy percent of the tenants in the complex are low income, she said.

The owner also has agreed "not to raise rents to an exorbitant level" in exchange for the federal aid, Hayes said.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS applied for \$655,000 in federal funds for Glendale Terrace in March, and have estimated it may cost \$1.6 million to upgrade the

18-building complex.

A three-year improvement project calls for bringing the apartment buildings into compliance with village codes, landscaping, the addition of a community center and a park.

Commissioner Carl Hansen said he was "curious" about funneling federal dollars into a fix-up plan for a privately owned complex. Hayes said that high interest rates have prevented the owners from financing the total cost of the project.

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Chain of events leads to chief's demotion

By RICK SORCI

The demotion of Wheeling Police Chief Theodore Bracke to lieutenant, according to Village President Thomas Markus, had been under consideration for some time.

Bracke, a 20-year veteran with the village and chief for the past four years, was informed by Markus of the decision Friday afternoon.

"It's not my policy to discuss specific reasons why the change was made," Markus said. "I decided I wanted some new leadership."

Village President Sheila Schultz, who is on record as being dissatisfied with Bracke as chief, learned of his dismissal soon after Markus made the decision.

"Being that this is a personnel problem," she said, "and because the (village) board does not get involved in personnel matters, we support the decision of the village manager."

Bracke has been replaced on an interim basis by Lt. Bill Ralston, and will remain the acting chief until a replacement is found.

New leadership notwithstanding, Bracke apparently was demoted due to several controversial incidents during his tenure as chief.

A summer ticket blitz, an apparent retaliatory ploy by his officers over the village's litter ordinance, may have been the incident that hastened his departure.

Another sore spot was the dismissal of 17-year veteran Lt. Thomas Conte for excessive force in the arrest of a 20-year-old Wheeling man.

Bracke is also one of nine defendants in a lawsuit filed by 11 Wheeling police officers charged with unfair promotion policies.

Markus denied it was any one incident that resulted in the shakeup.

"Former Chief Bracke and I had discussed the possibility of making a change prior to the actual move," Markus said. "I don't think you can blame the move on any certain thing. I just felt a change was necessary at this time."

Bracke declined comment on the demotion.

Schultz said that Bracke, as police chief, shouldered the responsibility for several of the problems transpiring in the department.

"My impression of the change was that there was an overall feeling of lack of leadership by the chief," she said. "But I don't think you could single out one incident that resulted in the change."

After several complaints by village residents that they were having problems with littering and rats, Markus ordered a crackdown on violators.

Apparently, Wheeling police officers took the edict as a personal affront. In response, they proceeded to issue more than 200 tickets to village residents for violations of the litter ordinance.

This led to a deluge of phone calls to Markus and Schultz from irate residents the following day.

The 1980 Conte incident also left a black mark on the public image of the Wheeling Police Department and its chief.

Conte, after responding to a report of a bank robbery, pulled his service revolver

and placed the loaded gun into or near the mouth of Eugene Grassmuck.

Grassmuck and David Pearlman had been spotted sitting in a car in a bank parking lot assembling a shotgun. Two Wheeling officers had the situation under control when Conte appeared on the scene. It was later determined the two men had just purchased the gun at a nearby store.

Conte was dismissed from the force on May 2, 1980, for displaying excessive force in the incident.

Markus said no candidates for the \$35,000 job of chief have been considered at this time.

"We will have a reviewing process, both in house and out of house," Markus said. "Lt. Ralston will remain in the position until we find a replacement. Hopefully, that decision will be made by the beginning of next year."

In the meantime, Bracke is up for reassignment. Ralston will decide where the demoted chief will serve the department.

Village board wrapup 10-7 Herald

Truck terminal gets village-backed loan

A low-interest loan of \$2 million, in the form of industrial revenue bonds, was approved Monday night by Wheeling trustees for the Arkansas Best Company. The firm plans to use the money to buy the Maislin Gateway Transport truck terminals at 1075 Chaddock Drive.

Trustees John Cole and William Rogers voted against the move. Cole said he did not want to encourage trucking companies to locate in Wheeling, and Rogers said he feared approval of this bond issue would open the door for all the companies in the village to ask for financial help to expand. Rogers also questioned whether the firm really needed the loan.

The Fort Smith-based firm will use the facilities to establish an Arkansas Best Freight distribution site and will ship light manufacturing materials and food to companies within a 35-mile radius of Wheeling. The company expects to employ 40 people initially and hire an additional 20 people within the next few years.

Industrial revenue bonds normally are issued by companies to help finance the construction of new facilities, but Village Manager Thomas Markus said the fact that new jobs would be provided met the requirement for the issuance of the bonds.

By getting the village to issue the bonds, the company will be able to borrow the money at lower-than-normal interest rates. The village issues the bonds to borrow the money, but the company is responsible for paying back the loan.

Zoning code changes OKd

Wheeling trustees Monday night approved a series of amendments to the village zoning code.

The amendments will clean up the code and remove inconsistencies. Outdoor storage in commercial areas has been banned, and professional offices, with the exception of medical and dental offices, will be allowed to locate in industrial areas. Retail sales also will be allowed in industrial areas, if that business is not the primary one at a site.

The changes in the codes went through both the staff and the plan commission and took several years to develop. Village officials say they will continue to revise the code to keep up with the times.

Setback waived for oil firm

A reduction in the front yard setback was granted Monday night by the Wheeling village board to the manager of the Martin Oil Company. The move will allow the construction of a canopy over the pumps at the station at 621 W. Dundee Road.

The village staff recommended the variation because the canopy is an elevated structure that will not obstruct motorists' vision.

The canopy will be constructed to help improve the overall appearance of the station, owner Dwayne Meyers said. He also agreed to remove a billboard from the station's back fence and replace it with a stockade fence.

Auto center's signs approved 10-7 Herald

Two 32-square-foot signs for an auto center located on Milwaukee Avenue were approved Monday night by Wheeling trustees.

Eric Adams, one of the operators of the Suburban Auto Center, 420 S. Milwaukee Ave., asked for approval of the signs under Wheeling's new sign ordinance. One sign will be displayed in the window facing Milwaukee Avenue and the other in a window facing Jeffrey Street.

Shopping center signs OKd

Wheeling trustees Monday night approved the design and installation of two signs in the Wheeling Shopping Center on Dundee Road near Milwaukee Avenue.

The owners of Westwear, Inc., 267 E. Dundee and Wizard Video, 269 E. Dundee, both received permission from the village board to install 13-square-foot illuminated signs above their businesses.

Both shops are located in the downtown redevelopment district, where the village staff is working to clean up the area. Shopping centers are encouraged to develop a "sign package" ensuring that all the signs will conform with village codes and be compatible with the area.

According to Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer, continued attempts to get Glenn Miller, owner of the shopping center, to work with the village to develop a sign package for the center have failed. Oppenheimer said the village will now use these two signs to design a package for the shopping center.

Mark Goldberg, owner of Wizard Video, told the board it was important for the signs to be approved and installed quickly, because both businesses are depending on the signs to help attract Christmas business.

Agency OKs \$5 billion for roads, transit Herald Oct. 7

by Al Cabbage

Herald staff writer

Nearly \$5 billion in road and mass transit projects planned for the Chicago area during the next five years — including \$132 million in the Northwest suburbs — was approved Tuesday by a group of area transportation leaders.

The five-year program was approved Tuesday by a committee of the Chicago Area Transit Study, a transportation planning agency.

Illinois Secretary of Transportation John D. Kramer, chairman of the committee, said that federal funds — crucial to almost all of the projects — should be available for almost all of the roads and transit improvements planned for next year.

The projects planned for the Northwest suburbs in 1982 and their estimated costs are:

- Roselle Road from Schaumburg Road to Devon Avenue in Schaumburg: add lanes — \$4.1 million.
- River Road from Kensington (Foundry) Road to Jefferson Street in Des Plaines: widen bridge over Des Plaines River at Golf, new bridge decks at two locations; improve intersections, widen and resurface — \$3.7 million.
- Dundee Road from Northwest Highway to Hicks Road in Palatine: resurfacing and intersection improvements — \$2.3 million.
- Northwest Highway from Elmwood Street in Des Plaines to Euclid Avenue and in Arlington Heights: widening and resurfacing, railroad cross-

ing and intersection improvements — \$2.2 million.

- Rand Road from Euclid Avenue in Arlington Heights to Quentin Road in Deer Park: resurfacing, right of way purchase — \$1.3 million.
- Rand Road from River Road to the Tri-State Tollway in Des Plaines: resurfacing and right of way — \$780,000.
- Sutton Road at Dundee Road in Palatine Township: intersection improvement — \$470,000.
- Dundee Road at the Des Plaines River in Wheeling: widen bridge — \$350,000.
- Buffalo Grove Road from Lake-Cook Road to Mundelein Road in Buffalo Grove: Right of way and engineering studies — \$312,000.
- Lake Street at Oak Street in Bart-

lett: intersection improvement — \$304,000.

- Northwest Highway at Palatine Road: intersection improvement: \$275,000.
- Elmhurst Road at Buffalo Creek in Wheeling: replacement of bridge deck — \$219,000.
- Checker Road from Arlington Heights Road to Mundelein Road in Buffalo Grove: resurfacing — \$200,000.
- Mundelein Road from Arlington Heights Road to Lake-Cook Road in Buffalo Grove: engineering studies — \$185,000.
- Busch Road from Mundelein Road to Weiland Road in Buffalo Grove: resurfacing — \$80,000.

• I-290 from Devon Avenue to the Northwest Tollway: right-of-way purchase — \$50,000.

• Northwest Highway from Elmwood Avenue to Tri-State Tollway in Des Plaines — right-of-way purchase — \$16,000.

Transit-related road improvements planned in the area for next year are:

- Milwaukee Road Ry. station in Roselle: parking improvements — \$250,000.
- Oakton Street in Park Ridge: Chicago & North Western Ry. crossing improvement — \$330,000.
- Northwest Highway in Des Plaines: Northwestern crossing improvement engineering studies — \$100,000.

Boyd trial set to continue Oct. 19

THE TRIAL of William C. Boyd Jr., 14, accused slayer of Mary Kosinski was continued until Monday, Oct. 19 in Evanston Circuit Court.

Boyd, convicted of the July 18 murder of Kosinski, is being tried as an adult and will be fingerprinted for adult court prior to the next hearing date.

Kosinski's body was in a shed behind the Boyd home after a group of youths had allegedly been drinking.

In addition to the decision to try the young Boyd as an adult, Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro also placed a "gag order" on both defense attorney Michael Norris and the Cook County State's Attorney office because of remarks to the media by members of the State's Attorney's office and members of the Wheeling Police Department.

Pomaro's order prohibits attorneys from discussing the case with members of the media.

Motion challenges appointment

FEDERAL JUDGE Nicholas Kocoras will rule Oct. 15 on a motion filed on behalf of 11 Wheeling police officers which challenges the naming of Lt. Billy Ralston as acting Police Chief.

The 11, all plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the village which charges irregularities in the promotion of several police officers, claim that the naming of Ralston to the acting role of chief violates a court order.

According to attorney Michael Wall, who represents the plaintiffs, the appointment of Ralston to serve as chief until a replacement can be found for recently-dismissed chief Ted Bracke, is a promotion and gives Ralston a

chance to gain additional experience.

WALL SAID that the situation may have been different if Village Manager Thomas M. Markus, who named Ralston to the acting post, had consulted him first.

Ralston in the past has filled in for Bracke when the ex-chief was on vacation. "That was just a temporary thing, maybe a week or two," said Wall, adding that "we don't really consider it a violation."

The village was to have responded to the motion by Monday, Oct. 5, and according to Village Attorney Gary Weintraub, the village was within its rights taking the action.

"It was not a promotion. He (Ralston) is still a lieutenant. Only the Police and Fire Commission can promote an officer."

Markus said it was not his intention to "violate the agreement." He added that his naming Ralston acting-Police Chief is not anything unusual, citing the previous times he had assumed that role.

Ralston was appointed acting-chief on Friday, Sept. 25 when Bracke was dismissed as Police Chief by Markus.

Ralston will remain in that role until a new chief is named. Markus has indicated he hopes to have a candidate selected and on the job by the end of the year.

Noise to be key issue

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

NO MATTER if Palwaukee is a public or private airport, expansion seems inevitable.

At least according to the consultants doing a feasibility study for Wheeling and Prospect Heights Heights, the two towns contemplating purchasing the airport and making it a publicly-owned facility.

A revised and updated Phase 3 report which was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport (TAC), was discussed at its last meeting on Sept. 24.

It is likely that further refinements and discussion examining environmental impact of the airport will be the focus of the committee when it meets today, Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Wheeling Village Hall.

THE REVISED report says that public acquisition of the airport would "...not cause any change in patterns of population movement or growth should there be any change in public service demands as a result of the

acquisition..."

The report does, however, spell out possible negative effects should the airport be closed. In addition to the possible layoff of more than 500 employees, there could be serious hardships on corporations which utilize Palwaukee to some extent.

One of the most significant portions of the report focuses on the noise contours of the airports and their effects on area residents and schools.

The contours were developed based on a 24-hour average measure of noise intensity. A slight measuring "penalty" was applied to night operations between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Noise will likely be the single-most factor discussed at a public hearing scheduled for early December. In the meantime, the Illinois Department of Transportation's Department of Aeronautics and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will be monitoring airport noise at various locations prior to the hearing.

Both IDOT and the IEPA will review their findings before issuing an environmental assessment.

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Plane crash

But no one is injured during forced landing

THREE PEOPLE escaped serious injury when they had to make a crash landing in their plane. John Klosak landed his single-engine plane early Sunday, Oct. 4 in Wheeling after the plane lost its power.

Klosak, his wife and daughter were taken to Holy Family Hospital. Klosak and his daughter were released, but his wife was admitted to the hospital where she was listed in good condition on Tuesday, Oct. 6. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the case.

Talk about a pot shot. A man in the 100 block of Wilshire Drive was loading his .45 caliber pistol while talking to his wife who was in another room.

When the man set the gun down, it discharged sending a bullet through the wall and into the bathroom where his wife was. The bullet struck his wife in the leg. She was taken to Holy Family Hospital and released. Her wound was not serious and her husband was not charged.

police log

It was not a good week for cars in Glenview.

In unrelated incidents in the past week, there was a case of vandalism to the windshield of an auto; vandalism to the roof of an auto; a theft of tires from a car; theft of a toolbox and tools from a van; and the theft of an AM/FM stereo radio and two speakers from another car.

A Northbrook woman was driving southbound on Pfingsten behind a Jeep, when, according to the woman, the driver of the van threw a bottle at her car, causing her to slam on the brakes.

When police arrived, the man in the van said he threw some ice out of a plastic cup but did not realize that it had struck another vehicle.

The woman said she had broken her neck in a car accident a year ago. She said after the incident this week, she was suffering from vision problems and a pain in the neck. The case is still pending.

A CHALICE and other items were reported stolen from the Zion Lutheran Church, 10 Deerfield Road, Sunday, Sept. 27.

Police said someone forced open a cabinet in the sacristy room and took six items made of silver or plated with silver. The total value of the items was estimated at \$400 to \$560.

Among the items taken were a candle holder and rosebud vase.

A DEERFIELD man was charged last week with driving while intoxicat-

ed, resisting arrest, and attempting to flee from a police officer.

According to police reports, Scott Anderson, of 1138 Wayne, was stopped by a Deerfield police officer at 9:50 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 because he had no tail lights on his car.

The officer told Anderson, who is 24 years old, to drive to the police station, while the police officer followed in a squad car.

According to police, Anderson started to go to the station, but then began picking up speed, narrowly missing several parked cars and barricades.

The officer said Wayne then exited the car, ignored the policeman's orders and ran toward his house.

Two officers reportedly had to restrain Anderson and handcuff his hands behind his back. The police said Anderson refused to get into the squad car and instead threw himself on the ground. He had to be lifted and put into the back seat of the car, the police said.

Rehab cash set for spring

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials, working on a program to make available some \$125,000 in federal funds to residents in targeted areas of the village to rehabilitate their homes, say the money probably won't be available until sometime next spring.

This week the Cook County board approved \$535,000 in federal community development block grants to the village. Included in that sum was \$310,000 for the proposed senior center, \$100,000 for street lighting in the area around the center and \$125,000 for the rehabilitation of homes.

Village planner Richard Greenwood

said the village staff is setting up a program whereby homeowners in the older areas of the village could apply for the funds to improve their property.

Greenwood said the money probably would be used to provide low- and no-interest loans and grants for owners of older structures, enabling them to bring their property up to village codes.

TO QUALIFY for the money, property owners must meet a variety of federal standards including income guidelines for low- and middle-income families. The homes also must be deficient. The money cannot be used to make improvements beyond bringing the property to code or "substantial

compliance" with village codes. Depending on the repairs there are maximum amounts of money available to each family.

Diana Brown, a planner with the county community development department, said the money could be used to cover a variety of "mechanical improvements" to the property such as electrical wiring, furnace repair and replacement, roof work and insulation.

Greenwood said normally the program is set up and the availability of funds is advertised to the owners, although nothing definite is planned yet. If no one asks for the funds, Greenwood said one alternative would be for the village to contact individual homeowners about deficiencies in their

property and suggest the money.

The money will be made available as part of Wheeling's plan to rehabilitate the village's downtown area, especially along Milwaukee Avenue. The proposed senior center is part of the plan and will be built, along with an emergency medical center and senior citizens housing on a site at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street.

Greenwood said the \$310,000 will be used for site improvements in the area of the senior center and the \$100,000 grant will be used for street lighting in the same location. Actual construction of the center is planned for next year and the village hopes to make use of more federal grants for that purpose.

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Old Town gets funding

The Village of Wheeling will receive \$535,000 this May from Cook County as its part of the county's community development fund.

The money will be used for improvements to the senior center site, rehabilitation and preservation in the "Old Wheeling" residential area, and streetlighting in "Old Wheeling."

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Bracke never eluded controversy as chief

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

analysis

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JUST WHAT led to the removal of Ted Bracke as chief of the Wheeling Police Department?

To many people, it could have been many things.

Most, however, seem to agree on one thing. A change was coming.

Even before he was named chief in 1978, Bracke was surrounded by controversy a lot of it not even by his own accord.

When former Village Manager Terry Zerkle began his search for a new chief and submitted his findings to the board, its members disagreed and told Zerkle so.

They told him so much that they got rid of him. A short time later, Bracke was named chief.

THROUGHOUT NOT only Bracke's, but the stints of others who have been Wheeling's top cops, there were charges of political clout connected with the chief's position.

It just appeared, however, to surface more during the Bracke years, the same ones that found William H. Hein as Village President.

The strongest situation in which politics and the Police Department became openly aligned came when 11 police officers filed suit against several village officials, Hein included, charging irregularities in the promotional procedures within the Police Department.

Their charges were, in essence, the same that led to Zerkle's ouster. The plaintiffs charged that promotions of some officers had been planned even

before tests were given to other officers.

OVER THE months, charges have come out that not only promotions, but changes in assignments within the department, were made, not based on what an officer knew, but who he knew.

The department appeared unified 14 months ago, in August 1980 when it voiced strong opposition to a plan by Village Manager Thomas Markus that he be responsible for hiring and firing of police and fire personnel, so those departments could, Markus proposed, operate like all other village departments.

It was surprising to many observers that many of the factions within the department which had not been on good terms before, were for this cause.

That bubble started to burst in November, however with a smattering of events.

The attorney for the 11 plaintiffs suing the village said transfers, ordered by Bracke, were made to keep "certain officers out of sight."

He added that officers moved into certain positions were done so because of political aspirations or connections with Hein, whose bid for re-election to the Village Presidency was less than six months away.

The furor of those transfers died down but did widen the gap between various factions within the department.

BUT THE CALM didn't last.

The first of two key investigations ordered by Markus began.

The first focused on the handling of an accident involving the nephew of former Wheeling Township Democratic committeeman James Stavros.

It was reported that officers reporting to the accident went from one radio frequency to another because "...the Stavros name was involved."

That investigation ended quietly and to the satisfaction of Markus.

The second however, did not. That focused on another accident in which a police car was virtually destroyed.

Conflicting statements between a witness and police officers prompted the investigation. Most of the differences in statements focused on whether the officer involved in the accident had the emergency equipment activated on the car and which officer was following that car.

THAT ACCIDENT occurred in April and in July Markus told The LIFE that he was waiting for a supplemental report from Bracke, something he never received.

To aggravate matters even more, in June, following concerns aired by residents of Tahoe Village, members of the Police Department went on a ticket writing binge. Some officers allegedly told residents tickets were written at the request of Markus and Village Board President Sheila Schultz.

Bracke was never directly blamed for any of the problems within the department. His allegedly strong ties

with Hein and his administration, however, remained.

IN AN INTERVIEW with The LIFE on Sept. 25, Markus reflected on his 14 months as Wheeling's Village Manager. One area that stood out as needing improvement was the Police Department.

Markus did not question or criticize the performance of day-to-day police operations, but was concerned about the factionalization of the department and, as was reported in the Oct. 1 issues of The LIFE, the leadership of the department.

It was that same day, Sept. 25, that Markus removed Bracke as Police Chief. Markus did not discuss reasons why with the media, following proper procedure and the Illinois Open Meet-

ings Act, that personnel matters shall be discussed in executive session.

WITH BRACKE GONE, a new chapter will be unfolding in the saga of the Wheeling Police Department. Markus plans to look for a new chief from both within and outside the ranks of the department, vowing to pick the best person for the job.

Whoever that person is, he or she will have to deal with a number of variables. The new chief will have to close the gap that is splitting the department.

Bracke's replacement will have to understand Wheeling—both its history and current status and will also try to shake the image of political puppet which has plagued chiefs before.

Markus is hoping to have that person picked by the end of the year.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

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Selected decisions from the village board meetings of Sept. 8 and 21.

To halt work on a \$500,000 deep well that would serve the residents of the northeast part of the village.

Cole Gooch Kerr Powers Ratajczak Rogers

ABSENT ABSENT YES NO YES YES

To adopt an \$18.9 million, five-year capital improvements program for the village.

ABSENT ABSENT YES YES YES YES

To adopt amendments to the village sign code that set strict size and format requirements for signs within the village.*

ABSENT ABSENT YES NO YES YES

*President Sheila Schultz voted YES.

To authorize village manager to negotiate an engineering contract with Alvord, Howson and Burdick for improvements to the village water system.

YES YES YES YES YES YES

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Differences settled; board approves plan for 400 apartments

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

THE DEVELOPER of a proposed 400-unit apartment complex and representatives of the Prospect Heights Park District agreed Monday night, Oct. 5 to negotiate their differences during the Wheeling Village Board meeting. Following announcement of the successful negotiation of the proper donation amount to the Park District by the developer later in the meeting, the Wheeling board granted its approval of the final building plans for the development, which is to be known as Woodland Creek.

As proposed, the 40-acre parcel located on the east side of Wheeling Road and south of Palatine Road will have five five-story buildings of about 80 units each. Because McDonald Creek flows across the property from east to west, most of the land is in the floodway, making it unsuitable for buildings. Developer Alan Huvad of the Texas firm of Finger Enterprises showed final plans with the buildings situated to the north and south, away from the flood area.

ALTHOUGH THE property is within the limits of Wheeling, it is in the Prospect Heights park and sanitary district boundaries. The Prospect Heights Park District has an ordinance requiring all

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THE VILLAGE BOARD Monday, Oct. 5 approved plans for a 400-unit apartment complex after final agreements were worked out between the developer and Park District officials. The development, which will be known as Woodland Creek, will be located east of Wheeling road on the south side of Palatine Road. Final approval of the project was somewhat tricky because while it is within Wheeling's village limits, it is in the Prospect Heights Park District and Sanitary District boundaries.

Finger Enterprises, the Texas firm which is developing the project, told the board that it has reached agreements with all of the districts involved.

developers to make a land donation to the district, or a cash donation in lieu of land, if necessary. The village of Wheeling has no similar ordinance.

Prior to the settlement whereby the developer agreed to donate \$100 per unit to the Park District, for a total of \$40,000. Park District Treasurer Edward Krakowiak said the district formula showed 7.7 acres of usable open space or \$770 per unit would be the amount necessary to fulfill the requirement.

Krakowiak said the park board had received an offer of \$50 per unit in April, but, "We declined their figure because it was considerably below our ordinance and below what other developers had given us on a voluntary basis before we even had an ordinance." He said the park board never heard from the developer after that, even

though the developers were invited to appear at a subsequent meeting.

HUVARD SAID the residents of the development would not make demands on the Park District because they would have two swimming pools, tennis courts, boating, fishing and a clubhouse right there. He said a land donation was not feasible because then the company would not have complete control over maintenance of the grounds, and a monetary contribution would "push the economics out of sight."

Village Manager Tom Markus suggested a "meeting of the minds" before the Village Board gave its approval to the final site plans.

However, Huvad asked that a decision be made because he was under pressure to submit requests for federal funding by an Oct. 29 deadline.

Pal-Waukee public owner hearing to be in December

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A public hearing on a consultant's report on the feasibility of public ownership of Pal-Waukee Airport will be Dec. 10 or 17, depending on when various state and federal reviews of the report are completed.

Airport consultant Larry Donoghue said the hearing, required by law, will give area residents affected by Pal-Waukee a chance to review and comment on the results of his \$120,000 study. The consultants also will be available the afternoon and evening before and the day of the hearing to discuss the report.

Prospect Heights and Wheeling hired Donoghue three years ago to study the possibility of public ownership of the airport, which owner George Priester is trying to sell.

The consultants have set the price for the airport's acquisition at \$53 million over the next 20 years, including the cost of the airport itself, extra land surrounding it and the relocation of Hintz and Wolf roads to meet federal airport regulations.

THE CONSULTANTS also have said that public ownership of Pal-Waukee would have "minimal or less than minimal" impact on the residents surrounding the airport. "The change in ownership won't change the noise. It might just make it more favorable," Donoghue said Thursday. "You as public owners might put some self-imposed bans on engines or the types of

planes that could use the airport, cutting down on noise." His remarks were made at a meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee, a group of suburban officials studying the airport's purchase.

The public hearing probably will be at the Chevy Chase clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, and be moderated by Dr. Thomas Shirley, principal of Wheeling High School. Shirley was chosen for the job because he is not involved with the airport study but is a prominent member of the community. Federal public hearing guidelines stipulated those requirements.

The day before the hearing Donoghue and his staff will be available to residents from 1 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights. A display also will be set up, showing the airport layout plan and surrounding land uses.

On the day of the hearing, the consultants will be stationed from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. in the Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The hearing will start at 7 p.m. and both advocates and opponents of the airport plan will be given a chance to speak after a presentation by the consultants. There also will be a question and answer period. The hearing is scheduled to last as long as it takes to give everyone a fair chance to be

heard.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY on the report will be accepted the night of the hearing and during the two weeks following it.

Starting sometime in November, or at least 30 days before the final hearing date, copies of the report and the airport layout plan will be available for public inspection at the following locations: Prospect Heights city hall, 4 E. Camp McDonald Road; Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road; Prospect Heights Public Library, 12 Elm; Indian Trails Public Library, 355 Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling; Northwest Municipal Conference office, 100 S. Emerson, Mount Prospect; Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson and the administrative offices of Pal-Waukee.

Additional copies of the report will be on file at the Glenview and Northbrook public libraries, and the offices of the Federal Aviation Administration, Northeastern Illinois Plan Commission, Chicago Area Transportation Study and airport consultant Ralph Burke, Inc.

Meanwhile the state's review of the report has begun and officials expect the largest part of the review, by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, to be completed on Oct. 16.

Officials expect no official action on the airport's purchase until sometime next spring.

Couldn't glide to Pal-Waukee

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Pilot crash lands plane between two buildings

By RICK SORCI

"Pal-Waukee Tower, this is aircraft N9303J, requesting permission to land," came the voice addressing the air control tower at Pal-Waukee Airport.

"OK N9303J," came the reply. "Permission granted. Make your final approach from the east."

The above exchange between pilot John Klosak and the control tower took place moments before Klosak's single-engine plane suddenly developed engine trouble.

The flight to Wheeling from Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Michigan was something Klosak, a physician in the Air Force, had made before.

Cicero natives, Klosak, his wife Diane and their two-year-old daughter Kimberly, were making another routine trek to visit their families. Up until Sunday morning, all previous trips had been uneventful.

This flight would be the exception.

This one ended when the Piper Cherokee 180 that John was piloting made a successful crash landing in the Wheeling Industrial Center.

All three were rushed to Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines. Diane was hospitalized in satisfactory condition with back pains and facial cuts, while her husband and daughter were treated for minor cuts and released.

Actually, the flight, up to the landing approach, had gone smoothly.

Acting Chief William Martin of the Pal-Waukee Airport control tower, who was not on duty at the time, said John's aircraft was making its approach when the troubles began.

"Klosak had been talking to one of the controllers and had clearance to land," he said. "From what I have been told, there was a power loss on the aircraft."

Diane spoke of the trip.

"I was going to Chicago to have my wisdom teeth extracted," she said. "John was going to take a trip to Florida to do some scuba diving while I recuperated."

Then something happened.

"I remember seeing a bright light flashing," she said. "I also remember the puzzled look on John's face."

She said the puzzled look turned to one of fear.

'You're too low!'

"He said something about the engine dying and he looked scared," she said. "Then the guy on the intercom kept saying, 'You're too low! You're too low!' I don't know what happened after that. We just crashed."

She said she "guesses" John landed the

plane between two buildings. She doesn't remember.

"I don't want to remember," she said.

Richard Steinbach, a Wheeling resident, was walking his dog on Hintz Road near Willowbrook Road on Sunday morning, shortly before the crash.

John, less than a mile from Pal-Waukee Airport and now heading east, made a futile attempt to make it to the airport.

"He didn't think he could glide the plane to the airport," said Martha Lunken, aviation operations inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Steinbach became distracted from walking his dog.

Engine sputters

"I looked up and saw an airplane flying by overhead," he said. "It was a lot lower than usual in this area. Then I heard the engine sputtering."

Steinbach said another noise followed the first.

"The second noise sounded like a downshift (of gears)," he said.

The plane then began to plummet, Steinbach said.

"I knew there was no way it was going to make it to Pal-Waukee Airport," he said. "It was just too low."

Steinbach immediately ran home and

notified the Wheeling emergency dispatch. He then hopped in his auto and took off in search of the aircraft he "knew" went down.

Approximately one-quarter of a mile away from Wheeling Road, on the 1100 block of Willis Avenue and resting in a grassy area between the Forsythe Co. and Lauritzen and Co. Inc. buildings, was the aircraft.

Miraculous landing

The landing bordered on the miraculous. Somehow John tucked the plane in between two trees, narrowly missing a chain link fence by approximately 20 feet, railroad tracks just beyond the fence and high tension power wires owned by Commonwealth Edison within 100 yards to the east.

"He probably could see the obstructions in front of him and decided to land the plane where he did," Lunken said.

Steinbach was the first person on the scene.

"I went up to the plane and began talking to the pilot," he said. "He was bleeding from the nose and forehead and his wife was slumped over onto him."

The child, Steinbach said, didn't appear injured.

Steinbach said there was no smell of gasoline at the scene.

By this time, emergency crews were converging on the accident. Captain Ralph Perricone of the Wheeling Fire Department said other small aircraft in the area began a search to find the downed plane.

"One plane finally spotted it and began circling the area," he said. "Finding the aircraft was the hardest part."

Perricone said the rains of the previous evening may have saved the lives of occupants in the airplane.

"The ground was very soft," he said. "The landing gear dug into the ground and broke the plane's forward momentum."

Perricone said the plane was probably traveling at a speed of 40 mph when it hit the ground.

The plane hit the ground, skidded about 25 feet and spun an 180-degree turn as it came to a halt.

John said he "didn't know" if the aircraft had run out of gas. Other than that, he refused to make any statements.

The crash, under investigation by the FAA, may find out what really caused the aircraft to go down.

"It's impossible to say at this time what the cause is," Lunken said. "We may have some idea within a month."

Diane said she was feeling sore and weak from the crash, but was ready to be released from the hospital on Monday.

Reflecting on their flying history, Diane said the couple belonged to a flying club in Michigan, flew occasionally and the plane involved in the accident was rented.

"We never had any problems in the past," she said. "I've been told I'm very fortunate to be alive."

She said the trip had gone flawlessly until the crash.

"I slept most of the way until we were going to land," she said.

She said she never worried much about flying.

"I was more worried about my husband going scuba diving in Florida," she said. "I was worried he'd be eaten by a shark."

The couple plans to move back to Cicero, where they grew up and attended Morton East High School together when the stint in the service is over in two years.

The week ahead

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Trustees to review time-saving move

The Wheeling village board will meet in workshop session tonight to discuss adding a consent agenda to the regular village board meeting agenda.

A consent agenda would allow the board to approve routine matters such as proclamations and items that had been previously discussed, with a single vote, instead of voting separately on each question. Items would be placed on the agenda by Village Manager Thomas Markus, only if he felt they would be acceptable to all members of the board.

Each of the items listed under the consent agenda would be explained before the vote and any could be removed and listed as a separate agenda item at the request of the village president or any trustee.

In addition, the consent agenda vote does not have to be unanimous and trustees can vote against any specific item on the consent agenda and that vote would be recorded as part of the official record of the meeting.

Village officials are recommending the agenda change because they say it will make the board meetings more efficient and save time for more important discussions. Several area suburbs including Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine currently use consent agendas to take care of routine board matters.

The board will meet to discuss the matter at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

A WORKSHOP detailing the various duties and responsibilities of the Wheeling plan and appearance commissions and the zoning board of appeals will be held by the village board tonight.

The session comes at the request of the board, and Village Manager Thomas Markus said the purpose of the meeting is to clarify and discuss the roles of each commission.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall.

A U.S. DISTRICT Court Judge is expected to rule Thursday on seven motions filed by attorneys for the defendants in a two-year-old suit filed by eleven Wheeling policemen, charging former village and police officials with playing politics with department promotions.

Judge Charles Kocoras' rulings will determine whether the suit is thrown out of court or goes to trial later this year.

Kocoras is also expected to hear oral arguments and rule on a motion filed by the attorney for the 11 policemen asking that Lt. William Ralston be removed from his position as acting chief. Ralston was named acting chief on Sept. 25 after Lt. Ted Bracke was demoted from the position by Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Attorney Michael Wall says that job change violated provisions of the suit agreed to by both parties in open court and wants Ralston, who is one of the officers charged in the suit, to be removed.

Attorneys for the defendants maintain that Ralston was not promoted and that the police department cannot be left without a commanding officer.

The suit was filed in 1979 and named Bracke, Ralston, former village president William Hein, Police Sgt. Jack Koenig and several former police and fire commissioners, charging them with meeting and determining promotions in advance and rigging test scores accordingly.

The ruling is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in Kocoras' courtroom at 219 S. Dearborn in Chicago.

THE PARK BOARD will meet at Thursday at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. Committees begin at 7 p.m. and the full board will meet at 8 p.m.

A DISCUSSION of guidelines to be used when deciding which two Dist. 214 schools to close is scheduled for tonight during a committee-of-the-whole meeting of the board.

Board member Robert Winter will act as chairman during the school closing discussion. Winter said the board will wait until it receives reports in November from three advisory committees before it will discuss specifics about school closings.

One of the district's eight schools is scheduled to close after the 1982-83 school year and the doors of a second school will close by the 1985-86 school year. A final decision on the school closings is expected from the school board by March 1982.

The school board will meet 7:30 p.m., Monday, at the district's administration center, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

Three advisory committees also meet each week to discuss the issue. Each committee meets separately at 7:30 p.m. at the Prospect High School library, 801 W. Kensington Road. The teachers committee meets Tuesdays, the student committee Wednesdays, and the citizens committee Thursdays.

Little-used routes justified: Nortran

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(Continued from Page 1) formation on public transportation needs," which could be used to plan new services and change existing services to accommodate the most riders. The auditor general also said the RTA should have a formal "performance analysis" procedure to keep track of the cost and productivity of all services.

RTA planners argue that they do compile such information. "We think we've got the most sophisticated ridership analysis and collection process that virtually anybody in the country has," said Clayton Weaver, RTA bus planning manager. He said the agency has just finished a survey of 1,300 major employers — representing 10 percent of the 3.2 million employees in the six-county region — to find out where their workers live and what time they arrive and leave work. Similar surveys are planned at shopping centers and major institutions such as junior colleges.

In addition to daily ridership totals counted by automatic fare boxes, RTA staff members ride each bus route all day for one or two days a year to record exactly when and where each rider boards and leaves the bus.

Still there are buses where one leg of the trip is always empty. There are those that are empty or nearly empty during midday and some with only a few riders at rush hour. Several years ago, Nortran closed down a small Northbrook route in embarrassment after it was pointed out publicly that the bus had never had a rider in three years of service.

These "unproductive" buses continue to run, Weaver said, because the RTA won't dump a route until it has had plenty of time to catch on. "We have tried to give every service we've initiated about two years, because it's been our experience that it takes that long" for people to learn about the route and begin using it, he said.

MOST OF the "contract routes" in Arlington Heights, Rolling Meadows and Palatine — which generally have the lowest ridership in the Northwest suburbs — are about 3 years old. These routes are designed directly by the RTA and operated on an annual contract by the lowest bidder, rather than by a subsidized carrier like Nortran.

Weaver said four of the contract routes will be combined into two in November, and some of the buses will run more frequently. He said such attempts to increase ridership almost always are made before a route is eliminated.

"We realize we've got a problem, and we're trying to do something to increase productivity in that area," Weaver said. "We think a route has to be into an area for a fairly long time before it becomes stable."

The contract routes are more flexible to change because they use non-union drivers. Nortran often must run midday service when it isn't really justified, DiJohn said, because the drivers' contract specifies that no more than 60 percent can be forced to work split shifts, as is necessary for strictly rush hour service.

"In some instances, if we took off the bus, we'd have to pay the driver anyway," DiJohn said.

ONE COMMON suggestion is to use smaller buses or vans for routes with few riders — the standard, 50-seat buses look like huge, hollow shells when they're rattling through the streets with three or four people sitting up front.

But DiJohn said the smaller buses have been tried with no success. They use almost as much fuel and don't eliminate the need for large buses because "we need our capacity at rush hour," he said. In addition, fuel accounts for less than 13 percent of the cost of operating a Nortran bus, with about 60 percent going to the driver's wages and fringe benefits.

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ers' union contracts, Nortran officials say.



Fare increases, service cutbacks and the RTA's money crisis this summer caused ridership on most suburban buses to plummet, further decreasing the cost efficiency of many routes. In the midst of the funding crisis, the Nortran staff drew up a list of 17 bus routes that could be cut back to save

by Susan Duerksen Herald staff writer

As some local transit officials see it, tax dollars spent on nearly empty buses in the Northwest suburbs simply would be spent somewhere else if those buses were parked. Even if all the lightly used buses in

Today's agenda

• The Wheeling Village Hall Board meets at 8 p.m. at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

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by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

As some local transit officials see it, tax dollars spent on nearly empty buses in the Northwest suburbs simply would be spent somewhere else if those buses were parked.

Even if all the lightly used buses in the Northwest suburbs stopped running, they say, suburbanites still would be paying the same 1-cent sales tax for transit. It's just that the Regional Transportation Authority would have more money to spend elsewhere in the Chicago area.

"It wouldn't really save anything," said Walter Flintrup, a trustee of the North Suburban Mass Transit District (Nortran). "We would spend exactly the same amount of money we're spending now."

A Daily Herald survey of bus ridership in the Northwest suburbs found that many routes are poorly used — almost half of the 119 bus trips surveyed had fewer than 10 riders.

Comparing the survey results with RTA figures, the Herald found that running the lightly used buses often costs \$5 to \$10 per passenger, and that cost must be subsidized by tax dollars and fares from the well-used commuter bus routes.

SUBURBAN TRANSIT administrators say they know all too well that many buses in the Northwest suburbs are underused, but they are fighting — and until this year, were winning — an uphill battle against deep-set driving habits, huge suburban parking lots and



Last of two parts.

Transit officials admit that many Northwest suburban buses carry only a few riders, but they argue that suburbanites would pay for the service anyway even if those routes were scrapped. After a two-month investigation, The Daily Herald found that millions of dollars are being spent to finance suburban bus routes, many of which are hardly used.

widely spread-out developments.

Some dead-weight bus runs in the middle of the day are protected by scheduling requirements of the driv-

ers' union contracts, Nortran officials say.

Fare increases, service cutbacks and the RTA's money crisis this summer caused ridership on most suburban buses to plummet, further decreasing the cost efficiency of many routes.

In the midst of the funding crisis, the Nortran staff drew up a list of 17 bus routes that could be cut back to save money. The cuts would have included running buses less often and eliminating midday or Saturday service on routes where the Daily Herald survey found as little as one or two riders.

But, instead, Nortran negotiated more public funding, and the cuts were never made.

"These are our services that our residents are entitled to because they're paying for the taxes," said Nortran executive director Joseph DiJohn. "We know they're lightly used, but they are being used. Why should we cut service to the bone when the \$33 million is being raised in the suburbs?"

THE \$33 MILLION is the estimated yearly amount that the 23-suburb Nortran area contributes to the Regional Transportation Authority in the form of a 1-cent sales tax collected throughout Cook County. DiJohn said Nortran gets only about \$5 million of that back each year in subsidy from the RTA, although some of the money also goes to other suburban transit services, such as the commuter railroads.

That \$5 million subsidy pays most of the cost of operating the buses, because the fares collected from Nortran



Herald photo

FINDING A SEAT is no problem on this afternoon bus leaving Woodfield Shopping Center, Schaumburg. Similar tax-funded buses are rolling through the Northwest suburbs with even more vacant seats

than usual since fares were raised last summer, but transit officials say that some suburban bus routes never catch on with shoppers and workers who are accustomed to driving.

riders cover only 39 percent of its \$8 million budget.

"We have never advocated running routes that weren't reasonable," Flintrup said. "We have done our percentage of cuts — why would we want to demolish the system?"

Bus service in the suburbs probably never will be as successful as in the city, said Joanne Schroeder, the RTA's

development planning manager, because incomes are higher, cars more plentiful and the population more dispersed.

"It's very easy for people to take the CTA" because there is a bus at practically every corner, Schroeder said. "The city has a kind of density that supports that. In suburbia, people are spread out, and they're going to differ-

ent areas."

In addition, RTA planners cite a 1970 study showing that 91 percent of suburban households have a car, compared with 61 percent in Chicago.

HOWEVER, THE Illinois Auditor General, in an audit report released in June, criticized the RTA for not maintaining "areawide market research in-

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How the survey was conducted

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Besides simply counting the number of persons riding each bus, The Daily Herald survey includes a comparison of that number with the length and cost of the route.

Two buses may carry the same number of passengers, but if one takes 25 minutes to complete its route while the other takes an hour, the shorter route will be only about half as costly to taxpayers.

In the accompanying chart, the number of riders on each trip surveyed is shown in the first column. Those figures are translated into riders per hour in the middle column, so the "productivity" of routes of varying lengths can be compared.

FINALLY, IN THE last column, the number of riders is divided into the cost of running the bus for the length of time the trip took. If the bus is full, the resulting cost per rider may be lower than the fare each rider paid, but in most cases it is higher and the difference must be made up with tax money.

The fare shown for each route is the basic, adult fare, but the average revenue per rider will be much lower. Students, children, the elderly and the handicapped pay about half of the basic fare, and many riders use transfers or passes.

To calculate the cost of each trip, the Herald used figures supplied by the RTA — \$30 an hour to run a Nortran bus and \$22 an hour for the contract routes. The difference is largely because Nortran has union drivers.

The only contract routes that vary substantially from the \$22 an hour average cost are five commuter routes from Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates to the Roselle train station. The RTA says its cost for routes 601 to 605 range from \$51 to \$72 an hour, and those figures were used in computing the cost per rider figures in the chart.

RTA PLANNERS SAID those routes are so expensive because they are so long and traffic at the Roselle station



the path least taken

is so congested that a separate bus must be used for each run. Most rush-hour "feeder" buses travel only one way carrying passengers — to the train in the morning and away from it at night — and then run back empty to begin the next run.

For each route, an average number of riders per hour and average cost per hour are given for the trips surveyed, followed by the RTA's average from counts taken in January through March of this year, the last period for which the RTA has a route-by-route analysis of ridership. The RTA calculates separate averages for Saturdays, so those trips are listed separately on routes that have Saturday service.

Herald reporters who assisted in preparation of the survey included: Susan Duerksen, Debbie Jonak, Rena Wish Cohen, Anna Madrzyk, Paul Gores, Tom Valeo, Deborah Donovan, M. Eileen Brown, Al Cubbage, Gordon Walek, Edie Cohen and Pat Doyle.

Two charged with car theft after chase

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Wheeling police arrested a 20-year-old man and his girlfriend Sunday after the couple allegedly stole a car and picked up two unsuspecting hitchhikers before leading police on a high-speed chase.

David J. Ballard, 20, 951 Pebble Drive, Wheeling, was being held in the Wheeling lockup late Monday in lieu of \$25,000 bond. He was charged with theft of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools, resisting a peace officer, reckless driving, criminal damage to property, attempting to flee and elude and 10 traffic violations, said Wheeling Police Sgt. Michael Hermes.

Debra A. Bowman, 17, 1100 Kenilworth Drive, Wheeling, was arrested on charges of theft of a motor vehicle and possession of a stolen auto,

Hermes said. She was released on her own recognizance.

The pair allegedly took a 1979 model Datsun 280 Z from 893 Old McHenry Road in Wheeling shortly before 6 a.m. After picking up two male hitchhikers who did not know the car was stolen, Ballard drove 60 miles an hour in a 40 mph zone in the 600 block of S. Milwaukee Avenue, Hermes said.

WHEN WHEELING PATROLMAN Jim Kuzynowski turned on his squad car lights and gave chase, Ballard went faster, Hermes said.

Speeds reached 90 mph as the cars sped south on Milwaukee Avenue, west on Palatine Road to Frontage Road, and north on Route 83 to Boxwood Court cul-de-sac. The car stopped there after a minor collision with a

Cook County Sheriff's Police squad car, Hermes said.

Ballard allegedly ran from the car and police gave chase on foot. Bowman told police where Ballard lived, and Kuzynowski arrested him a short time

later, Hermes said.

No one was injured.

Ballard and Bowman are scheduled to appear Oct. 19, in the Palatine branch of the Cook County Circuit Court.

Wheeling drops youth jury; punishment effective now

Herald 10-9

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Youth Commission has scrapped plans to restart the village's youth jury system after deciding the Wheeling police are using a more effective way of dealing with juvenile offenders.

A youth jury with junior high and high school students acting as judges was set up in the village in 1979. Acting Police Chief Lt. William Ralston said the original jury was meant to handle minor offenses like bicycle offenses, but it slowly grew to include minor thefts and vandalism, possession of small amounts of drugs and alcohol and disorderly conduct. Under the system, an offender could choose to pay a regular court fine and have a police record, or appear before the jury with his parents, where he could receive a sentence of several hours of work for the village or park district.

If the offender accepted and worked his youth jury sentence, he would not have a police record. The jury died out, and now many of the offenses once covered by the jury are covered by village ordinances, Ralston said.

A POLICE officer usually can release an offender to his parents or petition him into the juvenile court system, he said.

"Sometimes it's not always a good

idea to release a kid, and, normally, the juvenile court is for more serious offenses," Ralston said. By writing village ordinances to cover the minor crimes, Ralston said his department was "trying to fall somewhere in between, but not necessarily of a harsh nature."

Under village ordinances, an offender will receive a ticket, fine and mandatory court appearance, but not a police record. And Youth Commissioner Faye Moroz, who worked on setting up Wheeling's first youth jury, said that was the purpose of the jury.

"We wanted the kids to be very responsible for their actions, but we didn't want them to have a record," Moroz said. "The idea of standing in front of a judge with their mom is a lot scarier than standing before eight kids. They (the police) are accomplishing the same thing, but more effectively."

RALSTON NOW also is proposing two ordinances that would put alcohol possession and age falsification under village law so these offenses can be handled the same way. Under one proposal youths arrested for possession of alcohol who are under 17 years of age would be ticketed and forced to appear in court. Under current state laws, the offender would have to go to juvenile court.

Ralston is proposing a similar ordinance covering youths who give false

ages to purchase alcohol.

Moroz said the youth commission has endorsed both ordinances, but both will have to be approved by the village board before they become law. Ralston said he wasn't sure when the board would consider the proposals.

Wheeling already has similar ordinances that cover such offenses as possession of small amounts of marijuana. Moroz called the laws a "good instrument as a deterrent," adding, "anything like that the village can do is a plus."

Suburb buses: a lonely trip



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least taken**

Herald staff report

A local bus pulls out of downtown Des Plaines one afternoon with a lone passenger. When she gets off on the southwest side of town, another wom-

First of two parts.

Convincing suburbanites to give up their cars and climb aboard a public bus always has been an uphill fight. And that battle was made even more difficult this summer when fare hikes and service reductions drove away regular riders. In a two-month investigation, The Daily Herald found that millions of dollars are being spent to finance Northwest suburban bus routes, many of which carry very few riders.

an gets on and rides back to the train station.

Each woman pays 70 cents for the ride — taxpayers pay \$12.60.

At 7:30 on a chilly Thursday morning, another bus on its way to the Arlington Park train station rumbles empty through a large apartment complex. The driver says no one there ever rides the bus.

"They've got cars," he said. "Why take the bus when you can drive?"

Public buses, subsidized by tax dollars, routinely rattle through the streets of the Northwest suburbs looking for passengers but finding very few, a Daily Herald survey of bus service has found.

And although the area's bus ridership had been growing slowly over the past several years, it slumped badly this summer as fares soared during the Regional Transportation Authority's financial crunch.

A few routes are still doing well and transit officials expect ridership to rise again now that a temporary surcharge on fares has been lifted and winter is setting in, but the fact remains that millions of dollars are being spent to finance Northwest suburban bus routes, many of which are used only sparsely.

The Herald conducted a survey of Northwest suburban bus routes in August and September, dispatching reporters to ride each during rush hour, midday, evenings and weekends, if service was provided at those times. The Herald surveyed 10 routes operat-

ed by the North Suburban Mass Transit District (Nortran) and 16 routes contracted by the RTA in the Northwest suburban area.

A TOTAL OF 119 BUS trips were sampled, and while not a comprehensive study of ridership, the survey found:

- On four bus trips there were no riders at all.
- On 55 others there were fewer than 10 passengers.
- On only 19 bus trips were there more than 25 passengers.

The Herald's survey results were compared with ridership figures provided by the RTA for January through March of this year, the only recent period for which a complete breakdown was available of riders on each route:

- Overall, ridership on the Nortran

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FULL BUSES ARE RARE in the Northwest suburbs, but some like this bus leaving the Arlington Heights train station for Buffalo Grove pack in the riders. Routes to

local train stations and Chicago train stops are among those that had the most riders when The Daily Herald sampled 119 bus trips in August and September.



THERE'S NOT AS MUCH leg room as in a private limousine, but some midday buses like this one in Des Plaines often carry one or two passengers at a time, a Daily Her-

ald survey found. And when the seats aren't filled with fare-paying riders, taxpayers have to pick up the cost of running the buses.

Herald photos

Suburban buses a lonely trip: survey

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bus trips surveyed was about 31 percent lower than the RTA averages for the January-March period. On the contract routes, which had much lower ridership to begin with, the trips surveyed had lost an average of 22 percent during the same time. Some decrease is expected in the summer as riders go on vacation or take to their bicycles, but last year the seasonal difference was only 3 percent.

The RTA itself estimates that Nortran ridership was down by 24 percent in August compared to the same month a year ago, and that 31 percent fewer riders are using the contract routes this year. There are no route-by-route ridership statistics compiled yet for this summer, during the time of the survey.

Transit officials generally say riders have left the buses this year because of fare increases that added between 30 and 55 cents to the basic bus fares in the past nine months. Train fares also have gone up in giant steps, and commuters who have resorted to driving are no longer using buses to get to the trains.

All but three of the Nortran buses surveyed fell below the minimum ridership standard set by the RTA in January-March of this year. The RTA considers a bus route to be "in trouble" if it falls below 75 percent of the average ridership on all routes, but that standard is adjusted every three months. Right now, transit officials say the whole process of reviewing routes is on hold until the dust settles on this summer's drastic changes and a new standard can be determined.

Some of the best-used routes were the rush-hour commuter routes to local train stations, with many buses filled nearly to capacity. But even those popular routes have suffered ridership losses. The survey found ridership on several key commuter routes declined by about half when compared to RTA figures for earlier this year.

While buses in Chicago regularly pick up 50 or 60 riders an hour, the suburban bus trips surveyed ranged from 5 to 38 riders per hour of operation, according to the survey. That means a typical suburban bus route that takes 25 minutes will carry two to 16 passengers, while a typical city route of the same length would carry an average of 21 to 25 passengers.

And when the buses are empty, they run on tax dollars instead of fares.

On the average, only 39 percent of the cost of running a suburban bus is paid by fares, with the remainder coming from sales tax dollars allocated by the RTA. Here's how it works:

Each Nortran bus costs \$30 to operate for one hour, transit officials said. The private companies, using non-union drivers, charge the RTA about \$22 for each hour of bus service. Basic fares range from 60 cents to \$1.85 with the surcharge, depending on the bus company and type of route, with lower fares for students, the elderly and handicapped.

If a typical 25-minute Nortran bus trip costs \$12.50 and picks up 18 passengers who each pay a 70-cent fare, the bus breaks even. But if it picks up only two riders, the bus company — and ultimately the taxpayer — spends \$5.55 to transport each passenger.

CONSEQUENTLY, NORTRAN actually made money on a 51-minute Schaumburg to Chicago trip that carried 38 passengers: the total cost of the trip was \$25.50, but the riders paid a total of \$43.70, assuming they all paid full fare. But those riders helped to subsidize anemic runs such as a local Buffalo Grove trip that cost \$12.50 for 25 minutes, but brought in only one 70-cent fare. On that trip, Nortran spent \$11.80 to transport a single passenger.

In the past five years, ridership growth has kept up with increases in Nortran's budget, which grew 166 percent from \$3.2 million in 1975-76 to \$8.4 million in 1980-81. But although fares have doubled in that time, the average revenue per rider has dropped from 49 cents to 39 cents, and the share of the budget covered by fares has decreased from 51 percent to 39 percent.

Transit officials said the relative drop in farebox receipts is caused by the use of passes and transfers purchased from the Chicago Transit Au-



thority, and by loosened restrictions on half-fares for the elderly, students and handicapped.

But despite the revenue loss, Nortran still favors the transfer system and other conveniences for riders, said executive director Joseph DiJohn, because "we're not in the profit-making business."

Officials of the transit agencies are optimistic some of the disenchanted riders have been returning to the buses in the past week or so, and more will continue to do so as the weather cools, the shock of the massive fare increases dies down and navigating the Kennedy Expressway's bloated traffic jams becomes intolerable.

"I WOULD EXPECT THAT we've seen the worst of it," said Clayton Weaver, RTA manager of bus planning. "There was a basic shock wave and people went out in July and August and started looking for alternatives. Some people will decide that the alternatives aren't so hot, that driving to the Loop isn't a great deal."

The increased railroad fares apparently have boosted ridership on several Nortran bus routes that connect with the CTA trains at Jefferson Park, and these were the best-used of the buses surveyed.

But commuter service to local train stations, usually the mainstay of suburban bus business, has been hurt by the drastic railroad fare increases imposed this summer. "People aren't taking the train, so they aren't taking the bus to the train," DiJohn said.

In general, the survey found little interest in buses designed to take suburbanites to suburban work places, although the Route 223 reverse commuter bus from Chicago to the Elk Grove Village industrial park is well used.

In addition to Nortran, three companies provide bus service to the Northwest suburbs through contracts with the RTA. These contract routes are designed directly by the RTA and operated by whichever firm offers the lowest charge to the RTA for the service. In the Northwest suburbs, 10 are operated by Westway Coach, five in Schaumburg by Commuter Bus Systems and one by Our Town Bus Co.

THE CONTRACT CARRIERS, as the private firms are called, also run school bus service, so they use buses built as school buses, most of them old and rickety with hand-lettered route signs.

Bus service in the Hanover Park, Streamwood and Bartlett area, which normally consists of six commuter routes operated by the city of Elgin as a contract carrier, was shut down in July when the RTA's funding crisis reached a peak. Those routes are expected to be back in service by the end of the year.

Ridership on the contract routes generally is much lower than on Nortran buses. Most averaged less than 10 riders per hour even before this summer's fare increases, and the Herald survey found three all-day routes now picking up only about five riders per hour.

Most of the contract routes, which tend to be farther west than Nortran, were started about three years ago and therefore are underused partly because they are too new to have caught on, RTA officials say. The RTA plans to eliminate two of the commuter routes in south Arlington Heights and

Rolling Meadows in early November and instead run two overlapping routes more frequently during rush hours. Routes 691 and 692 will be abolished, and their riders encouraged to use 693 and 695.

Individually, here are some examples of what The Daily Herald ridership survey found on bus routes operating in the Northwest suburbs.

SOME ROUTES ARE well-used:

• Route 209, from Woodfield Shopping Center to the Jefferson Park CTA stop in Chicago, has not lost riders since last winter, indicating this summer's fare increases may have driven some former Chicago & North Western Railroad riders to switch to the CTA train with a bus connection at Jefferson Park. Nortran planners say 209 has had up to a dozen riders standing

on the rush hour buses in the past couple of weeks, and they are considering adding buses to the schedule. The Herald survey found the bus as busy at midday as during rush hour, indicating it also transports many shoppers.

• Another bus from the Northwest suburbs to the Jefferson Park CTA terminal, Route 226, also is very heavily traveled, and the trips surveyed actually had 22 percent more riders than the average for the route last winter. But the route, which travels from the east edge of Mount Prospect on Oakton Avenue, is used mostly by reverse commuters and not by Des Plaines commuters going into Chicago. On one 7:45 a.m. run toward the city, the bus was empty by the time it reached Skokie. But the 6:50 a.m. bus out from Jefferson Park carried 73 passengers, including 32 going to Des Plaines.

• The Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates feeder routes to the Milwaukee Road station in Roselle did even better, carrying an average of 40 riders an hour on the trips surveyed. However, these routes are more expensive to operate because of congestion at the station and long travel times, and still must be subsidized despite the high ridership. RTA officials say the problem will be solved when a new Schaumburg train station opens in a year.

• The 690 bus from Buffalo Grove to the Arlington Heights train station has slipped badly since last winter, when it was Nortran's most productive Northwest route with an average of 46 riders per hour, but still carries an average of 26 riders each hour. The ridership ranged from zero on one reverse run from the train station in the morning to 35 on an evening trip.

SOME OF THE WORST routes surveyed included:

• Route 211, which travels from Wheeling all the way to the Loop, ranks lowest of the Nortran routes surveyed, with an average of 9.8 riders per hour on the surveyed trips. The RTA has had the route on probation for low ridership for years, and plans to shorten it slightly next year by ending at the Western Avenue CTA stop.

• The three Des Plaines local routes, also train-based, were hit equally hard by the fare increase. The survey found a ridership loss of about 45 percent on the loops from the train station to the south and west side of town, and a 62 percent decrease on the southwest side loop, Route 233, which carried a total of 15 riders on the three trips surveyed, or 12.3 riders an hour. At least half of the riders on the Des Plaines buses were reverse commuters, going away from the train station in the morning or toward it at night.

• Despite the drawing power of Woodfield on one end and the Roselle train station on the other, Route 697 never carried more than five passengers on any trip surveyed. It had a total of 12 riders on six weekday trips combined, or an average of only 5.2 riders an hour. The RTA plans to cut its schedule back to only one bus every hour starting in November.

SOME BUS ROUTES were designed for a specific purpose, but aren't being used as intended:

• Route 220, "the O'Hare bus," which travels from Glenview through Des Plaines to the airport, is hardly ever used by airport travelers. Of the eight times Herald reporters rode the bus — at both rush hours, midday and

on Saturday — a total of 91 people rode the bus and only two of them took it to O'Hare. Nortran's DiJohn said there are no plans yet to discontinue airport service, but he said one problem is that a businessman with a plane to catch usually would rather call a cab than sit on a bus as it winds through Oakton College and Golf Mill Shopping Center.

• Despite a special jog past the Mo-

torola headquarters in Schaumburg on the way from the Arlington Heights train station to the Palatine train station, Route 693 carried only two people to or from Motorola on the eight trips surveyed.

• Route 696, "the real loser in the area," according to RTA planner Weaver, may be heading for extinction next month. He said the northern Palatine Township route was set up so rid-

ers from the Arlington Heights but "it just riders were 696 trip survey bus carried t

Monday: Ho spending tax urban buses sengers.



The Herald conducted this survey during August and September, sampling rush hour, midday, evening and weekend runs on each route. The results were compared to the Regional Transportation Authority ridership figures for the January-March 1981 period, the last period for which there is a complete route-by-route analysis of ridership.

The results are listed by carrier. Under each carrier, the results are listed in order from the most-used routes to the least-used routes. One-way commuter routes are grouped separately for carriers that have them.

Results of The Daily bus ridership survey

Nortran routes

209 — Jefferson Park to Des Plaines train station to Woodfield. Fare: \$1.15

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Westbound		
8:45 a.m.	38	44.75 .67
12:45 p.m.	53	62.4 .48
5:15 p.m.	53	54.8 .56
8:15 p.m.	19	22.4 .34
Eastbound		
7:15 a.m.	38	33.0 .91
11:45 a.m.	24	26.2 1.15
6:15 p.m.	24	26.2 1.15
9:45 p.m.	31	33.8 .89
Survey average	37.8	.79
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	30.0	.79

220 — Glenview to Des Plaines train station to O'Hare. Fare: \$1.15

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Southbound		
7:10 a.m.	12	13.8 \$2.17
12:40 p.m.	15	17.3 1.73
4:45 p.m.	19	21.9 1.37
Northbound		
8:35 a.m.	9	9.8 3.06
1:35 p.m.	6	6.5 4.58
5:45 p.m.	5	5.5 6.50
Survey average	12.3	2.44
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	23.4	1.28

226 — Southwest Des Plaines to Jefferson Park. Fare: \$1.15

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Eastbound		
10:45 a.m.	46	54.1 .55
Eastbound		
11:45 a.m.	43	46.9 .64
Survey average	50.4	.60
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	45.9	.65

223 — Jefferson Park to Elk Grove Village — reverse commuter, rush hour only. Fare: \$1.85

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Eastbound		
7:45 a.m.	33	36.0 \$.83
12:55 p.m.	13	15.6 1.92
4:40 p.m.	34	34.0 .88
Westbound		
6:50 a.m.	73	94.2 .36
1:50 p.m.	22	28.7 1.05
5:50 p.m.	33	34.7 .86
Survey average	39.0	.77
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	31.9	.94

233 — Wheeling to downtown Chicago. Fare: \$2.75

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Southbound		
7:05 a.m.	24	14.4 \$2.08
3:45 p.m.	13	7.8 3.86
Northbound		
8:50 a.m.	5	4.4 6.80
5:20 p.m.	10	10.7 2.81
Survey average	9.8	3.06
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	19.4	1.55

690 — Arlington Heights train station to Buffalo Grove. Fare: 70 cents

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Northbound		
6:30 a.m.	0	0 \$8.50
7:20 a.m.	7	15.0 2.00
1:25 p.m.	9	31.6 .94
5:25 p.m.	35	84.0 .36
Southbound		
6:50 a.m.	24	49.7 .80
7:58 a.m.	2	6.3 4.75
1:45 p.m.	3	6.7 4.50
5:50 p.m.	1	2.4 12.50
Survey average	26.0	1.15
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	46.1	.65

693 — Wheeling to Randhurst to Mount Prospect and Des Plaines train stations. Fare: 70 cents

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Southbound		
6:45 a.m.	35	46.7 \$.64
7:45 a.m.	14	21.0 1.49
11:55 a.m.	11	19.9 1.59
5:25 p.m.	7	10.8 2.79
Northbound		
7:35 a.m.	14	28.0 1.07
8:40 a.m.	4	6.9 4.38
2:15 p.m.	19	32.6 .92
6:10 p.m.	5	12.3 2.44
Survey average	22.6	1.33
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	33.6	.89

695 — Wheeling to downtown Chicago. Fare: 90 cents

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Southbound		
10:45 a.m.	10	11.1 1.98
Survey average	6.1	3.61
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	15.8	1.39

696 — Schaumburg to Palatine train station. Fare: 60 cents

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Southbound		
7:12 a.m.	18	19.6 \$1.12
11:27 a.m.	9	12.1 1.83
4:27 p.m.	19	19.1 1.16
Eastbound		
8:17 a.m.	10	11.3 1.94
12:27 p.m.	19	22.4 .98
5:37 p.m.	8	11.7 1.88
Survey average	16.3	1.35
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	17.0	1.29

697 — Woodfield to Elk Grove Village. Fare: 90 cents

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Southbound		
7:42 a.m.	12	13.8 \$2.17
11:42 a.m.	15	17.3 1.73
4:57 p.m.	19	21.9 1.37
Northbound		
8:20 a.m.	9	9.8 3.06
12:20 p.m.	6	6.5 4.58
5:30 p.m.	5	5.5 6.50
Survey average	12.3	2.44
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	23.4	1.28

698 — One Arlington Heights. Fare: 60 cents

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Southbound		
12:42 p.m.	16	17.5 1.72
Northbound		
9:50 p.m.	9	9.8 3.06
Survey average	13.6	2.21
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	15.3	1.96

699 — One Palatine train station. Fare: 60 cents

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Southbound		
10:40 a.m.	16	17.5 1.72
Northbound		
11:25 a.m.	9	9.8 3.06
Survey average	13.6	2.21
RTA average, Jan.-Mar.	15.3	1.96

700 — One Palatine train station. Fare: 60 cents

Weekdays	riders/hour	cost/rider
Southbound		
7:05 a.m.	24	14.4 \$2.08
3:45 p.m.	13	7.8 3.86
Northbound		
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Nortran: a 10-year fight against the car

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

Joseph DiJohn scoffs at the suggestion that private enterprise should be allowed to rescue the failing public transit system, because he remembers when it was the other way around.

It was not that long ago — 1972 — when the North Suburban Mass Transit District was created to bail out private bus and train companies that were going belly up on all sides.

The district, known as Nortran, uses local sales taxes to run buses in the North and Northwest suburbs. It is one of 22 public and private bus operations throughout the Chicago area that receive the sales tax subsidies from an umbrella funding agency, the Regional Transportation Authority.

The seed of Nortran was planted in 1965, when the North Shore Railroad went out of business and a council of volunteers from northern suburbs was formed "to avoid any other transit bankruptcies," said DiJohn, an original Nortran board member, the agency's first employee and so far only executive director.

IN 1969, the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation permitting the creation of transit districts that could collect taxes and federal grants. The North suburban council, as well as the Milwaukee Road Ry., decided a transit district would be a good way to get federal money, so Nortran was created combining the North Shore with some suburbs farther west in the Milwaukee Road area.

There were three private bus companies operating in the area at the time. Two of them, the Glenview Bus Co. and the Evanston Bus Co., went out of business in 1973 and 1974. Nortran bought the third, United Motor Coach, in 1975, "and saved it from bankruptcy," DiJohn said. The agency began running buses on the old routes of all three, with some modifications.

At first, Nortran was in charge of funding trains as well as buses, and paid for some Milwaukee Road train stations and locomotives. But all railroad duties were relinquished in 1974, when the state Legislature created the Regional Transportation Authority to coordinate funding for all mass transit in the six-county Chicago area.

"In '74 we all saw the RTA as eventually becoming the operator," DiJohn said. But with the exception of one small rail line, the RTA still does not directly operate mass transit. Instead, it pays various "carriers" — ranging from districts like Nortran to small private school bus companies to major interstate railroads — to provide service in the area.

THE SUBSIDIES are supposed to make up the difference between the carriers' costs and what they make in fares. Of Nortran's \$8.4 million budget for 1980-81, \$3.3 million came from fares and the other \$5.1 million — or 60 percent — was in tax dollars from the RTA.

In the past five years, both Nortran's budget and ridership have grown by about 165 percent. But the farebox revenue has not kept pace, and consequently the deficit that had to be subsidized with tax dollars has more than



Herald photo

"WE'RE NOT in the profit-making business," says Joseph DiJohn, executive director of Nortran, which operates many under-utilized bus routes in the Northwest suburbs.

doubled, from \$1.5 million of a \$3 million budget in 1975-76 to \$5 million of an \$8.4 million budget for 1980-81.

In addition to the independent operators subsidized by the RTA, like Nortran and the railroads, there is another class of bus routes initiated by the RTA and run by "contract carriers." The RTA staff designs the contract routes and takes bids from private bus companies each year for the right to operate them. The lowest bidder receives an annual contract to run the route, and all fares go directly to the RTA.

IN THE NORTHWEST suburbs, most of the bus routes west of Arlington Heights are run by a contract carrier called Westway Coach Inc., of Villa Park. But the contracts are up for bid again next month and could change hands.

With the contract routes, the RTA has total authority for mapping and scheduling the buses, and the bus companies simply provide drivers and buses. Nortran, one of four public bus districts in the Chicago area, is responsible for its own scheduling and administration, although the RTA has the final say on starting new routes or eliminating old ones.

Nortran also is governed by its own board of directors, with one member appointed from each of 23 suburbs. The board is in charge of hiring drivers, buying and maintaining buses and making recommendations for service changes.

Developer changes plans for car wash on Dundee

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A Niles developer who for seven years has wanted to build a car wash across from the Wheeling village hall has decided to revise the plans, delaying the project again.

Village Engineer Michael Klitzke said developer John Kamysz has proposed relocating the building on the site, just north of the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Previously, Klitzke said the wash would be built parallel to Dundee, but now Kamysz wants to build it parallel to part of the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, which runs through the property.

Klitzke said Kamysz has not worked out all the details of his new plan, but the proposal will cause the village staff to begin a new review of the plans, further delaying construction of the controversial project.

Kamysz could not be reached for comment on the plans.

PLANS FOR the car wash first were submitted to the village in 1974, but the village board rejected Kamysz's request for a rezoning on the one-acre lot, saying it would create too much traffic on an already congested Dundee Road.

Kamysz turned around and sued the village for the rezoning the following year, and in 1978 the Illinois Appellate Court upheld a lower court ruling that said the village should grant the rezoning.

Also, after Kamysz applied for permits to build the wash, the village passed a federally mandated flood control ordinance that severely restricts the design of buildings or prohibits their construction in flood prone areas.

The areas adjacent to the ditch are flood prone, and the village asked the Illinois Department of Transportation's division of water resources to deny a construction permit if the building did not conform to the village's flood laws.

THE STATE ruled the building would not impede the flow of flood water, but village officials disagreed with that decision and said they'd try to block construction by refusing to co-sign a sewer permit.

Klitzke said the village will not have to sign the sewer permit until the building permits are issued and that refusing to sign is a "mechanism" for the village to fight the plans. But no permits have been issued and Klitzke said he did not know when the village's review of the new plan would be complete.

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Corrections and clarifications

The Daily Herald in some editions incorrectly reported the date of an upcoming meeting between representatives from the Des Plaines police union and the city's negotiator. The negotiation session actually will be on Oct. 16.

The votes of two Wheeling village

trustees on halting work on a \$500,000 deep well project were reported incorrectly in some editions of Saturday's Daily Herald. Trustee William Rogers voted to continue work on the well, and Trustee Roger Powers voted to halt the work. Their votes were reversed incorrectly in a village board vote summary.

Herald 10-15

School officials, cops to meet with angry neighbors

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

In an effort to deal with complaints of increasing traffic and vandalism, officials from Wheeling's Tarkington Elementary School have proposed a meeting with nearby residents, school and police officials to try to solve the problem.

Tarkington Principal Edward Searing proposed the Nov. 5 meeting with residents of the Malibu development as a chance for all sides to air their differences and look for a solution. "I'm looking for a spirit of cooperation," Searing said.

A few weeks ago, residents of Malibu

petitioned the village for help, complaining that parents who drive to pick up their children often line the streets of the development, blocking drive-ways and fire hydrants. The residents also complained that children from Tarkington and other schools were cutting through the development, walking on lawns and gardens, spreading litter and fighting.

THE RESIDENTS threatened to block a sidewalk that connects the back of the development with the school property if the trouble didn't stop, though the village has said that would be illegal. The traffic matter was turned over to the police department, and police officials have come

up with a parking plan and asked the developer, the Hoffman Group, to order the signs.

Sgt. Jack Kimsey said the police have also agreed to work with school officials to come up with a letter that will be sent to all area residents with children, making them aware of the problems.

But Christine Morgan, the resident who spearheaded the drive said the homeowners have noticed an increase in vandalism, including mailboxes stuffed with garbage, and are worried the incidents will get worse.

"The kids are angry we called the police," said Morgan. "The kids yell at

the women who stand outside and watch each day and tell them to 'wait and see what happens' to their homes." Morgan said residents of the area are particularly worried about Halloween night and problems that might arise.

Morgan said the youths have built a treehouse high in a willow tree near the sidewalk from the school and often are seen "hanging out" there and looking into the windows of nearby houses. At night Morgan said the older children "kick the younger ones out" and meet at the tree.

SEARING AND Morgan said wood removed from a bridge on the school's property and stolen from the unfinished homes at Malibu was used to

build the treehouse. The residents called the village and officials ordered the treehouse torn down Monday afternoon. That night the treehouse was burned out, in a fire Morgan said was dangerously close to the homes. "If the wind was blowing the other way it could have gotten bad," she said.

Police Lt. Ted Bracke is investigating the incident, but said he hasn't determined how the fire was started or whose property the tree is located on.

In the meantime Kimsey said police will increase patrols on Halloween throughout the village, though he is skeptical about the possibility of more damage at the development. "I have mixed feelings. The school was there

before the houses were built and we never had any problems in the past," he said.

And Searing said he and other school officials are patrolling the area near the tree and walkway as students leave school. "We're concerned that the kids get home safely and we're dependent on the students and neighbors to be vigilant for us during summers and on weekends. It's one of those things. It's a continual process of student education and enforcement or punishment," he said.

The groups will meet at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Tarkington gym, 310 Scott.

Herald 10-16

Emergency clinic taking care of community's ills

by Karen Huelsman

Herald staff writer

More than 17,000 patients with sprained ankles, heart attacks and a variety of other maladies made use of Northwest Community Hospital's emergency care clinic in Buffalo Grove during its first year of operation.

Located at Lake-Cook Road and Route 83, the hospital's 24-hour Health and Treatment Center cares for patients with minor injuries who otherwise would have to travel to the main hospital 10 miles away.

The clinic opened 14 months ago to provide fast emergency treatment and after-office-hours medical care to communities within the Northwest Community Hospital service area.

The hospital is planning to open another emergency clinic and doctor's building in Schaumburg at Roselle Road and Weathersfield Way in January. In Wheeling, Holy Family Hospital is building a similar facility on Milwaukee Avenue north of Dundee Road that is set to open this fall. The hospitals have said the clinics will allow patients to get emergency care

near home and to provide a place for community health education.

WHILE MOST OF the clinic's patients were injured in sports or home accidents, the staff in Buffalo Grove also has taken on severe heart attack victims and even delivered a baby.

"The father rushed in here and said, 'Do you deliver babies?'" said Clarice Rech, supervisor. "It all went very well, and it turned out the doctor on duty had done home deliveries in the past. The great thing was that the other two children were along and waited in the playroom during the birth. They got to see the baby girl right away."

The 24-hour clinic, which takes some of the load off the main hospital, is geared to treating emergencies or illnesses that are not life-threatening.

"Most of our patients drive themselves here or come with a friend," Rech said. "If people are not certain whether they need to call the paramedics, they should. Then the paramedics can decide if the patient needs care at the main hospital."

Although most of the cases at the clinic are non-emergencies, they still are urgent to the patient. "Some pa-

tients who don't have their own doctor or are out-of-town have nowhere to go to get a bad sore throat checked out. People need some medical care, but they don't need all the expensive equipment that goes with a regular emergency room," she said.

HOWEVER, THE CLINIC is equipped to handle whatever problems arrive at the door. A medical technologist runs a blood and chemistry lab and an X-ray technician is on hand and can develop negatives in about two minutes. The clinic has an electrocardiogram machine and a heart monitor. One emergency room-doctor is on hand at all times and all staff members must be trained in emergency or critical care techniques.

More serious patients are transferred to the main hospital in Arlington Heights because there are no beds at the clinic.

Rech said most of the care available at the clinic is cheaper and faster than at a full hospital. The clinic has lower overhead costs because it does not have specialized machines that a hospital emergency room keeps on hand.

The waiting time at the clinic is usually shorter than at hospitals, because patients with a broken finger or a minor cut would be waiting while more serious problems are treated, she said.

Rech said the "satellite" clinic has been well-received by the public because the Buffalo Grove area does not have its own hospital. "Most patients come from Buffalo Grove, Wheeling, Long Grove, Prairie View and north Arlington Heights and Palatine. These are the places that have really needed it."

She said the clinic does not replace the family doctor or specialist because the clinic recommends follow-up visits to the patient's own doctor. "The doctors realize what we're trying to do and are getting used to the new concept. We are here when the doctor is away," Rech said.

In conjunction with the clinic, Northwest Community is building a doctors' office building next door. The 25 offices will be used by staff from the hospital who want to locate in a growing area. That building is scheduled for completion in January.

Herald 10-19

Village board expected to approve loan backing

The Wheeling village board tonight is expected to give final approval to issue \$2 million in industrial revenue bonds to a Wheeling firm that is seeking to expand its facilities.

Mid-West Automation Systems, Inc., 350 Holbrook Drive, asked the village to issue the bonds to finance the construction of a new plant adjacent to its present location and the purchase of new equipment. Robert Eitzinger, company president, said \$1.2 million will be used to build the plant and \$800,000 to purchase equipment.

The company, which is located near

Palatine and Wheeling roads, builds automatic assembly equipment for other firms. Eitzinger said he expects the new building will be finished by March and said the expansion would create new jobs, though he wasn't sure how many.

By asking the village to issue the bonds the company can borrow money at interest rates 2 and 3 points lower than conventional financing. The village issues the bonds to borrow the money and carries no risk because the company is responsible for paying back the loan.

Foes dispute airport-buy figures

Herald Oct 13

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The Citizens Airport Activity Group, an organization of residents opposed to the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, charged Monday that the actual cost of Pal-Waukee would be between \$75 million and \$90 million, instead of the \$53 million estimated by an airport consultant hired to study the purchase.

CAAG spokesman Warren Sunde said the cost of purchasing the airport was lowered to \$53 million after consultant Larry Donoghue recommended that two large plots of land near the corner of Hintz Road and Milwaukee Avenue not be acquired in the airport's purchase. Sunde said that land would be needed to park and maneuver

planes as the number of planes using Pal-Waukee increases, and its purchase was included in earlier phases of Donoghue's study.

Sunde said the \$22 million difference in the cost estimates would cover the purchase of the land; demolition, grading and seeding costs; and the construction of hangars and office space on the land. Sunde said he did not know how many acres the two plots amounted to.

Donoghue was out of town Monday and could not be reached for comment. He was hired three years ago by Prospect Heights and Wheeling to complete a \$210,000 study on the feasibility of the airport's public ownership. Pal-Waukee owner George Priester has been trying to sell the facility, and

those two suburbs are studying the possibility of purchasing it.

"I DON'T THINK he's (Donoghue) willing to guarantee that the land won't be purchased," Sunde said. He also said the land that could be purchased for the \$53 million figure could only be used for the planes currently using the airport and would be insufficient for the predicted traffic increase.

Sunde said that in 1979 there were 426 planes based at Pal-Waukee and that according to Donoghue's study there are 564 now. He also said an additional 130 to 150 planes are using Pal-Waukee since the Chicagoland Airport was closed a few years ago. By putting more planes at Pal-Waukee without acquiring more land, Sunde said officials would be violating Federal Aviation Administration rules, since

the planes would be parked too close to runways and taxiways.

Sunde also said the economic success of public ownership is dependent on the increase in traffic, and that success depends on the purchase of the extra land. The CAAG is also opposed to expansion of the facility and Sunde said the purchase of this additional land would mean expansion.

He added that the expansion would not come while Priester owned the facility because he could not afford to purchase more land and could not condemn property to force owners to sell it.

A public hearing on Donoghue's report has been scheduled for mid-December and no action is expected by either town on the airport's purchase until next spring.

Streamlined agenda vote nixed

10-11 Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Concerned that residents would think the village board was making decisions behind closed doors, Wheeling trustees have decided not to streamline meeting agendas by adding "consent" items.

Village Manager Thomas Markus had suggested the agenda change to make board meetings more efficient and save time for more important discussions. A consent agenda would allow the board to approve with a single vote routine matters, such as proclamations and items that had been discussed at previous public meetings, instead of voting separately on each question. Items would be placed on the agenda by Markus only if he felt they would be acceptable to all members of the board.

Trustees could vote no on any item on the consent agenda, and an item

could be removed and added to the regular agenda at the request of a trustee or resident.

TRUSTEE JOHN Cole Monday night said he didn't like the proposal because of the way it might appear to residents unfamiliar with consent agenda procedures.

"We're supposed to be a body of government that acts openly and is available," he said. "This gives the impression you're trying to do something behind their back. It gives the impression that you met before and worked it out."

Both Trustees Charles Kerr and Roger Powers expressed concern that board discussion on issues would be lost under a consent agenda system. "I appreciate the move, but we always have discussion on everything," Kerr said. Village President Sheila Schultz said she found the procedure confusing and didn't think the "public relations" aspects of a consent agenda could be

ignored.

"HOW MANY people would be quick enough to ask that something be removed?" she asked. "There is a public relations problem. All those things passed at once. People would wonder how it got by us. I also question how much time it would save taking them off and starting again. It could take longer."

But Trustee Joseph Ratajczak said he agreed with the proposal and, despite general opposition to the move, asked Markus to draw up an ordinance so the board officially can consider the change at a board meeting. "I think it's something worthy of trying. It can always be changed. High interest items seem to take care of themselves," he said.

Postpone airport purchase hearing, trustee urges

Herald 10-15

Wheeling Trustee William Rogers said Wednesday he will ask that a public hearing on whether Wheeling and Prospect Heights should purchase Pal-Waukee Airport be postponed until after Christmas, to encourage full attendance by residents.

The hearing has been scheduled for either Dec. 10 or 17, depending on when various state and federal reviews of a consultant's report are completed. But Rogers said meetings and hearings have always been scheduled "on the consultant's convenience" and doesn't think postponing the hearing will affect its outcome.

"I think scheduling a public hearing on the second or third week in December is bad timing," Rogers said. "Lots of people are caught up with Christmas plans. We want the widest and largest exposure and make sure that everyone's there."

ROGERS, A long-time opponent of public ownership of Pal-Waukee, said he will make his request at the village board meeting on Oct. 19 and will propose that the hearing be in late January or early Febru-

ary. He also said he has talked with other board members and that they agree with his plan.

"It would be better in a non-holiday time. The interest just isn't there at holiday time. This will be a large decision, a big decision. This is the last hearing and there are lots of questions," Rogers said. But Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell, a member of the committee studying the airport's purchase, said he was not in favor of moving the hearing back. "In January we're playing havoc with the weather," he said, adding "if someone wants to get there, they'll get there" if the hearing is held in December.

Prospect Heights and Wheeling hired the consultant three years ago to complete a \$120,000 study on the feasibility of public ownership. The state's review of the report has now begun, but officials expect no official action on the report until sometime next year. The public hearing on the report is required by law and will give residents a chance to review and comment on the results of the study.

Rulings delayed in cops lawsuit over promotions

Oct 16 Herald

Rulings have been postponed in a two-year-old suit filed by 11 Wheeling policemen who charge former village and police officials tampered with department promotions.

Federal District Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras was scheduled to rule Thursday on seven motions filed by the village attorneys that would determine whether the suit would be thrown out of court or sent to trial. Kocoras was also scheduled to rule on a motion filed by the attorney for the eleven policemen to remove police Lt. William Ralston from his position as acting chief. The rulings were postponed until Oct. 29.

Attorney Michael Wall has charged that appointing Ralston acting chief after the recent demotion of Chief Ted Bracke violated provisions of the suit

that the village attorneys agreed to in open court.

Village attorney Gary Weintraub said Kocoras indicated he was not ready to rule on the motions and that everything in the case, including Ralston's job, should remain as is until the new ruling date.

The suit was filed in March 1979 and named Bracke, Ralston, Sgt. Jack Koenig, former village president William Hein and former members of the village police and fire commission. The police are charging that Hein and the police commissioners were deciding in advance who should be promoted and rigged the test scores accordingly.

The rulings are now scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in Kocoras' Chicago courtroom.

Town cable to serve outside area ^{Herald 10-15}

Cable television in the unincorporated areas of Lake County probably will come from firms already serving nearby municipalities under new regulations passed by the county board.

The new regulations will make it easier for the six cable television companies with franchises in municipalities to expand their service out to unincorporated areas. A county board committee originally had tried to get one cable television company to serve the entire unincorporated area of Lake

County, but the cable firms refused to bid on a county franchise.

Board member Janet Morrison, R-Waukegan, said she hoped the county could award the first cable television franchise in December. Morrison, chairman of a county board committee that studied cable television, said the county would play a role in settling boundary disputes between the companies seeking to serve unincorporated areas.

Among the municipalities that have awarded franchises are Libertyville,

Mundelein and Wauconda to Cox Cable of Lake County, Inc. and Lake Zurich, Vernon Hills and Barrington to Centel Communications, Inc.

THE COUNTY also lowered the franchise fee under the new set of regulations. Cable television firms originally were to pay the county 5 percent of its revenues, but the fee was lowered to 3 percent.

Morrison said the Federal Communications Commission would not allow the county to collect 5 percent unless it could justify that it incurred additional

costs because of the franchise.

"We do not feel we can charge the subscribers of cable television a hidden tax to pay for other government functions," Morrison said.

The county's new regulations funnel cable television franchise fees back into the cable system, she said.

County officials expect that 15,000 to 20,000 homes in the unincorporated areas will subscribe to cable television, providing the county with \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year in franchise fee revenues.

Krause to discuss Pal-Waukee issue ^{10-19 Herald}

Mount Prospect Mayor Carolyn Krause has called another meeting for residents in the northeastern part of the village who are protesting the possible purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Krause today will bring the residents up to date on the proposed purchase, as she promised in June following an emotional meeting attended by nearly 150 people who are worried about increased noise and air traffic above their homes.

Krause said Pal-Waukee manager Charles Priester and airport consultant Larry Donoghue have been invited to answer questions at the meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Indian Grove School, 1304 Burning Bush Lane.

Meanwhile, Susan Clark, one of the leaders of a petition drive against the public purchase, said her group has collected 1,000 signatures, and is sending copies to officials in Wheeling and Prospect Heights, as well as to U.S. Rep. Phil Crane.

"YOU CAN SEE the response of the people," she said. "I think Mayor Krause is responding by listening to the people."

But Clark said she is frustrated by the fact that Mount Prospect will not have a say in the final decision by Prospect Heights and Wheeling. "We're just kind of watching to see how the reports are coming out."

Clark said she hopes there will be a big turnout at this second meeting, and

"it hopefully will be more of a factual meeting than an emotional one, because that's what we have to deal with is facts."

Krause said the village is not taking a formal position on the matter because it will not have a vote, but "we are interested in merely being heard."

A public hearing on the public purchase has been set for either Dec. 10 or 17, depending on when state and federal reviews of a report by Donoghue are completed. Prospect Heights and Wheeling hired the consultant three years ago to study the feasibility of public ownership.

Pal-Waukee ownership questioned ^{10-19 Herald}

by Jean Rudolph

Herald staff writer

The manager of Pal-Waukee Airport told an angry audience of about 75 Mount Prospect residents Monday night that public ownership of the facility would not necessarily mean more noise from jets flying over their homes.

Charles Priester told the group that jets now under construction have a "fan engine" rather than the turbo jet engines that make more noise, and these will be less offensive in the coming years.

Mount Prospect Mayor Carolyn Krause called the meeting for residents of the northeastern part of the village, who are objecting to the proposed purchase of the privately owned airport by Prospect Heights and Wheeling. The residents have said public ownership of the facility, located partially in Prospect Heights and partially in Wheeling, would mean expansion and a resulting increase in jet traffic and noise.

Priester and George Euring, a consulting engineer, told the residents it would not be possible for larger aircraft to operate out of the airport, because the runways are not strong enough to hold them. Euring said that although public ownership "does probably allow for a few more airplanes," the amount of air traffic would increase no matter who owned the airport.

Members of the audience were allowed to ask questions by filling out cards and turning them in, but the meeting often was interrupted by residents screaming out questions and comments.

The week ahead ^{Herald 10-19}

Trustees to discuss youth-alcohol laws

Wheeling trustees tonight will consider adopting an ordinance that would prohibit the possession and consumption of alcohol by minors. The board will also consider an amendment to an ordinance that would make it illegal for a person under 21 years of age to misrepresent their age to buy alcohol.

The changes were recommended by Acting Police Chief Lt. Bill Ralston and would allow the Wheeling police to issue village citations to offenders. Those citations would require a mandatory court appearance.

Currently these offenses are covered by state law and require that the police release the juvenile to his parents or petition him into juvenile court. Ralston has said that in many cases, neither punishment is appropriate.

The proposed ordinance changes have been endorsed by the village youth commission.

The board meets at 7:30 p.m. for commission interviews. The regular board meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE APPOINTMENT of five Wheeling residents to village commissions is expected to be approved tonight by the village board.

The appointments include Sandra Capuson, Stephen Jones, Cynthia Staehle and Gregg Stockey to the youth commission and Grace Lazar to the board of health.

This latest round of appointments comes as part of the effort by village trustees to fill more than a dozen vacancies on village commission. The commissioners have been interviewed by members of the village board, but the final appointment rests with Village President Sheila Schultz.

ADOPTION OF a policy concerning correspondence courses and ratification of the Northwest Educational Cooperative budget will be considered by the High School Dist. 214 school board tonight.

The board will consider allowing a maximum of two credits to students having successfully completed correspondence courses from accredited schools. No required courses may be taken through correspondence classes. Allowing some "life experiences" to be given as credit towards graduation will also be considered.

The board is expected to ratify the \$543,500 budget of the Northwest Educational Cooperative. Dist. 214 is one of 10 member districts which reviews the budget. A majority of the member districts have to ratify the budget before it is adopted.

The school board meets 8 p.m. at the administration center, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

Village to sue for senior center land

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees Monday night voted to file suit to force the sale of two parcels of land to the village for the proposed senior center after the owner refused to sell.

The land is owned by Lois Runeman, widow of long-time Wheeling businessman Algot Runeman. The property runs along Milwaukee Avenue just south of Strong Street. The parcels total slightly less than one acre. The village had offered to buy the land for \$107,000, but that offer was rejected

last week.

Runeman's attorney, Richard Redmond, said the village's offer for the property was inadequate and said he would wait to see what action the board took before he took any action or made a counter offer. But Village Manager Thomas Markus said Runeman's attorneys have not offered any evidence to support why the property should be valued any higher.

BY AUTHORIZING the condemnation proceedings, village officials are legally obligated to reoffer \$107,000 for the land before the village can have the land condemned and file suit ask-

ing the court to determine a fair dollar value for the property.

Village attorney Gary Weintraub said, based on his discussions with Runeman's attorneys, he thought the legal maneuvering could take from six months to a year.

Markus told the board Monday night that he has discussed "quick take" provisions with Runeman's attorneys that could allow the village to start construction while the court determines the fair price for the land, but no final agreement has been reached.

In August the village board voted to

pay \$269,000 for 3.6 acres of land near Strong and Milwaukee for construction of the proposed senior center. Officials plan to pay for the land and improvements with \$320,000 in federal block grants. The village hopes to receive more grants for the actual construction.

Markus said he now will sign the agreements for the balance of the land, a move he has delayed until the board decided to legally pursue the acquisition of the Runeman land. By voting to file suit, Markus said the board was indicating a commitment to the entire project.

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Office zoning near airport OKd

Over the objections of local officials, the Cook County Board has approved plans for offices and warehouses on two acres near Pal-Waukee Airport.

The board voted to follow the recommendation of the county zoning board of appeals and rezone the land from residential to light industrial use. Owners Tad Gallien and Mike Neri are proposing to build an office building, mini-warehouse storage facilities and storage for contractor's equipment on the site, located on the northwest corner of Wolf Road and Fox Lane in unincorporated Wheeling Township.

Officials from Wheeling, Prospect Heights, the Northwest Municipal Conference and the Technical Advisory Committee — a panel of suburban officials studying the purchase of Pal-Waukee by Wheeling and Prospect Heights — all filed objections against the rezoning, saying the land could be affected by the purchase of Pal-Waukee.

THE ZONING BOARD ruled Wheel-

ing's original objection invalid because it was filed by Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer, without village board endorsement. The village board later voted to object to the proposal, but that objection was apparently ignored by county officials.

An objection filed by Prospect Heights was ruled invalid because the city is not the closest municipality to the property.

The county board's board vote to approve the rezoning was 10-6, with all six suburban Republican commissioners voting against the move.

Commissioner Carl Hansen, R-Mount Prospect, accused the county zoning board of being derelict in its duty by not considering the impact of the rezoning on the Pal-Waukee study, and urged the board to reject the zoning request. Hansen told the board that Wheeling and Prospect Heights were considering the acquisition of the airport and property west of Wolf Road, and that allowing development on that

land would only increase its cost.

Commissioner Harold Tyrrell, R-La-Grange Park, echoed Hansen's sentiments. "The only reason to raise the zoning is to raise the cost of the property," said Tyrrell. "The fellow is not

going to build on it, but sell it."

But County Board President George Dunne asked why none of the groups managed to file valid objections if the rezoning would have such a strong effect on the airport's purchase.

Trustee raps airport consultant's 'veracity'

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Angered that village trustees have not had more contact with the airport consultant hired to study the feasibility of public ownership of Pal-Waukee Airport, Wheeling Trustee William Rogers has accused the consultant of working too hard to sell the airport and not being objective in preparing his report.

Three years ago Wheeling and Prospect Heights hired airport consultant Larry Donoghue to complete a \$120,000 study on the feasibility of public ownership of Pal-Waukee. During the three-phase study, Donoghue has determined it will cost some \$53 million to purchase the airport and bring it completely up to federal standards for public airports. He has also said the public ownership would have a negligible effect on the land and residents surrounding the facility.

"I don't know who this man works for," said Rogers. "Is he trying to sell the airport so badly he has to go around with his dog and pony show?" said Rogers, referring to an informational meeting held Monday night for Mount Prospect residents. That meeting included airport manager Charles Priester and George Euring, a consultant from Donoghue's firm. "I question his veracity when he's going to go with Mr. Priester. There's got to be an ethics question here. Is he independent?" Rogers asked.

DONOGHUE WAS out of town Tuesday and could not be reached for comment on Rogers' remarks.

Both Rogers and Trustee Charles Kerr also complained that the village board has had little role in the preparation of Donoghue's report.

"There's conflicting information on the relocation of Wolf and Hintz roads," said Kerr, referring to suggestions by Donoghue that the intersection of the roads will have to be relocated at some point to move it away from the end of Pal-Waukee's longest runway.

"That's the kind of decision that deserves the board's input," he said. "I think what's going to happen is that Donoghue will finish his report and say

'here it is' with no discussion from us. That disturbs me. I think the boards have been ignored."

But Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus, who is also a member of the Technical Advisory Committee, a group of local officials studying the airport's purchase, said the board will ultimately have a say when they make the decision to accept or reject Donoghue's report.

"YOU HIRE A consultant to get recommendations and he has given you recommendations and findings," said Markus. "That's what the reports include. They must be available 30 days prior to the public hearing, but that hearing doesn't decide the issue. The board does that when they're ready."

Meanwhile the village board voted to direct Markus to request that the public hearing on the reports be moved to the third week in January, to give the board and the public more time to study Donoghue's findings. The hearing is currently scheduled for Dec. 10 or 17.

Rogers requested the move, saying he thought more people would be available for the hearing after the holidays.

Despite his past objections to the unregulated operations and noise at Pal-Waukee, Rogers said he just wants to be able to make an intelligent decision on the airport's purchase. "I haven't seen all the reports. I would like to dig in and see whether there are virtues to public ownership. If it's good for Wheeling, let's buy it. If not, let's not," said Rogers.

Firm gets revenue-bond OK

Industrial revenue bonds totaling \$2 million for Mid-West Automation Systems Inc. were given final approval Monday night by the village board.

The Wheeling firm, located at 350 Holbrook Drive, will use the funds to finance construction of a new plant adjacent to its present location and the purchase of new equipment. The company builds automatic assembly equipment for other firms and will use \$1.2 million for the new building and \$800,000 to purchase equipment. Company officials expect the building to be finished by March.

By borrowing money through the use of industrial revenue bonds, the company can get an interest rate two to three points lower than conventional financing. The village issues the bonds, but the company is responsible for paying back the loan.

'Ambassador' back from Scotland

Dr. Ian Taylor, a Wheeling veterinarian who serves as the village's official good will ambassador to the world, appeared before the village board Monday night to present the trustees with letters from city officials in Edinburgh, Scotland, that nation's capital.

Taylor read the board a letter to Village President Sheila Schultz from Edinburgh Lord Provost (Mayor) Tom Morgan, responding to Schultz' invitation to visit Wheeling and inviting her to visit Scotland. He exchanged the letters on a recent visit to his native land.

Taylor, who was originally appointed to his post by former village president William Hein, is an active member of the Lions Club and frequently travels around the world, carrying with him greetings from Wheeling. Schultz said Monday night she was proud of the village and said it was "nice" to have someone traveling around, spreading Wheeling's greetings.

Law allows tickets for teen tipplers

Wheeling trustees Monday adopted an ordinance to allow village police officers to issue tickets to youngsters for possession and consumption of alcohol.

The board also made it illegal under village ordinances for persons under 21 years of age to misrepresent their age to purchase alcohol.

Under state liquor laws a police officer could release an offender to his parents or petition him into juvenile court. Acting Police Chief Lt. Bill Ralston has said that in many cases neither punishment was appropriate.

Now under the village ordinances, the police will issue a ticket to the offender, forcing a mandatory court appearance and sometimes a fine. Currently Wheeling police are handling several other juvenile crimes, including the possession of small amounts of marijuana, with this method. Ralston recommended these ordinances after police and the village youth commission decided issuing tickets could be more effective than deterrents such as a youth peer jury.

Ralston said the only exceptions made to the possession laws would be when a juvenile consumed alcohol in his home with parental supervision and when the consumption of alcohol is for religious reasons.

'Time-saving' agenda idea rejected

Trustee Joseph Ratajczak's second bid to get the village board to consider adding a time-saving consent agenda to the board meeting agenda, failed Monday night when other trustees refused to support the move.

With a consent agenda, routine board items could be passed with a single vote, instead of considering each separately. But, at the request of the village manager, any trustee or a village resident, an item could also be removed from the agenda and placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

The measure was proposed by Village Manager Thomas Markus as a way of moving meetings along and providing adequate discussion time for important matters. In an earlier workshop on the question, several trustees expressed concern that the procedure was too complicated and would actually impair discussion on issues before the board. The trustees also voiced concern that it would look like the board was making its decisions before it met in open meetings.

Despite the opposition, Ratajczak asked that the matter be discussed at a regular meeting, and said he thought board debate would continue on important matters. The majority of the board disagreed at Monday's meeting, though they did vote to move appointments and confirmations to a higher point on the agenda, before the administration of oaths.

Side-yard zoning variation OKd

Wheeling trustees Monday night approved a request from Specialty Engineering and Equipment Co. Inc. for a variation from village side-yard requirements so the firm could construct a dust filter adjacent to its plant at 732-744 Glenn Ave.

The company asked for a reduction in the side-yard setback in order to build the filter structure, which is 13 feet square at the base and 35 feet high. Company President David Hakes told the board the device removes air from the plant, filters the resin plastic dust from the air and pumps the clean air back into the plant. The filter unit is self-contained and the dirty air is not released into the surrounding environment.

The village staff and zoning board had recommended that the board approve the variation.

Appraisals for sewer easement OKd

The village board authorized the village staff to seek appraisals on land in Wheeling where village officials are trying to obtain an easement to allow the installation of sewer and water pipe extensions.

The pipes will be laid along Schoenbeck Road between the Longtree subdivision and Anthony Road. An easement has already been obtained from one owner, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, and Village Manager Thomas Markus said an agreement with another owner, the Wheeling Park District, is close. But the third owner, Franklin Boulevard Hospital, has denied the village request.

Markus said Franklin officials won't agree to an easement until "they determine what it's worth." The board's action will enable Markus to seek two official appraisals of the property, a move recommended by the village attorney in case the village must go to court to secure the easements.

Trustees support flood-control site

Wheeling trustees also approved a resolution supporting the appropriation of \$10 million in state funds to acquire a flood-control site at the Elmhurst Quarry.

While the construction of a flood-control site would have no immediate effect on Wheeling, Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer said the village should support the project since it is a local sponsor of the Lower Des Plaines Tributaries Watershed Plan. Under that program local communities are working to develop a comprehensive flood plan. The project at Elmhurst is included in the plan and Oppenheimer said the village should support the entire program, even if the effects are not felt by the village.

"There's not direct benefit to Wheeling except that not as much water will pour into the Des Plaines River as quick. The main thrust is to say if the whole program isn't going to go through, or some part will be stopped, what was the point of the whole five-year study?" said Oppenheimer.

Board criticizes Palwaukee study

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COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE METHODS USED BY LARRY DONOGHUE, PRESIDENT OF RALPH BURKE AND ASSOCIATES, SURFACED AFTER TRUSTEE WILLIAM ROGERS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PHASE THREE OF THE STUDY BE POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY. TENTATIVE DATES OF DEC. 10 OR 17 HAD BEEN CHOSEN BY THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) EARLIER THIS MONTH.

ROGERS' SUGGESTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD BY A UNANIMOUS 4-0 VOTE. HE SAID HE BELIEVED MORE INTERESTED CITIZENS WOULD ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING IF

ROGERS ALSO RAISED QUESTIONS OF FAIRNESS AND IMPARTIALITY. "I QUESTION THE VERACITY (OF THE REPORT.) IS HE INDEPENDENT? IS HE GIVING US ALL THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO KNOW? I THINK THE BOARD OUGHT TO BE BETTER INFORMED."

ANOTHER THING NECESSARY ACCORDING TO ROGERS WAS AN EXPLANATION OF THE COST FIGURES. HE SAID THE FIGURES IN EACH

PHASE ARE DIFFERENT AND "THEY DON'T NECESSARILY TALLY."

ROGERS SAID HE HAD NOT YET COME TO A DECISION ON WHETHER WHEELING SHOULD JOIN WITH PROSPECT HEIGHTS IN THE PURCHASE OF THE FACILITY. "IF IT'S GOOD FOR WHEELING, WE'LL BUY IT, IF IT'S NOT, WE WON'T," HE SAID. "BUT GIVE US THE INFORMATION (TO DECIDE)."

KERR ALSO SAID THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE INPUT DURING THE COURSE OF THE STUDY, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE

LOCATING OF WOLF AND HINTZ ROADS. "WHAT DISTURBS ME MOST," KERR SAID, "IS DONOGHUE'S GONNA SAY, 'HERE IT IS BOYS. DO YOU LIKE IT, OR WHAT?' But, Markus responded, "You hire a consultant to get his recommendations. That's what his reports include." However, he added, if the board wants to delay the public hearing to have more time to digest the study or because the board is not comfortable with it, that would be "fine."

Getting tough with minors

Liquor laws approved

Liquor laws for minors just got tough in Wheeling. The Board of Trustees approved two ordinances Monday, Oct. 19 prohibiting possession and/or consumption of liquor by minors, as well as prohibiting misrepresentation of age by under-21 year olds for the purchase of alcoholic goods.

According to Acting Police Chief Billy Ralston, the village did have an ordinance prohibiting the sale or delivery

of liquor to minors under age 17, but none prohibiting the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by a minor.

Minors who were taken in by the police for the offense either were released to their parents without charges or sent to juvenile court for serious or repeated violations. Ralston said the new ordinance would allow police officers to issue a village citation requiring a minor to appear in the local court

for the offense. He said this would reduce processing time, as well as providing a middle alternative.

Peterson said the Youth Commission had approved the proposed ordinance at its Oct. 7 meeting.

The only exceptions to the new ordinance are for minors under the supervision of their parents and those consuming liquor for religious purposes.

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Board discusses land acquisition

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

LAND ACQUISITION, including the possible initiation of condemnation proceedings, was authorized Monday, Oct. 19, in two separate instances by the Village Board.

Once involved land earmarked for the Wheeling Senior Citizens Center and the other concerns land outside village limits that would be necessary for sewer and water easements to improve sanitary sewers and the water distribution system along Schoenbeck Road.

Village Manager Thomas Markus explained that five parcels of property needed to be acquired by the village for the senior center included three entrances to and exits from the site and two for the location of the building itself.

Markus said the village will be successfully entering an agreement with owners Lambert Domas and Tom Popke for the three parcels, but has "hit a snag" with the owners of the other two parcels, the Lois Runeman family.

MARKUS SAID the Runemans believe their property is worth more than

the \$107,000 the village has offered for it. However, he said, their attorney did "not present any evidence that more value for the property was due."

The manager said that because Cook County, which plans to build the senior center, has no guarantee of federal funds for the project, the village is taking the risk of ending up owning land which had been improved with roadways and public utilities, but has no building on it.

At the same time, Markus advocated going ahead with the plans. "It's an expensive venture, but I think it's important, though, if we're going to redevelop the downtown area."

Condemnation proceedings also may be necessary in the second case, Markus said, because Franklin Boulevard Community Hospital, which owns two of the four main parcels, has declined to grant the easement fronting the property.

THE VILLAGE BOARD authorized Markus and Village Attorney David Epstein to obtain two appraisals of the property in order to establish the price to be paid for the easement. Once the appraisals have been made, the village

will present the owner with the offer, but if it should be refused, the village will most likely pursue the condemnation method, Markus said.

The village is allowed to acquire land outside of its own boundaries for the purpose of extending, improving or operating its water system.

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Village Board lets consent agenda die

There will be no consent agenda on the regular agenda of the Wheeling Village Board. Four of the other five trustees allowed Trustee Joseph Ratajczak's motion for the inclusion of the time-saving agenda to die for lack of a second. Trustee John Cole was not in attendance at the Oct. 19 meeting.

Under a consent agenda, a single roll call vote decides all of the issues instead of having each board member cast a separate vote on every item. The Village Manager or Village President is responsible for grouping non-controversial issues under the consent agenda format.

Before the question was called, Administrative Assistant Bheula Peterson said financial matters would be voted

on separately, whether they would be on the consent agenda or not. She noted that should any trustee, the manager or any citizen request something be removed from the consent agenda, it would be.

"I don't think anyone proved we could save time," Trustee Charles Kerr said, "even though the intent of the manager and Mrs. Peterson clearly was to save time. If we were still passing and posting ordinances, I could see the time saved, but still opposed."

The board did approve an ordinance amending the standard order of business on the agenda to move up appointments, confirmations and the administration of oaths to an earlier time.

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Ambulatory care center will open November 2

HOLY FAMILY Hospital will open its new ambulatory care center at the corner of Milwaukee Ave. and Strong Street on Monday, Nov. 2.

The facility, the second of its kind in the Wheeling area, will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week and will treat ambulatory care patients.

The center's phone number is 520-0100.

Director of the new facility is Renee Lameka, R.N., who stresses that ambulatory patients are those who can come to the center under their own power.

She adds that ambulatory types of medical problems include fractures, cuts, bruises, viral infections, animal bites, high fever and gastro-intestinal problems.

There will also be X-ray and labora-

tory facilities available at the new facility.

"THE CENTER is designed to keep costs down," says Lameka. "As a free-standing facility, our operating costs are lower. It has been our policy to accept major credit cards and checks as well as insurance claims."

Area paramedics, including the Wheeling Fire Department's, will not take patients to the center. Patients requiring ambulance transportation will be taken to an area hospital.

In addition to providing ambulatory health care, the hospital plans to staff the ambulatory center with a complement of full-time health instructors. Community education programs will be part of the center's operation.

Upcoming programs planned for the center include free blood pressure

screening from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays; "Officer Ugg" Poison Patrol Program for area preschoolers; a first aid course; cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes; five-day quit smoking clinic and season programs focusing on personal health topics.

While the center will be open to the public starting Nov. 2, a grand opening is not scheduled until Saturday, Nov. 7 when dedication ceremonies and an open house will be held from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The 24,000 square-foot facility was built at a cost of \$4.5 million. Construction started in September 1980. The building has two wings joined by a central glass atrium.

For more information about the center and its programs, residents can call the main hospital at 297-1800, ext. 1174.

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2 suits filed to force clean-up of land

Wheeling village officials have filed lawsuits against two property owners to force them to clean up their land.

Village Zoning Administrator Tom Fennell said both suits, filed in the county's building court, are part of the village's year-long effort to encourage property owners on Milwaukee Avenue and other commercial areas to clean up their property and bring it to code.

The village filed suits against the owners of land at 192 S. Milwaukee Ave. and M&M Exposed Aggregate,

489 N. Wolf Road. Both suits allege that the use of the property is illegal under its zoning and that the Milwaukee Avenue building violates several village building codes.

Fennell said the property on Milwaukee Avenue is zoned for commercial use, but that a family is living in a house on the property. The land is held in trust. Fennell also said building inspectors found "a long list of violations" at the site.

M&M AGGREGATE, a firm that

manufactures pre-cast concrete products, also allegedly violates zoning laws. The suit asks that the company stop operating. Fennell said the village has discussed the situation with company owners and asked them to seek a rezoning from the current light industrial to manufacturing, although he said village officials still threatened to sue the firm.

Company President Norm Mitchell said while the firm is seeking a variation to operate, it also has agreed to

"vacate the property" and currently is looking at four sites outside of the village. He would not say when the firm would move, saying the matter "was between corporate and company attorneys."

The suit would become moot if the company is granted the variation or leaves the village.

Village attorney Gary Weintraub said each party would be given 30 days to answer the charges before the suits are brought to court.

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Village could save \$10,000 hiring lawyer

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials are recommending that the village hire a full-time staff attorney to handle the village's legal matters.

A recently completed report indicates the village could save up to \$10,000 a year by hiring a staff attorney. The report also says a staff attorney could help village officials work more efficiently and would encourage the staff to consult the attorney more frequently, possibly avoiding lawsuits.

"The staff doesn't have the expertise in law and they make financial decisions and housing and zoning decisions," said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski. "The capability is there, but it hasn't happened."

Fialkowski also said the performance of the village's current legal firm did not play a part in the decision. "We're not coming at it from the standpoint of they're doing a bad job," he said. "When we have questions or need a review, we call them and they have to get back to us. We're holding things or sending them and having them send them back. You're talking three to four days, even a week for mail."

FIALKOWSKI ESTIMATES the cost of hiring a full-time attorney at between \$45,000 and \$54,000 per year, including salary, fringe benefits and clerical help. Since prosecuting work would take up too much time for a staff attorney, Fialkowski is also recommending an outside law firm be retained to handle these chores, at a cost of between \$5,000 and \$8,000 a year.

The first year would be more expensive since a legal library and office furniture would have to be

purchased and the village's current law firm retained until the new attorney could be fully briefed on village business. Fialkowski estimated these expenses would add \$19,000 to the first year's expenses.

Currently the village retains the Chicago firm of Jann, Carroll, Sain & Dolan and pays them \$43,000 a year for legal services. That fee includes attendance at village board and commission meetings, filing and defending the village in lawsuits and prosecuting village cases, and writing ordinances and legal opinions. During the 1981 fiscal year the village paid an additional \$33,850 for work on several cases.

The firm receives extra money for "extraordinary litigation" and work on village bond issues. Firms that apply for the bonds must pay a fee directly to the law firm, but with a full-time attorney, that money would be paid directly to the village.

FIALKOWSKI SAID an outside firm could also be retained for the "extraordinary litigation," depending on the village attorney's workload.

Fialkowski said he thought village officials would probably retain the present law firm in an advisory capacity, but guessed that village officials would look at local firms for the prosecuting duties. "The transportation costs alone are a significant amount to pay. We're not sure what's in the area, but there are sufficient quality people around here."

The village board will discuss the recommendations at a workshop Monday night at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. If the board agrees to the recommendation, Village Manager Thomas Markus will do the hiring.

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Arson suspected in fire at Wheeling restaurant

A blaze suspected to be arson ripped through the office and eating areas of a restaurant in Wheeling early Friday causing extensive damage but no injuries, fire and police officials said.

Wheeling fire units rushed to the Delta Queen restaurant, 600 S. Milwaukee Road, about 1 a.m. Friday after a passer-by reported seeing smoke pouring out of the eatery's windows, authorities said.

Police Lt. Ronald Nelson, chief investigator for the village, said arson was suspected after an investigator from the State Fire Marshal's office determined the flames originated in two separate sections of the restaurant.

The investigator's report said one fire was in the restaurant's office area and another in a waitress area. Nelson said the two areas are 50 to 60 feet apart.

HE SAID THE investigator found no

traces of a flammable liquid but added "A lot of paper and things like that were around."

There were no signs of forced entry, he said.

Police had no estimate of the amount of damage caused by the fire. Nelson said the roof over the office area collapsed and the restaurant's main dining area had smoke and water damage.

The Delta Queen restaurant is owned by James Barbarigos of Buffalo Grove and Peter Arvanitis of Prospect Heights, according to village records.

Arvanitis left the restaurant about 11:55 p.m., Nelson said. The fire was reported at 12:49 a.m. The Fire Marshal's investigator reported the flames had been burning for as long as an hour before the fire was reported.

Police were interviewing Arvanitis late Friday, but Nelson said there were no suspects or possible motives in the fire.

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Money keeps rolling for official car use

by Debbie Absher

Herald assignment editor

Tight budget demands have forced local schools and governments to trim services and programs, yet few officials are willing to give up the taxpayer-financed cars that many use for both business and personal errands.

Taxpayers in the Northwest suburbs are paying for a total of 163 vehicles, with all but 16 of those taken home by their "owners." The annual operating costs of those vehicles are unknown because most municipal, park and school finance directors said they don't keep separate records of mileage, gas, insurance and maintenance costs for officials' cars.

Municipalities give cars to administrators ranging from the mayor to a golf course superintendent. Nearly all of the park districts give cars to their directors and various superintendents, and 15 of 22 school districts and colleges provide cars for their superintendents or presidents.

Local officials justify their cars — many of which are used as family cars and for personal errands such as grocery shopping — by saying they are on 24-hour call and often are required to attend night meetings or regional conferences. However, some employees with cars don't live in the town that gives them a vehicle, and few can say they frequently are summoned after normal business hours for emergencies.

OFFICIALS ALSO acknowledged that the cars are a fringe benefit included in their salaries. Mount Prospect Village Manager Terrance Burghard, who has a 1981 Ford Fairmont, said he doesn't consider his car "a frill" but rather "a fringe benefit for an executive-level position" necessary to attract and keep good personnel.

Terry Francel of the Palatine Township Dist. 15 school board said his district provides cars as an "executive perk," or sheltered income for its top-level administrators.

Some towns restrict the use of municipal cars for business only, although officials may be allowed to drive the cars home at night, and rely on an "honor system" to make sure the privilege is not abused. But other officials have unlimited gas and use of their cars within the Chicago area, while others can drive their cars anywhere for personal errands as long they pay for their own gas.

Some local officials criticized the practice of giving cars to administrative managers and questioned whether the actual number of after-hours emergencies justified the expense.

"From the point of view that these are provided at taxpayer expense, I'm not in favor of them," said Buffalo Grove Trustee Stephen Stone, although he admitted that his village provides

them to compete with other municipalities and private industry.

IN EAST MAINE School Dist. 63, which never has provided cars for administrators, business manager James Bowen said he considered it inappropriate to give cars for personal use. Instead, the district reimburses employees at the rate of 20 cents a mile for district mileage expenses.

"Cars being assigned for personal business, I don't think that is proper," he said. "How can you justify to the taxpayer using a car for a non-school district expense?"

Arlington Heights Dist. 25 Superintendent Donald Strong disagreed, saying the car "is such a minor part of the overall costs of a district that you are not going to solve your financial problems by eliminating it. That is simply one component of compensation. It is part of a broad compensation package."

But at least one village and a township are taking a hard look at whether they can afford that benefit any longer.

Wheeling Township, the only township that offered cars to officials, recently sold its three cars after the township board and Supervisor Phil Rogers made the cars a campaign issue last April, saying they were a frivolous township expense. However, Rogers has changed his mind, saying it was unfair to expect township employees to use their own cars for township business.

IN BARTLETT, village officials temporarily have banned 15 policemen and two other village employees from taking their cars home after work while they conduct a study to determine the costs. The former police chief conducted a similar study six months ago that concluded that the policemen work harder and their cars last longer when they are allowed to drive them during their off-duty hours. But village trustees want figures on what the village has spent to operate the cars, both before and after policemen were given permission in 1978 to drive them for personal errands.

In contrast, Des Plaines gives nearly twice as many cars to administrative personnel to take home as any other Northwest suburban town. Twenty-one cars are issued for various business and personal uses.

Mayor John Seitz cites "tradition" as a justification for the 1981 Oldsmobile Cutlass he was given in June after being elected in Des Plaines in April. Although he has no restrictions on the car's use, Seitz said he uses "good judgment" to determine when to drive it out of town and said he "certainly wouldn't use it" for vacations. The city council authorizes a new car every two years for its mayor.

Also given cars to take home are the police chief, two police captains, the chief of detectives, fire chief, two dep-

uty fire chiefs, two fire prevention bureau heads, fire inspector, public works commissioner, water superintendent, streets superintendent, water plant superintendent, four public works foremen, acting health director and building commissioner. The park district gives cars to its director and parks and recreation superintendents.

HOWEVER, OFFICIALS recalled several abuses with the cars, such as an instance when a public works foreman who was supposed to use his truck for work only was spotted at a grocery store after business hours.

Former fire department Deputy Chief David Wolf, who recently left the Elk Grove Township Rural Fire Protection District as its deputy chief, was grounded from using his car for "unauthorized activities." Former city engineer Robert Bowen was given two months to buy his own car after officials decided they didn't want him driving his municipal car home to Deerfield every day.

"There's got to be some abuses," Des Plaines Alderman Ralph Ensign said. "There always have been. But I don't think the abuses are so great."

Other towns and park districts that give cars to officials are:

- **Hanover Park:** The village gives 12 employees the use of village cars for any business and "local personal use." Given cars are the village manager, police chief, fire chief, finance director, village engineer, public works director, data processing director, police day watch commander, deputy fire chief, street foreman, water foreman and water meter foreman.

Village Manager Dennis Dawson said department heads are issued cars because having village cars on the streets "helps create a presence, identification and awareness of what's going on in the village."

ALTHOUGH IT faces a budget deficit, the park district gives cars to its director and recreation superintendent and allows them to be driven out of state.

- **Arlington Heights:** The village issues 12 cars to the village manager, assistant manager, finance and building directors, building and electrical inspectors, utilities and maintenance superintendents, fire and police chiefs and two fire prevention bureau personnel. Although the cars can be taken home, they are supposed to be used for business only. The park district provides six cars for the director, two maintenance workers and parks, recreation and revenue facilities superintendents.

- **Schaumburg:** The village allocates 10 cars to the village manager, assistant manager, fire and police chiefs and the finance, public works, building, planning, engineer and health department directors. Four cars are provided to the park district employees.

"When we take our cars home on Friday, we usually keep them parked there until we come back to work on Monday unless we are called to do some business work," Schaumburg Finance Director Joseph Castor said. "No one wants to jeopardize his job by driving to Madison, Wis. If something looks questionable on the mileage reports, that person will have to answer for that."

- **Hoffman Estates:** The village has six cars for "strictly business" use for its president, manager, public safety director, director of code enforcement, public works director and assistant fire chief. Another nine cars are kept at village hall to be used days by various inspectors. The park district provides three cars.

- **Buffalo Grove:** Six of the nine municipally issued cars can be used for "family convenience," including those driven by the village manager, police and fire chiefs, public works commissioner, public works superintendent and village engineer. The building and zoning director and two deputy police chiefs may use their cars only for work-related trips. The park district has no cars.

- **Elk Grove Village:** Village Manager Charels Willis has "unlimited personal use in the metropolitan area" of his municipal 1980 Ford Fairmont, while the police, fire and deputy fire chiefs have "discretionary personal use" that is supposed to be kept to a minimum, said Assistant Village Manager Gary Parrin. The park district gives cars to the director and recreation and planning superintendents.

- **Rolling Meadows:** Although the city gives cars to its manager, police and fire chiefs and public works director to take home, City Manager James Turi said the vehicles are "intended not to be a family car." The park district issues no cars to officials.

- **Mount Prospect:** Village Manager Terrance Burghard is the only official who has a city car for personal use. However, he must pay for gas if he takes it out of the metropolitan area for non-business reasons. In the park district, cars are given to the director and parks, recreation and golf course superintendents.

- **Streamwood:** Cars are given to the manager and \$60,000-a-year economic development director to use as they want and a car for the public works director to drive within the village. The park district gives a car to its director, who does his own maintenance, to drive within a 50-mile radius.

- **Palatine** issues "business-use only" cars only to its manager, health director and police and fire chiefs. The park district director and recreation superintendent also have cars.

- **Wheeling:** The village manager can use a 1979 Chevrolet Impala for personal business but restricts to business the cars driven by the water superintendent, fire and police chiefs and fire captain. Only the park superintendent has a car in the district.

- **Prospect Heights:** The city has only one municipal car, which is given to City Administrator Stephen Sturgell for city business. The park district has no cars.

All of the school districts supply cars to top administrators except for River Trails Dist. 26, Des Plaines Dist. 62, Mount Prospect Dist. 57, East Maine Dist. 63, Keeneyville Dist. 20, Long Grove-Buffalo Grove Dist. 96 and Prospect Heights Dist. 23.

"**WHAT GRATES** me is that people say I have a free car," Wheeling Township Dist. 21 Superintendent Carl Holmstrom said, adding that he must travel extensively for school business.

"I don't think anyone expects me to put gas in a car to go to a meeting."

However, school board member Elaine Bond said, "I don't really see the necessity of it any longer." Most educational seminars and meetings that Dist. 21 officials attend occur locally, and she believes the superintendent and associate superintendent should use their own cars and be reimbursed.

Bond said cars have been an issue in the district, and one year the board actually took away Associate Superintendent John Barger's car but restored it the next year.

"I kind of think each district is doing it because the other is," she said. "You know how that snowballs. I think we ought to look at it because the budget is getting tight. It really is an expensive fringe benefit. With everyone cutting back, it would be a cutback. The community would like it."

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Liquor panel to mull applications

The Wheeling liquor commission will meet Wednesday to consider two license applications.

George and Efrain Mallet have applied for a license for the Newberry Place restaurant, 1750 Hintz Road. The restaurant was closed late last year and the men plan to reopen the establishment, calling it Puerto Valarta.

The Mallets currently own El Amigo, 1 S. Wolf Road, Prospect Heights.

Walgreen's Drug Store, 548 Dundee Road, also has applied for a license to sell packaged liquor.

Currently the village issues 24 liquor licenses and it would take an action by the village board to increase that number, a move they've been unwilling to make in the past. There is a license available for a restaurant, but all the package licenses have been issued for the year.

The liquor commission will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

FEDERAL DISTRICT Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras is expected to rule Thursday on seven motions filed by defense attorneys in a two-year-old suit filed by 11 Wheeling policemen, charging former village and police officials with playing politics with department promotions.

The rulings will determine whether the suit will be thrown out of court or go to trial later this year.

Kocoras also is expected to hear oral arguments and rule on a motion filed by the attorney for the policemen, asking that Lt. William Ralston be removed from the job of acting chief. Ralston was named acting chief last month by Village Manager Thomas Markus after he demoted Chief Ted Bracke.

Police Attorney Michael Wall says that Ralston's job change violated provisions of the suit agreed to in open court and wants Ralston, who is named in the suit, to vacate the post. Defense attorneys maintain that Ralston was not promoted and his job change does

not violate the suit.

The suit was filed in 1979 and names Ralston, Bracke, former Village President William Hein, Police Sgt. Jack Koenig and several former fire and police commissioners, charging them with rigging test scores and promoting officers based on the rigged scores.

The ruling is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in Kocoras' courtroom at 219 S. Dearborn St. in Chicago.

THE TECHNICAL Advisory Committee of Pal-Waukee Airport will meet Thursday to pick the date for a public hearing on the consultant's report covering the feasibility of public ownership of the airport.

Two dates, Dec. 10 and 17, have been proposed for the hearing, but the Wheeling village board has asked that the hearing be held after the Christmas holidays.

Three years ago Wheeling and Prospect Heights voted to spend \$120,000 to hire airport consultant Larry Donoghue to study the possibility of Pal-Waukee's public ownership. Donoghue has said it will cost some \$53 million to purchase the airport and surrounding land, to bring it up to federal standards for public airports. He also has said that public ownership will have no significant impact on surrounding land and residents.

The TAC committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Chevy Chase clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

REVISING WHEELING'S sidewalk and driveway apron replacement ordinances will be discussed Monday in a village board workshop.

Currently Wheeling uses municipal funds to install and replace many sidewalks throughout the village. In the past the village has also paid for the installation of new driveway aprons, though some homeowners have opted to pay for the work themselves.

Director of Operations and Maintenance Robert Gray has recommended that the village require developers to contribute to a sidewalk fund instead of building "meaningless and isolated" sidewalks. The money will be saved until sidewalks are installed. Gray also has recommended that developers be required to extend sidewalks to meet existing walks, when the distance is not unreasonable and to consider requiring property owners to have to pay part of the cost of maintaining and replacing sidewalks.

Gray also has suggested that the ordinance be changed to require property owners to pay for half or all driveway apron maintenance and repairs.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

VOTERS IN Prospect Heights Dist. 23 may meet the school board candidates during a candidates' forum Tuesday night.

The forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. in MacArthur Junior High, 700 N. Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights. The candidates for the three four-year terms are incumbent president Dean Eitel, incumbent Jane Adelman and newcomers Linda Nutter, Sandy Meyer, Jeff Golob and James Pawelski.

The forum is sponsored by the PTO.

A CANDIDATES forum will be held Wednesday night in Wheeling Township Dist. 21 enabling voters to meet the five candidates seeking office in the Nov. 3 election.

The forum will begin at 8 p.m. in Cooper Junior High, 1050 W. Plum Grove Road, Buffalo Grove. All candidates are expected to attend, said Susan Henderson, Cooper PTO publicity chairman. Refreshments will be served.

There are two two-year and two four-year terms up for election. Incumbents Lori Ratajczak and Barrett

Peterson are running uncontested for the four-year terms. Incumbent Dan Berdovich and newcomers Ed Siemienas and Curt Eberhardt are seeking the two-year terms.

INDIAN TRAILS Library Trustees are expected to discuss whether the district can help finance the sale of its former library to speed up a sale.

The library has been trying to sell its former quarters at 850 Jenkins Court for more than a year. Realtors have had difficulty selling the building because of high interest rates and zoning restrictions that limit the building to business offices or another library or school use.

George Yonan, a realtor with Baird & Warner, Inc. of Chicago, said two buyers are interested but would not be able to pay cash for the \$375,000 building. Yonan said he may ask the board if it could help finance the project. But Kenneth Swanson, library administrator, said the board would have to talk with its attorney about financing methods.

The board meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the library, 355 S. Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling.

Village to hire full-time lawyer

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by Elida Witthoeft
Herold staff writer

Wheeling trustees have given initial approval to a proposal to hire a full-time attorney to handle the village's legal work and an outside firm to handle the prosecuting duties.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the proposal was discussed by the board last spring when the budget was prepared, but expected increases in the village's current retainer fee prompted the staff to re-examine the question. Markus said hiring a staff attorney will not significantly decrease the village's legal costs but could prove to be more efficient since the staff could have daily contact with the attorney.

"We're looking at this thing from a management level," said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski. "We're trying to rearrange the way legal services are being given to the village to maximize the best possible legal service for the village."

Markus now has the responsibility of searching for a qualified staff attorney, and an outside firm to handle the village's prosecuting duties. Village officials also expect to temporarily re-

tain a third firm to advise a new staff attorney on village business. Fialkowski said that arrangement will probably last a year and that during that time, staff members will evaluate whether an agreement should be made with an outside firm to do legal work for Wheeling on an "on-call" basis as a senior adviser. The village also will continue to retain the option of hiring outside firms to work on extraordinary litigation and other investigations.

THE VILLAGE currently retains the Chicago firm of Jann, Carroll, Sain & Dolan and pays them a \$43,000 yearly retainer fee for legal services. That includes attendance at village board and commission meetings, filing and defending the village in suits and prosecuting village cases, writing ordinances and contracts and legal opinions. During the 1981 fiscal year the village paid an additional \$33,850 to other firms for legal work not done by Jann, Carroll, Sain & Dolan.

The firm also receives extra money for extraordinary litigation and work on village bond issues. The village charges a fee for the bond issues and in fiscal 1981 the village earned \$17,350

in fees. The law firm also charges the applying company a fee, and this would be eliminated with a staff attorney.

Village Attorney David Epstein told the board this week that his firm's retainer would have to increase to \$70,000 and another firm would have to be hired to handle prosecutions, for the village to continue to receive the same legal services they currently get. But Epstein said he agreed with the recommendation to hire a staff attorney and said his firm might consider working as the advisory firm if an agreement could be reached.

Village officials estimated it would cost between \$64,000 and \$73,000 the first year to hire an attorney. Those figures include \$40,000 to \$46,000 a year for salary, fringe benefits and clerical help; hiring an outside firm to handle prosecuting for \$5,000 to \$8,000; and \$19,000 for acquisition of a legal library, office furniture and retaining Epstein's firm until the new attorney could be fully briefed on village business. After the first year, Fialkowski said the village figured the cost for a staff attorney and outside pro-

secutor to run between \$45,000 and \$54,000.

But Epstein said he thought the costs, particularly of acquiring a basic Illinois law library, would be higher and that the village would face a challenge trying to hire an experienced attorney who would be willing to dedicate himself to village work. "The toughest thing you've got to know is what you're going to get," he said. "You're likely to find a person only in one set of circumstances and that's to hire someone out of another village law department. You won't pay to lure him out of a firm."

Epstein also agreed with a staff proposal to hire a local attorney to handle the village prosecution, saying it would save travel time and money.

Markus said he believed there "was a lot of merit" to retaining a staff attorney and that hiring a lawyer "would be a trial and error proposition." Under village ordinances Markus is empowered to hire both the attorney and the prosecutor, but he said he sought board direction because the trustees "made it clear to him that they wanted to know what's going on."

Water improvements design cost up Herald 10-2-81

Wheeling trustees have agreed to spend up to \$530,000 to hire a Chicago engineering firm to design improvements in the village's water system to prepare it for Lake Michigan water.

The cost figure is up from the original proposal of \$495,000 from the firm of Alvord, Burdick and Howson, but Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the increase was the re-

sult of an extra six months of inspection and an additional design report requested by the village.

Fialkowski also said while the proposal was still "at the low end of costs of the other proposals," the magnitude of the project could create changes in the work that could raise the price further.

"This will touch every part of the village and there could be soil problems, or problems with easements or land acquisitions," he said. "We just can't tie these down right now," he said.

Trustee Charles Kerr said he was disappointed the price didn't drop and questioned why the extra work wasn't foreseen when the village sought bids on the work.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO

the village water system include two, 2.5-million gallon storage reservoirs, two elevated storage tanks, 42,200 feet of water mains and pumping stations. Alvord engineers have estimated the work will not exceed the cost figure and that the entire project, including construction, can be completed for less than the \$6 million originally estimated.

Fialkowski said the engineering report was the starting point for a massive water project that officials hope will end in 1984, when Wheeling is scheduled to get lake water. Wheeling is a member of the four-town Northwest Water Commission that is planning to build a 23-mile pipeline from the Evanston water works to the suburbs to carry lake water. Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine

are also members.

Wheeling will pay for the engineering work with reserves in village water and sewer funds. The engineers have estimated the design work will take seven months and construction of the improvements could take two years.

Sharing cost of driveways, sidewalks eyed Herald 10-2-81

Wheeling officials are continuing to study ways to cut the costs to the village of sidewalk and driveway apron replacement after a lukewarm reception from the village board to a proposal to make property owners share the costs with the village.

Currently the village pays for sidewalk maintenance and replacement. It will replace one-car driveway aprons at the request of the homeowner, but Village Manager Thomas Markus and Operations and Maintenance Director Robert Gray have proposed that the maintenance costs be shared or taken over by individual property owners.

Under the proposal, developers would be required to donate funds to the village instead of building "meaningless, isolated sidewalks." The funds would be saved and used to build sidewalks at a later date, when the village deemed them necessary. Village officials also proposed that property owners be required to share half the cost of maintaining existing walks.

Officials also have proposed that property owners share half or all the cost of driveway work with the village.

TRUSTEE WILLIAM Rogers said he "was all for" a program that would make citizens more responsible for the sidewalks and driveways and said he favored the 50-50 plan used by many suburbs. "We're the exception. I don't think we'd be doing anything different (by adopting a shared-cost plan)."

But Trustee John Cole said he opposed any such plan because sidewalks and driveway aprons are village property, because the Wheeling owns all the land from the walks to the street.

"What you're really doing is raising taxes and advocating that residents pay to repair village property," said Cole. "I'm against it because it is village property. It actually belongs to the village. How can we ask for this all the sudden? If you decide to go this route, be honest with yourself and raise taxes for everyone," he said.

Markus said the staff will continue to "kick around" the proposals.

This is the second time village officials have considered such a plan. Several years ago the board rejected a proposal to share the costs with residents. "It's a delicate issue," said Gray.

Holy Family

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Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center opens in Wheeling



Holy Family's Ambulatory Care Center located at Milwaukee and Strong Avenues (201 E. Strong) is now open to serve area residents and businesses. The center provides emergency treatment, outpatient services, physician referrals, laboratory and radiology facilities, special programs for senior citizens, pre-employment and annual physicals for employees of area companies and a special room for community programs.

The Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, owned and operated by Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines, began serving Northwest Suburban area residents and businesses on Monday, November 2.

A Dedication and Blessing Ceremony was held for community, religious and business leaders on Sunday, November 1, in the Center's Community Room and at the Wheeling facility's Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, November 7, area

move under their own power. The phone number is 520-0100. The Center features "walk in" health care services for the entire family, including seven private examination/treatment areas, radiology and laboratory, cardio-respiratory services, cast room and private doctors' offices and a community room for educational programs.

Ground was broken for the \$4.5 million facility in September 1980. The one-story building, designed by Ambulatory Care, said. "Ambulatory kinds of injuries include fractures, cuts, bruises, viral infections, animal bites, high fever, and gastro-intestinal problems. Area residents and workers in area industries may utilize the facility for undergoing laboratory and x-ray tests on an outpatient basis. The Center was designed to help keep costs down," Mrs. Lameka said. "It has been Holy Family's policy to accept major credit cards and checks as well as insurance claims. Our staff

Alley stop sign installation OKd

The installation of stop signs at either end of a public alley that runs west of the Riverside Plaza was approved Monday by the Wheeling village board.

The alley provides direct access to Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue, and the signs will stop cars pulling out on both roads. The alley also is considered a public roadway and will be plowed and maintained by the village.

The signs will be erected at the recommendation of the Wheeling police. The traffic pattern for the entire lot may be re-evaluated when construction on the center is complete.

Village hall sign district formed

Wheeling trustees Monday approved a special sign district for the village municipal building, thus requiring all the signs in the complex to be similar in design.

The move previously was approved by the village's appearance commission and zoning board. Under the village's recently adopted sign code, building complexes including industrial and commercial developments can apply for the sign district classification as a way of coordinating all the signs in one location.

Under the new law the large marquee sign located in front of the complex is standing too close to the roadway and will have to be moved back to meet the requirements. Village officials are currently studying just where to move the sign.

Plowing agreement delayed

Wanting to see cost figures on how much it will cost the village to plow some township roads, Wheeling trustees Monday night postponed action on an agreement with Wheeling Township to plow slightly over more than mile of roads located contiguous to the village.

Township Highway Commissioner Thomas Gillis is trying to scale down his department's operations and offered to pay the village \$1,776 for snowplowing and other winter road maintenance in an area near Pal-Waukee Airport and near Wheeling High School. The agreement was scheduled to run from Dec. 1 to April 15, 1982.

But Trustee John Cole said he thought village officials should know how much it will cost Wheeling to plow the roads before the agreement is signed. Village Manager Thomas Markus said he thought the board could act on the agreement at the next board meeting.

Airport Q-and-A to be mailed

Suburban officials studying the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport Thursday adopted a list of 14 general questions and answers about the airport's acquisition that will be mailed to residents before the scheduled January public hearing on the issue.

The committee decided to circulate the most commonly asked questions and their answers after several committee members expressed concern

about "misinformation" and "hysteria" over a proposal that Wheeling and Prospect Heights buy the airport.

The questions were drafted by Wheeling Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski. They include information on expansion, the types of planes that will use Pal-Waukee if the facility is purchased and how a public purchase will affect noise and other factors for residents who live around

the airport. They also cover what kind of information will be discussed at the public hearing and who will inevitably decide whether the airport will be bought. Both the questions and the answers are written in non-technical language.

INCLUDED WITH the questions will be some background information on the airport and a \$120,000 consultant's report Wheeling and Prospect Heights commissioned over three years ago to study the feasibility of public ownership.

The questions will be mailed with village newsletters in Prospect Heights, Wheeling, Mount Prospect, Glenview and Northbrook.

A public hearing on the third phase,

or environmental phase, of the consultant's report will be held Jan. 28. Airport consultant Larry Donoghue will be available for two days before that to answer questions in the community and also will answer questions at the hearing. An informational session for elected officials in Wheeling, Prospect Heights and other surrounding communities is scheduled for Dec. 10.

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee Thursday also directed Donoghue to notify by mail any property owner whose land will be bought or an easement placed on it if the airport is purchased. The mailing will notify the owners of the hearing and their opportunity to meet with the consultant prior to the hearing.

Residents speak out on stickers, leaves

WHEN GIVEN the chance, Wheeling residents like to speak out.

In the latest returns, residents are interested in tougher enforcement of residents who don't buy a village vehicle sticker, the burning of leaves and the decrease in village services.

E.G. Hogan told the village that there are an "awful lot" of people in Wheeling who don't buy a current village sticker and wrote that the police should "crack down" on them.

When it comes to leaves, Christine Dolgopol told the village it should either revise its ordinance against the burning of leaves or should develop the system used in other municipalities which allows residents to rake leaves into the street, near the curb, so they can be collected by village equipment.

A resident in Wheeling since September 1963, Gerald Kinnee said he is a little concerned that even though they still get over-overnight service, he wants to know what the village will do if there is a problem on a Friday night.

He said problems with street lights have not been unusual in his part of town and if they malfunction on a Friday night, the area has no street lights until Monday night at the earliest.

Residents are given an opportunity to let village officials of problems, or offer suggestions in the village newsletter.

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Schultz abandons office

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz has abandoned her office in village hall for an unused conference room, a promise she made during her campaign last spring.

Instead of occupying a private office in the administrative section of the village hall, Schultz said her files have been moved to a conference room just off the village board meeting room.

Schultz said she pledged to vacate her office during the campaign for practical reasons. "I was aware the administrative offices were crowded. Now with an in-house attorney there will be more need for offices," she

said, adding she only used the office about four hours each week. "I'm moving out of where daily business is done making the space available. There are any number of people who could benefit."

But Schultz said she also vacated the offices to separate her legislative role from the day-to-day administrative functions of the village. "The previous administration gave the impression, intentionally or not, that they were the person who everyone had to answer to," said Schultz. "I tried to separate the physical and legislative. Village president is not an administrative function."

Senior job matchups studied

Herald 11-13

The Wheeling senior citizens commission is trying to find seniors looking for part-time work and is trying to determine how much interest there is in the village for an employer-employee matchup program for senior citizens in the village.

Several businesses already have approached the village, looking for seniors who can work a few hours

week. Officials are asking that both businesses with jobs for seniors and seniors looking for work contact Julie Woods, senior coordinator, at 459-2620.

Business has officials hitting the suburb road

Wheeling Life 11-19-81

WHEELING OFFICIALS took to the road Saturday, Nov. 14 to get some ideas for on how to improve Wheeling's business district.

Members of the Village Board, Planning and Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals visited the central business districts of Evanston, Highland Park, Northfield, Wilmette and Glencoe to see how those communities have dealt with problems in their downtowns.

"I think we got a lot out of it," said Village Manager Thomas M. Markus. "We found that we are not the only ones trying to improve a business district along a major thoroughfare."

BOTH MARKUS and Richard Green-

wood, director of community development for Wheeling, commented on the success Northfield has had with sprucing up its business district.

"They have done a lot of what we want to do with the reuse of buildings and landscaping of business areas," Greenwood said.

Markus said he thought Northfield had the most concentrated effort of any of the communities officials visited.

"Highland Park," Markus added, "seems to be a few stages ahead of us."

While officials visited those five communities, village staff members have been looking at others which have similar problems to Wheelings.

Different kind of class

Wheeling Life 11-19-81



A CPR class for Wheeling citizens is not that unusual, but what makes this class different is that all students are hearing impaired. In photo above, Victor Loman concentrates on the instructions, while at right, Jerry Strom listens to directions from Becky Taylor and Joan McLaughlin. (Photos by Peggy Polard)

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

IT'S NOT a handicap, just a little inconvenience. And it doesn't interfere with a life-saving procedure.

Which is why the Wheeling Fire Department has been offering cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) courses to persons who are hearing impaired or deaf.

"I was skeptical at first," said Tom Counley, the Wheeling paramedic who coordinated the course. "But it doesn't matter to me if someone has a disability, they can still save a life."

The course, Counley said, is the same as the one used to teach CPR to persons with no handicaps. "The big difference is that we have to use sign language."

He says the response has been good and that hearing impaired or deaf people are very enthusiastic about learning CPR.

"IT'S A LITTLE tougher because they have to watch their partner to see when they might be getting tired so they can switch positions."

As for following the procedure, the only deviation might be checking for breathing. "If they can't hear breath coming out of the airway, they have to look to see if the chest is expanding or not," Counley said.

Counley added that hearing impaired persons can help in situations "on the street" even though they may not be able to teach someone how to assist them.

He says the important thing is that the procedure is the same and that a disability shouldn't stand in the way of trying to save a life.

Which, Counley adds, is what matters. "I like to call it a little inconvenience," he said about hearing impaired persons. "But even with it they can still save a life and that's the important thing where we're concerned."

Trustees endorse airport Q-and-A

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees have endorsed the circulation of 14 general questions and answers about a proposal to buy Palwaukee Airport. But before the endorsement, officials modified some of the answers to make it clear that some questions can be answered only by village officials after they decide whether to buy the airport.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), a group of suburban officials studying the airport's purchase, decided to circulate the questions to inform residents and stop the spread of what they see as misinformation among residents.

"Our job is to make sure the facts get out there," said Village Manager Thomas Markus, and TAC member. "With the cry that no one is giving out any information, it is important to get information out to the public."

But Trustee John Cole, who said he agreed that the information should be distributed, said the boards of Wheeling and Prospect Heights ultimately would have to make decisions regarding financing the airport's purchase and expansion, and that the questions should carry a disclaimer on them that they are from the TAC committee.

"THERE SHOULD BE a disclaimer that this stuff is from the TAC committee and that some of these questions must ultimately be answered by the

board," said Cole. "Only we can say whether it (the airport) will be expanded. These must be TAC committee responses." He added that the committee was in no position to answer some of the questions and asked, "Why destroy the credibility of the whole thing with some answers?"

Trustee William Rogers argued that it was not the committee's job to collect information on the airport study and circulate it, especially since a consultant has not finished the third and final phase of a study. "I don't know if I want the TAC group publishing any information," he said. "This indicates tacit approval of an incomplete airport study. If it is to remain objective, the TAC group must stay away from this.

You're acting prematurely."

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the questions will be modified and brought back to the board before they are distributed. He also said he would notify other members of the TAC committee about the changes.

Officials had hoped to circulate the questions with the village newsletter, but Markus said it might be too late to do that now. Now the questions will be available at the village hall and before any meetings on the issue. The consultant is scheduled to present his report to Prospect Heights and Wheeling officials on Dec. 10 and a public hearing has been scheduled on Jan. 28.

Reso get brochure about Palwaukee

QUESTIONS on the airport's status from type of aircraft, public ownership, and their answers are among the questions and answers raised in a brochure for Palwaukee Airport at a public hearing Thursday, Nov. 12. The pamphlet of the questions, the committee told, were raised at a public hearing held in Mt. Prospect Oct. 19. RY DONOGHUE, president of

Ralph Burke Associates, the consulting firm which is preparing an ownership feasibility study for Wheeling and Prospect Heights, said he hopes the information sheet will help dispel the "misunderstandings" about the change in ownership.

TAC members suggested information about using the Glenview Naval Air Station be included because it is one

many residents often ask.

Donoghue said it is his understanding that the defense department is committed to continued use of the Glenview facility for military purposes only and does not plan to include civilian operations.

The question and answer flyer will be sent out to residents prior to the Jan. 28 public hearing. The hearing will be held at the Chevy Chase Country Club.

ALSO DISCUSSED by TAC members was the cost of operating the airport, one which Burke representatives said could be effectively handled by a landing fee as opposed to an airport use fee.

The proposed landing fee has been compared to a similar operation on the

East Coast where it was found to be effective.

It would allow airport officials to charge aircraft owners only for landings. After tower hours, the person who monitors the airport would record landing information.

Under the landing fee proposal, owners who base their aircraft at Palwaukee would continue to pay a tie-down fee.

The next TAC meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10. The meeting will be held at Chevy Chase Country Club and will give members of the Wheeling Village Board and the Prospect Heights City Council an opportunity to talk with representatives from Burke Associates about the final phase in the feasibility study.

Trash rates may climb 13.4% to meet costs

by Elida Wittthoeff

Herald staff writer

To help meet rising labor costs and dump fees, Wheeling village officials are proposing to hike trash pickup rates 13.4 percent.

If approved by the village board, the increase would raise the price of twice-weekly curbside garbage pickup to \$7.80. Residents currently pay \$6.75 for the service, a price that has not increased for two years.

Russ Erffmeyer, president of the Wheeling Disposal Co., the private scavenger firm that serves the village, originally asked for a 17.8 percent increase to bring the rate to \$7.95. Erffmeyer cited increases in the cost of equipment, a 16 percent increase in labor costs and a 70 percent jump in fees he is charged by dumps to unload the garbage.

But Village Manager Thomas Markus said village officials negotiated the compromise figure to keep the

percentage closer to the level of increases customers have paid over the last two years.

"WE WERE looking for the bottom line, and they were looking for as much as they could get," Markus said. "I think we're still in line with the rates charged in other communities."

In 1979 garbage collection rates increased 8 percent to their current level. In the six years previous to that increase the rates jumped 50 percent.

To help hold down costs, Erffmeyer

also asked village officials to consider implementing a once-a-week pickup for a monthly fee of \$6.35. He also proposed that the village bill for garbage pickup by using the water billing files, reducing the monthly cost by 25 cents.

But Markus said billing customers through the village would be impractical because not all customers might be billed through the process. Village officials also determined that the lower billing rate actually would be subsidized by multi-family, commercial and

industrial users who would not benefit from the service.

THE VILLAGE staff also feels that surveys done by Erffmeyer's firm show that Wheeling residents prefer the twice-weekly pickup and would not be satisfied with a switch to once-a-week garbage collection.

Markus said the rising costs of dumping, due mainly to an increasing scarcity in available land, remain a large variable in how much garbage collection will cost in the future. Erff-

meyer also is scheduled to negotiate a new contract with the teamsters' union next year, and Markus said that should allow the company to "get a good fix" on rates for the coming years. At that time, Markus said the village would consider negotiating a three-year contract with the firm.

The village board will discuss the proposed increase at a workshop meeting Monday at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE DAILY HERALD

Employee counseling program studied in Dist. 21

by Laura Watters Bianchi

Herald staff writer

Wheeling school officials are trying to find help for employees whose personal problems such as alcoholism, divorce or finances are affecting their job performance.

Jeanne Beck, assistant superintendent in Wheeling Township Dist. 21, and a committee of employees are developing an employee assistance program that will provide anonymous help for a variety of problems.

The idea is to take a humanitarian approach to helping employees rather than just firing them when their work begins to deteriorate, Beck said. The district benefits, too, if an experienced employee can be kept on the job, she said.

Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, which has a

grant to help school districts establish employee assistance programs, has been working with the Dist. 21 committee on the project. Beck said that while big businesses such as Illinois Bell and Caterpillar have had similar programs for years, school districts are just realizing their importance. High School Dist. 211 is one of four or five districts in the state that have an employee assistance program.

BECK SAID THAT if the program is set up, employees would be referred by their supervisors or by themselves. Supervisors would not try to diagnose an employee's problem, she said. The supervisor would say he has noticed a problem and advise the employee to get help.

"I think the whole management philosophy has changed," Beck said. "Society has changed. People have more pressure."

But she said people are reluctant to seek help because

"they fear loss of job" or the stigma of needing help. "They think they are getting by and people don't notice it," she said.

Although there is no initial fee for the district's participation in the program, the committee needs to develop policies and procedures for referrals and to make contacts with agencies that provide counseling. Beck said the district also must study the financial impact, such as whether the district insurance policy covers the cost of counseling or whatever help is needed.

"The financial part could be the key to success," she said.

Mike Zuker, a maintenance man on the committee, said another major problem will be assuring employees that other people will not find out they sought help, "to get the trust. They are afraid the whole district will know about it,"

he said. "I think we can overcome that once people start using it a bit."

ZUKER SAID HE has heard favorable comments about the program.

"I think it will catch on," he said. "I feel they (administration) did care about the employees but not to this extent. Just by starting up a program like this and putting forth the effort gives me a different outlook."

Zuker said he has heard from other employees that they know people who could be helped by the program.

Betty Reddy, occupational substance abuse specialist at Lutheran General, said the hospital estimates that 10 percent of the staff in a company need help. In Dist. 21, that would be about 55 people.

"If we can help one or two people, the program was worth it," Zuker said.

Village to study sign law revamp

A Cook County judge has declared unconstitutional a key provision of a Wheeling ordinance that village officials had hoped to use to eliminate all billboards by Jan. 31.

Judge Joseph Schwaba's ruling does not question the village's authority to remove the signs, but he said the language in the ordinance improperly defines a billboard. Village officials say they either will reword the law or appeal the ruling.

An ambiguity between storefront signs and billboards. Wheeling's sign code defines a billboard as any sign that advertises services at a different location. The law required that all billboards be removed by the end of this year.

But when village officials went to court with the owners of two signs that the village said were built without permits, Schwaba threw the case out of court.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY Gary Weintraub said the ruling was based on a

Des Plaines case where an appellate court said it was unconstitutional for a town to regulate the content of a sign. "The court adopts the view if you make a distinction between on and off premises signs, you're regulating the content," said Weintraub.

The village zoning board has proposed redefining a billboard by size, ruling that any sign larger than 150 square feet be considered a billboard. Without a variation, the sign would be illegal and would have to be brought to code by the end of the year.

But the village staff has estimated that up to 12 large signs not currently considered billboards would fall into the category and has proposed that the owners of any sign that costs more than \$10,000 be given until 1985 to remove them.

The village board will discuss the matter at a workshop meeting tonight in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Trustees tentatively OK 13.4% hike in trash rates

Wheeling trustees informally have approved a \$1.05 increase in the rate residents pay for twice-weekly trash pickup. Formal approval is expected in December.

The 13.4 percent increase will raise the cost of trash pickup in the village from \$6.75 a month to \$7.80. The rate will be effective for one year, after which officials say they will consider negotiating a three-year deal with Wheeling Disposal Co., the private scavenger firm that serves the village.

The pickup rate has been in effect for two years, and Trustee Charles Kerr said the proposed increase is larger than the last increase granted by the board. In 1979, rates increased 8 percent.

But Russ Erffmeyer, president of Wheeling Disposal, said the increase is

necessary to cover large increases in the cost of labor and in the fees he is charged by landfills.

ERFFMEYER RECENTLY upgraded his equipment to include garbage trucks that can be operated by one worker instead of two. Although the trucks are substantially more expensive than the older two-man trucks, Erffmeyer said the changeover made his operation more efficient.

The trustees also agreed with proposals by the village staff to retain twice-weekly garbage pickups and to have the scavenger company continue doing its own billing. Erffmeyer had proposed a monthly fee of \$6.35 for once-a-week pickups and a 25-cent monthly reduction if the village billed for garbage pickup along with the water bills.

Young artists exhibit work

Young Wheeling artists in grades 7 through 12 will be honored with a display of their work from Dec. 1 through 5 at the Indian Trails Library.

Called "Exhibit of Indigenous Young Artists," the display will include art work from 62 students at Holmes Junior High School, St. Joseph the Worker School and Wheeling High School. Art instructors from the three schools will judge the work, and a ballot box will

be available for the public to choose a winner.

Two summer scholarships to Chicago's Art Institute will be awarded to the winning artists. They will be honored, along with all the exhibiting artists, at a reception Dec. 6 at the village hall. Village President Sheila Schultz will officiate.

The library is located at 355 S. Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling.

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Billboard law to be reworded

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Because they still want to remove all billboards from the village, Wheeling officials will reword a sign regulation that has been declared unconstitutional.

Village trustees informally have agreed to define billboards as signs larger than 150 square feet that cost less than \$10,000 to construct. One trustee, however, said he is concerned that the \$10,000 stipulation is unenforceable and the new definition would not be effective in bringing down the

billboards.

Wheeling's sign code originally distinguished between regular signs and billboards by defining billboards as signs that advertise services available at a different location. Under the law, all billboards would have to be removed by the end of this year.

But when village officials went to court to try to remove two billboards that they say were erected without permits, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Schwaba ruled Wheeling's definition unconstitutional and threw the case out of court.

SCHWABA BASED his action on a

Des Plaines case where the appellate court ruled it was unconstitutional for a town to regulate the contents of a sign.

That ruling left Wheeling officials faced with retesting their definition in court and possibly appealing the question to the Illinois Supreme Court, or rewording the ordinance.

Trustee Charles Kerr said he "did not have a lot of confidence in the price" provision of the new definition but said he favored the new definition because "I'd rather do that than spend money in the courtroom where we know we'll lose."

But Trustee John Cole said he didn't believe a new definition would bring down the signs. "Faced with the courts, they won't allow us to ban billboards because they're worth too much money. It's my personal opinion that it would be a waste of time to redefine billboards. We won't slip another one by the courts if we lost once," Cole said.

Officials estimate there are 12 billboards inside village boundaries.

Formal consideration of the proposed redefinition is expected in December.

Youth commission offering film on drug abuse

Groups interested in viewing a film about marijuana and discussing drug abuse with professionals trained to work with the problem can make arrangements for such a program through the Wheeling youth commission.

A 20-minute film, "For Parents Only: Everything You Wanted to Know About Marijuana," will be available

free to any group wishing to view it and discuss the increasing problem of drug abuse among students. Youth Commissioner Faye Moroz said Wheeling Police Youth Officer Tim Hillyer and Youth Commissioner Greg Stockey, counselor at Omni-House, a youth and family counseling service, will be available to discuss the film with groups.

Moroz said the commission hopes to arrange showings through parents' groups in the local schools, but "whenever a few parents will gather, we'll show the film." Arrangements are being made to show the film at Field Elementary School early next year.

Parents interested in arranging a showing should call Moroz at 398-5597 or Nancy Lambert at 531-0036.

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Case dropped against 2 village policemen

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The case against two Wheeling police officers, accused last summer of beating a Prospect Heights man after he attempted to place one of them under citizen's arrest, has been closed after investigators determined the claim was invalid.

Wheeling Police Lt. Ronald Nelson said investigators from the Cook County state's attorneys office have told him they found "no cause for the complaint," and that they will take no further action on charges filed by Walter Bielech, 11 S. Alton, Prospect Heights.

Bielech, 24, charged that on June 25 he was "smacked in the face" and "shoved" by patrolmen Robert Pressley and Juan Rivera after he went to

the station to post bond for a friend who had been arrested for driving a motorcycle without a tail light.

"I'VE TALKED to the investigator and he's not going to do anything with it," Nelson said. "The case for all practical purposes has been closed." Nelson added he has requested a copy of the findings, but has not received it. He also said the Wheeling police, who conducted their own investigation of the matter, "have no intention" of taking any further action on the charges.

Neither Bielech nor the officers could be reached for comment Wednesday.

At the time of the incident Bielech

said after he arrived at the station one officer drove up on the motorcycle Bielech's friend had been riding. Bielech said he tried to place one of the officers under citizen's arrest for riding the motorcycle without wearing goggles, but both officers "laughed."

Bielech was charged with driving a car with an expired sticker and released on \$70 bond, but he said he was first sworn at and struck, ending up with a large bruise on his head. The case was later thrown out of court.

Nelson said no job restrictions were placed on the officers during the investigation and neither man lost any salary because of the charges.

Firefighter, tavern owner hurt in blaze

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A tavern owner and a Wheeling firefighter were slightly injured early Thursday when flames shot through the Hilltop Inn tavern, 322 N. Milwaukee Road, a fire department spokesman said.

Mickey Pitts, owner of the bar, was treated for smoke inhalation and released from Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines. Firefighter Vern Nystrom suffered burns on three fingers. He also was treated and released.

Nystrom rescued Pitts from the bedroom of her second-floor apartment minutes after the fire broke out at

about 4 a.m. in the bar below, Wheeling Fire Capt. James Johnson said.

The blaze caused an estimated \$40,000 damage to the bar, the upstairs apartment and an attic area, he said.

The cause of the fire was not determined.

Firefighters were on the scene of the fire for more than 2 1/2 hours before the flames were extinguished. The blaze began in the bar area and had burned through two other floors by the time the fire department arrived, Johnson said.

Towns caught in revenue-sharing squeeze

Village leery of depending on federal

Herald staff report

Federal revenue sharing, a program by which Uncle Sam returns to local officials some of the dollars taken from communities in income taxes, may be in its final days.

The budget-conscious Reagan administration already has proposed a 12.5 percent cutback in the federal dollars doled out to local governments, and talk that the program may be eliminated entirely abounds.

That talk has some towns, but mostly the local social service agencies who rely heavily on those federal dollars, quickly looking for a way to replace those funds while attempting to keep tax rates under control.

Since revenue sharing began in 1972 — as the cornerstone of Richard Nixon's "new federalism" — the Northwest suburbs have received a total of more than \$43 million.

Of that, more than \$31 million went to the cities and villages which, with only a couple noteworthy exceptions, have used the money for "hard goods" like new buildings, police cars, fire trucks and ambulances. Most local officials were reluctant to start something with federal money that might have to be finished with local dollars, so revenue sharing has played at least some part in the construction of six fire stations and two village halls and has paid for scores of squad cars and fire trucks.

THE OTHER \$12 million has gone to the township governments, which have used the bulk of their money to subsidize social service agencies — youth services, senior citizens program, schools for the handicapped and retarded, drug abuse and alcoholism counseling and the like. Last year, the 19 Northwest suburban townships received a total of \$1.8 million in revenue sharing and turned almost \$1.4 million of it over to social agencies.

Revenue sharing also arrived at a time when the authority of township governments was eroding rapidly — the rapid growth of the villages and cities was taking more and more territory out of the jurisdiction of the township boards, and tax-reform measures were taking most of the control over assessments and collections away from the township officials.

So, while municipal officials have mixed reactions to Reagan's plan to trim revenue sharing expenses, township officials are almost unanimously opposed. So are the social workers who have come to rely on revenue sharing for major portions of their budgets.

Of the villages, Streamwood and Palatine are most vulnerable to a reduction in revenue sharing because both towns, for different reasons, have become dependent on revenue sharing to balance their operating budgets.

Streamwood, with an anemic business sector, has long had one of the highest property tax rates in the area, and it is the only village now collecting local tax on utilities. With residents paying such a heavy proportion of a village's operating costs, village officials have been using increasing amounts of revenue-sharing money to cover routine expenses.

THIS YEAR, Streamwood is using more than half of its \$285,000 from revenue sharing to pay for operating expenses, including salaries for its fire and health inspectors, police department community service officers and crossing guards. Next year's proposed operating budget also includes \$60,000 in revenue sharing.

Village Manager Paul Turner said he wants to reduce the village's dependence on revenue sharing, but in the meantime he is planning to lay off building department employees on Oct. 1 as one way of getting ready for a pending cut in federal funds.

Palatine also uses its revenue sharing money in its operating budget, a strategy that village officials adopted long ago to keep property tax rates low. But they acknowledge that their plan is going to fly in the village's face if revenue sharing is reduced. "If that

happens, obviously we have a big void," said Village Manager Anton Harwig.

Since 1972, the village has poured almost all of its \$1.6 million into police and fire services. Harwig would not speculate on whether the village would raise taxes to make up for a revenue sharing shortfall or if other programs will be cut.

Most other towns, though, have taken a different tack.

"WE'VE NEVER LOOKED upon revenue sharing as a source of income for operations," said Wheeling Finance Director Greg Peters. "The money has gone to operations in the early years to offset salaries of sworn law enforcement personnel, but I'd rather put it in capital. Then, if we get it fine, if not, we're not counting on it."

Similarly, Des Plaines has tried to avoid becoming addicted to revenue sharing, said Comptroller Duane Blietz, because "the federal government gives, and the federal government takes away."

The township governments generally do not rely on revenue sharing for their own operations, but the agencies that they subsidize have become dependent.

For example, the Alcoholism-Drug Dependence program, based in Rolling Meadows, gets 35 percent of its \$200,000-a-year operating budget from federal revenue sharing administered by Schaumburg, Palatine, Elk Grove and Wheeling townships.

The agency last year counseled about 700 clients with drug or alcohol-related problems. That number probably will drop in a proportionate amount to the funding cuts the agency receives, said its director, Roger Boekenhauer.

The Village of Wheeling has received more than \$1.6 million in revenue-sharing funds since 1972 and has used most of the money to pay for its new village hall and fire station.

This year Wheeling received \$207,264 but spent only about \$89,000, including \$15,000 for a computer system, \$48,000 for sewer-cleaning equipment and \$1,300 the village's senior citizens program. The village also gave grants of \$20,000 to the Wheeling Park District and \$5,000 to the Indian Trails Library District.

The balance was invested. This practice, carried out over several years, earned \$44,367 in interest this year.

The money generally has been used to buy equipment because village officials are leery of depending upon it for day-to-day expenses.

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In 1979 the village used \$200,000 of its revenue sharing money to retire part of a \$400,000 loan that paid for the new municipal building. The village also used revenue sharing to buy

land for the new fire station.

Since revenue sharing began, Wheeling Township has received almost \$2.5 million. Its largest revenue-sharing project was \$500,000 for the township

hall at 1616 N. Arlington

The township received \$398,000 in revenue and doled out about \$200,000 to various social agencies.

Pair wanted for murders may be on way to Mexico

by Tom Valeo and Anna Madrzyk

Herald staff writers

Arrest warrants were issued Saturday for two men who police said may be fleeing to Mexico after allegedly taking part in the fatal Thanksgiving Day shooting of four family members, including two men from Wheeling.

One of the suspects was identified as Gilberto Varela, who police said was employed under another name as a porter at the Arlington Park Hilton Hotel. Five other men are also being questioned by Chicago police in connection with the slayings.

Meanwhile, a third Wheeling man wounded in the hail of gunfire Thursday night was moved out of intensive care Saturday.

Leoncio Quezada, 28, 542 Pleasant Run Drive in Wheeling, was listed in fair condition Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Chicago. He was wounded in the back and stomach when he was trapped in an ambush with five other men Thursday night as they left an apartment building at 2121 N. Milwaukee Ave. on the Northwest side of Chicago.

THE WHEELING MEN killed were Ramon Sanchez, 30, and Valente Galindo, 23, both of 542 Pleasant Run Drive. Also slain were two of Sanchez's brothers, Arnulfo, 32, and Heliodoro, 27, both of 1546 N. Rockwell St., Chicago.

Raul Ocampo, 32, also of 1546 N. Rockwell, Chicago, was treated at St.

Mary of Nazareth Hospital in Chicago for a bullet wound in the thigh and released.

Some of the five being questioned by Chicago police are believed to have been among the four gunmen in the shooting, while others are believed to have been witnesses.

Arrest warrants were issued Saturday for Gilberto Varela and his uncle, Romero Varela, both of 2503 W. Cortland, Chicago. Police said the two were last seen in a green station wagon and are believed to be on their way to Mexico.

The younger Varela was employed by the Arlington Park Hilton under the name of Roberto Mendez, police said.

Police said Quezada has provided information on the assailants.

"He's been helping us out," said Sgt. Joseph Mucia of the Shakespeare area violent crimes unit. "His condition was not that good, but he's been talking to us."

The ambush apparently was the result of an ongoing family feud over "a female member" of the family, Mucia said.

Police said the dispute arose from a romance between a woman from one of the families and a man from the other family. The dispute began "five or six years ago" in Mexico, home country of both families, said Police Sgt. John J. Healy.

"But we're looking into other motives," Mucia said. "We're not just stopping at the family feud."

Man, 35, dies as fire guts Wheeling home

by Sandra A.R. Smith

Herald staff writer

Wheeling firefighters found the body of a 35-year-old man in the basement of a house gutted by fire early Saturday after they were urged by the man's housemate to search the rubble.

William Jasinski, 297 S. Wheeling Ave., was found dead near the east wall of the basement of the brick b-level by firefighters after they knocked the structure down, donned masks and went in to search.

Margarita Scharm, who owned the house and shared it with Jasinski, was out for the evening Friday, and when she returned home about midnight she found the house engulfed in flames and called the fire department, police said.

She told firefighters she thought Jasinski might have been in the house, but firefighters said they could not conduct a search at that time because the fire was raging. Wheeling Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen said an attempt was made to enter the house, but the

firefighters had to wait until the structure cooled down.

"THAT FIRE HAD to be building up three or four hours" before the department was actually called, Koeppen said. Cause of the fire is under investigation, but Koeppen said arson is not suspected. "Nothing suspicious" was found, he said.

Firefighters, at the scene for three hours, estimate damages at \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Police Sgt. Edward Leach said residents in the single-family neighborhood did not notice the fire and no calls were made to either the fire or police department prior to Scharm's.

Fire and police officials said it is not known whether Jasinski had any family in the area. The body was taken to Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines to be examined by the office of the Cook County medical examiner.

Scharm, who sought refuge at the home of a neighbor, was "shaken up" and would not discuss the incident Saturday.

Driver charged

A Wheeling man was charged with improper lane usage after he lost control of his car early Saturday and smashed into four new cars playing at Tom Todd Chevrolet, Dundee Road.

Keith R. Pecka, 758 N. Greer was treated at Holy Family Hospital and released.

Suburban county idea down but not out

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

While some suburbanites are struggling to increase their voice on the Cook County board, there are others who think the only way the Northwest suburbs will get an adequate county government is to start one of their own.

The idea of creating a separate county covering the six townships of Northwest Cook County has been kicked around for 10 years, and killed several times by the state legislature.

But Wendell Jones, the former Palatine village president who first proposed the creation of Lincoln County, says he still believes it will happen.

As the suburbs in the area are becoming more unified, Jones said they need a regional government to speak for their common interests and to make county services like the sheriff's police and court system more local and effective.

"It will happen someday," Jones

said. "We're going to have a huge taxpayer revolt. People will demand that this archaic government be eliminated. You could cut the taxes in half and run Lincoln County without any problem."

THE NEW county would include Wheeling, Palatine, Barrington, Hanover, Schaumburg and Elk Grove townships. With a population of a half million, it would be the third largest county in Illinois.

State Rep. Virginia Macdonald, R-Arlington Heights, agreed there is "a very good possibility" Lincoln County will be formed sometime in the next 20 years. "All of us are very much interested in that," she said. "As we grow in numbers, that becomes more and more feasible."

Other suburban politicians are less enthusiastic. Some like the idea of a separate county but don't think it's possible, while others simply don't want a regional government uniting suburbs they say should remain independent.

"I'm more in favor of strengthening what exists," said Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf, president of the Northwest Municipal Conference. He said pulling out of Cook County would be too "reactionary — trying to withdraw from a situation."

Seceding from Cook County would mean building new jails, hospitals and other facilities, and would increase hostility between the suburbs and Chicago, said Arlington Heights Village President James Ryan.

"I DON'T THINK the suburbs should constantly be at loggerheads with the city of Chicago," he said. "The city has a lot to offer that we in the suburbs don't have," especially its cultural and financial centers.

Carl Hansen, a Republican Cook County board member from Mount Prospect, said creating a new county is "not practical because the referendum would have to be voted in the entire county. It's not going to happen."

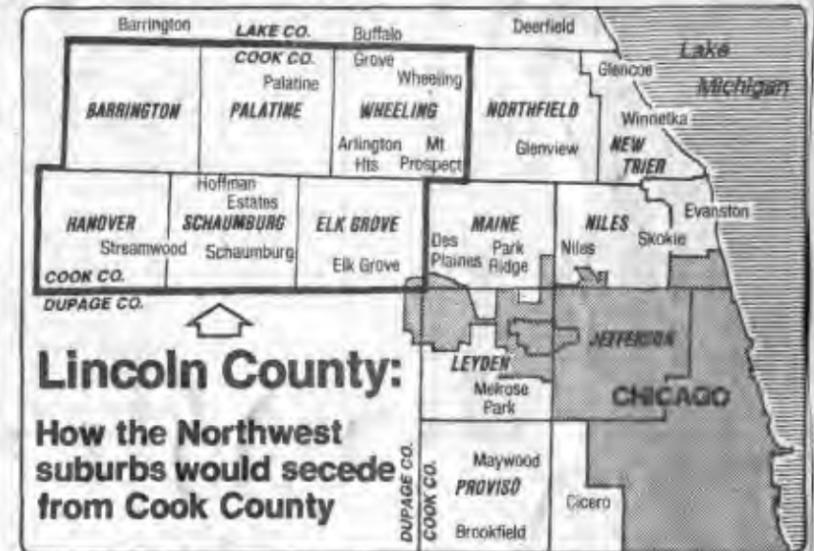
But Jones now has an answer to the powerful argument that Chicago Dem-

ocrats, who control the county board, would defeat any secession referendum — eliminate Cook County completely.

Chicago voters would approve it, he said, because their tax bills would go down. After all, most of the county's authority is in the unincorporated areas of the suburbs, and Jones said it really isn't needed in the city. Several new counties then would be formed to cover all of Chicago's suburbs.

"CHICAGO LOOKS AT the suburbs as country-town second cousins, and we are almost as big as they are now, and we know how to run our governments," Jones said. "Our municipalities and townships are run more efficiently than the city."

As Cook County Democrats now are rejuggling the board to retain their firm control despite population shifts to the suburbs, Jones said fair representation for the suburbs is impossible on the current board and "the political strategy ought to be to get out."



THE STATE LEGISLATURE has killed the idea several times, but some suburban politicians continue to dream of seceding from Cook County and creating "Lincoln County," which would be the third largest county in Illinois.

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Death of Wheeling boy reunites family

by Tom Valeo

Herald staff writer

Nationwide publicity surrounding the sudden death of Steven Tobias has brought about something the 12-year-old Wheeling boy desperately wanted to see — the reunion of his father's family.

Steven collapsed and died on the floor of the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport Thanksgiving Day moments after his father Paul and his uncle John embraced for the first time in 27 years. The two had not seen each other since their mother's funeral in 1954, when a bitter quarrel over her house turned her children against each other.

The Associated Press photographed the dramatic reunion at the airport, showing the two brothers embracing while Steven watched. Moments later, Steven collapsed and died, turning an ordinary human interest story into a dramatic news event picked up by newspapers across the country.

On Saturday, Frank Tobias of Piscataway, N.J., who had not seen his brothers since the quarrel 27 years ago, saw the photo in his local newspaper. He picked up the telephone and called his brother John in Haltom City, Texas.

"FRANK LOOKED AT the picture and said, 'my God, that looks like my brother John,'" John's wife Beaula said by phone from Texas Saturday.

Frank Tobias also said one of his sisters, Mary Arkin, was living in Somerville, N. J., less than 10 miles away, and another, Ann Fitz, was living in nearby Newark, N. J.

"My husband is so excited he doesn't know what to do," Mrs. Tobias said.

The Tobiases now hope to settle the differences that split the family apart at their mother's funeral.

"At the funeral they decided that the youngest daughter, who had lived with her parents and taken care of them, should get the house," Mrs. Tobias said. "Everyone decided

they would sign the house over to her, but one of the family members wanted the money. That's what the dispute was about."

When John Tobias recently discovered he had terminal cancer he intensified his efforts to contact his brother in Wheeling — the only family member whose whereabouts he knew. He did know the street address, but Paul had an unlisted phone number, preventing John from calling.

"BUT WHEN MY daughters explained the situation to an operator, they talked her into calling Paul and asking him if he'd please call us," said Mrs. Tobias. "He was as happy as we were."

They made arrangements for a gigantic family reunion Thanksgiving evening. Steven accompanied his father and mother to the reunion, and his uncle John met them at the airport.

The two brothers embraced tearfully, and then John Tobias shook hands with the nephew he had never seen.

"Then the boy just turned around, collapsed and was dead, just like that," John said.

An autopsy Friday failed to determine the cause of the apparent cardiac arrest that killed Steven. But Marc Krouse, a deputy medical examiner for Tarrant County, said Steven's bout with the flu a few weeks ago "may be significant."

"WE SUSPECT THAT he might have had a rare viral infection of the heart muscle lining, but we can't confirm that until the microscopics have been done," he said.

Funeral services for Steven, who was a student at Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High School in Wheeling, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Kolssak of Wheeling Funeral Home, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, with burial at Willow Lawn Cemetery, Mundelein.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Herald 12-1-81

Mount Prospect to resolve against airport expansion

by Jean Rudolph

Herald staff writer

Mount Prospect officials are preparing to adopt a resolution opposing the "expansion" of Pal-Waukee Airport — a move labeled "a lot of nonsense" by the airport's owner.

The resolution, suggested by Mayor Carolyn Krause in reaction to petitions from residents of northeastern Mount Prospect, also recommends noise control measures, a curfew on the hours planes can fly into and out of the facility, and a rule prohibiting flight patterns near schools.

Residents of northeastern Mount Prospect started a petition drive last spring opposing the proposed purchase of the privately owned airport by Prospect Heights and Wheeling. Although Mount Prospect has no formal vote in

the matter, village residents say they're worried public ownership will cause the airport to grow — bringing more noise and jet traffic above their homes.

Airport consultants have insisted public ownership would have "minimal" impact on area residents.

Mount Prospect's resolution does not take a stand on the issue of whether the two towns should purchase the airport but simply opposes "any expansion of the Pal-Waukee facility... that would permit flight capability for any type of aircraft larger than present operations."

PAL-WAUKEE OWNER George Priester said Monday that public ownership of the airport will not cause it to "expand" and criticized Mount Prospect officials for "wasting a lot of

time" drawing up the resolution, which will go before the village board tonight. "It's a lot of nonsense."

The meeting is at 8 p.m. in the public safety building, 112 E. Northwest Highway.

As for the suggested curfew between 11:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., Priester said, "If I thought for a minute that the communities would impose a curfew, I would hold the airport until hell freezes over."

The resolution also recommends noise control measures including "the immediate prohibition of additional turbo-jet operations" and urges the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit planes flying near schools and other highly populated areas "to reduce the risk of a catastrophic incident."

Susan Clark, a Mount Prospect resident who helped spearhead the drive against public ownership of Waukee, said Monday she read the resolution before voting.

"What we are opposed to is the expansion of the airport as it exists. We feel that a public ownership would only mean expansion. It's kind of a fine line."

Krause said Mount Prospect's opposition to public ownership can't tell the people of Wheeling how to vote.

Wheeling Village President Schultz called the resolution a "wish list," and said mutual discussions will be discussed in more detail at a meeting Dec. 10 among public officials of Prospect Heights, Wheeling, Prospect, Glenview and Northbrook.

the week ahead

11-30-81 Herald

Dist. 214 school closure rules eyed

School Dist. 214 school board will meet as a committee-of-the-whole tonight to consider guidelines for closing two of the district's eight high schools. The school board plans to adopt its school closing guidelines by Dec. 14, and a final decision on the school closings expected in March 1982. A public hearing to review the school closing guidelines is scheduled Dec. 7. The school board tentatively is planning to close one high school after the 1982-83 school year and a second high school after the 1984-85 school year because of declining enrollment. The school board will meet 7:30 p.m. at the administration center, 799 Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

TORNEYS FOR BOTH sides in the \$1.4 million suit filed by the village of Wheeling against former Wheeling Township Democratic Committeeman James Stavros and two former village officials in connection with a 1974 zoning scandal will be in court today to give a status report on the case.

Five years ago the village filed suit seeking \$1 million in damages and recovery of \$400,000 in bribes allegedly collected by Stavros and two other village officials in exchange for building and zoning favors in the village in the 1970s. Named in the suit were Stavros, former building director James Bieber, former Trustee William Hart, Zale Construction Co., and Wikes Corp.

Stavros pleaded guilty in 1974 to extorting \$92,000 from builders and was sentenced to four years in prison. He was released on parole in 1976. Bieber pleaded guilty to charges of extortion, perjury and tax charges and served one year in prison. Hart received one year's probation after he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit extortion.

The two firms allegedly paid bribes to the officials in exchange for the favors.

In 1979 Circuit Court Judge John Hechinger dropped Stavros from the suit on the grounds that he wasn't a village official and it was not until he paid money to village officials. The village argued that Stavros' political influence was great enough to control village officials and the Illinois Appellate Court overturned the ruling in October 1980.

Stavros appealed the ruling to the Supreme Court, but the high court refused to hear the case.

The status hearing is set for 10:30 a.m. in the courtroom of Cook County Circuit Court Judge Anthony Scottillo.

TORNEYS FOR BOTH sides in the dispute surrounding the Wheeling Township assessor's office also will be in court today where Cook County Circuit Court Judge James C. Murray is expected to rule whether he will dismiss a request by the township officials to determine who legally holds the township assessor's office.

Attorneys for former assessor Fred Yonkers have asked the judge to grant the request by the township. In papers filed earlier with the court, attorney Marvin Metzger said the action "would serve no purpose" since Yonkers already has been removed from office and an assessor has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Metzger asked Murray to enter into an agreement voluntarily declaring that Yonkers is no longer the assessor. If they do, they must show the court how he is retaining the office. If they do not, with agreement, that action would dismiss the township's request to determine the status of the office.

Yonkers was removed from office last spring by newly elected Wheeling Township officials who said he was never legally appointed to the job. The previous township board did not have the power to appoint an assessor. Since that time new legislation has been signed by Gov. James Thompson that gives the board appointive powers. Last month former assessor Dolores Stephan was appointed to the post.

Stephan worked as deputy assessor under Yonkers until he was fired in the summer of 1980. She defeated Yonkers for assessor in last April's township elections, but was not scheduled to take office until Jan. 1, 1982. Yonkers also has sued the township for some \$16,000 in back pay and interest, he says officials owe him. Township officials have countersued, asking Yonkers to pay back the money he earned while working as assessor.

Both sides are scheduled to appear in court at 9:15 a.m.

Village suit against Stavros continued

Herald 12-1-81

A \$1.4 million lawsuit filed by the village of Wheeling against former Wheeling Township Democratic Committeeman James Stavros and two former village officials in connection with a 1974 zoning scandal has been continued until Feb. 1.

On that date attorneys for both sides will again appear before Cook County Circuit Court Judge Anthony Scottillo to report what progress they've made

in the case. Attorney John Burke, who is handling the suit for the village, said both sides are taking depositions on the matter.

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Planning for 4th of July events starts Wednesday

Herald 12-1-81

Organizers of Wheeling's July 4th activities for next year will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Chevy Chase clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Next year's July 4th parade and other community activities will be discussed. Activity organizer Alberta Klocke said her group is looking for representatives from community

groups throughout Wheeling to aid in the July 4th planning, and interested citizens are invited to attend the meeting.

Last year Wheeling had a parade and fair sponsored by the Wheeling Park District. For the coming year officials hope to expand those events and involve people from various groups and organizations throughout the village in the planning effort.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

Herald 12-1-81

Selected decisions from the village board meetings of Nov. 2 and 16.

						
	Cole	Goetch	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
To enter into an agreement with Cook County for Wheeling to receive \$535,000 in federal block development grant funds for street lighting and site improvements to land around proposed senior center and home rehabilitation program.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To amend the fiscal 1982 budget and transfer \$34,500 from contingency funds to finance the hiring of a full-time staff attorney.	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
To install two stop signs at either end of an alley adjacent to the Riverside Plaza shopping center.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To spend \$3,500 to resurface Sherwood Drive and transfer jurisdiction and maintenance of the street to Prospect Heights.	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES



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man becomes fatality as fire engulfs home

Police log

men in Wheeling. Jose Lo-
as charged with aggravated
tempting to flee and elude a
cer, driving with a revoked
ense and various traffic of-
fenses following a scuffle and chase on
Highland Park. The man
charged was Marin Gonzalez,
was charged with aggravated
and unlawful use of a weapon.

The incident allegedly took place
along Milwaukee Avenue. When officer
Richard Imber approached a car, a
knife was allegedly waived at him. The
car then reportedly sped off with its
door swinging open and striking Imber.
He reportedly fired six shots at the
car, injuring no one. Following a chase
northbound on Milwaukee Avenue and
then to Strong Street and Third Ave-
nue, the suspects were nabbed. Two other
men were not charged but were
turned over to immigration authorities.
HIGHLAND PARK police were

called to break up a fight in front of
1752 Rosemary at 2 a.m. Monday, Dec.
28.

According to police, about seven or
eight people were in front of the house
and a few were throwing each other ar-
ound.

The police told them to leave and all
but two — Anthony Demma, 19, of
Highwood; and Donald Harris, 18, of
Highland Park — dispersed. According
to police, Demma resisted the officers
and while police were busy with him,
Harris left.

Police said Harris showed up a short
while later at the police station. Ac-
cording to officers, both Harris and
Demma had been at a party at 1752
Rosemary and both were intoxicated.

The two were issued non-traffic cita-
tions for disorderly conduct. Demma
was also ticketed for resisting a police
officer.

Mt. Prospect seeks restrictions on Pal-Waukee Airport changes

By Eddy McNeil

RESPONDING TO concerns of its residents living near
Pal-Waukee Airport, the Mt. Prospect Village Board Tues-
day decided to make some noise of its own over the future
operation of the facility.

In a resolution to be forwarded to federal and state aviation
officials, congressional representatives, and the potential
purchasers of the privately owned airport, the board urged
that regulatory agencies not expand the facility, eliminate
landings and takeoffs at night, and prohibit flight paths over
schools and population centers in the future. The airport,
which is in both Wheeling and Prospect Heights, is owned by
George Priester.

The resolution, which officially outlines the village's policy
on the issue but isn't binding on other governmental or
regulatory bodies, was considered at the request of Mayor
Carolyn Krause, who had received petitions bearing the
names of more than 1,000 village residents asking that the
board take a stand on the issue.

KRAUSE SAID she doubted the board action would have
any effect on deliberations of Prospect Heights and Wheel-
ing, the two communities considering buying the airport. But
the village's concerns will carry more weight with the
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which controls the
federal funds Wheeling and Prospect Heights hope to obtain
for the purchase, she predicted.

She assured residents attending the meeting that she would
follow up the resolution with visits to FAA officials. "I don't
think it's something we should just send out in the mail and
forget about," she said.

Robert Fialkowski, assistant Wheeling village manager,
said the concerns over expansion of the airport are unwar-
ranted. Although the municipalities would have to acquire
more land around the facility because of federal guidelines
for publicly owned airports, no runway expansions to serve
large aircraft are planned, he said.

OFFICIALS BELIEVE, however, that more aircraft will
be using Pal-Waukee, the state's second busiest airport,

regardless of whether the facility is publicly or privately
owned. But Fialkowski said neither community has address-
ed the issue of a curfew against nighttime flight operations.

Most village board members, who approved the resolu-
tion 5 to 0, said they weren't certain their action would have
any impact on discussions concerning the airport. But since
its operation affects residents of the village who have ex-
pressed their concerns about the matter, board members
said they felt compelled to respond.

"We aren't trying to direct anyone to do anything," said
board member Ralph Arthur. "We're responding to our
citizens, and by God, that's what we were elected to do."

RESIDENTS HAVE expressed concerns that public owner-
ship of the facility would lead to increased use and an expan-
sion of its facilities to allow larger jets — with their louder
noises levels — to land at the facility.

Although he said he supported the resolution in hopes of
reaching a "reasonable compromise" on noise levels and air-
port use later on, board member Skip Farley said residents
should have known what they were getting into when they
bought homes near the airport.

"I bought my house knowing full well that O'Hare Airport
was on one end of the village and Pal-Waukee was on the
other," he said. "I bought it with my eyes open."

ALTHOUGH AT least one member of the audience said she
thought the resolution was premature, Krause said the
village wanted to have its position known before a meeting
Thursday between Prospect Heights and Wheeling elected of-
ficials to discuss the purchase of the airport.

At that meeting, representatives of Ralph H. Burke, Inc., a
Park Ridge airport consulting firm, are to present results of
a three-year study into the feasibility of the communities'
purchasing the airport.

In a preliminary report released in August, the consultant
estimated it would cost \$52.5 million to buy the airport and
make improvements to bring it up to federal standards for
publicly owned airports. The consultants have told the com-
munities they could expect to receive 80 to 90 per cent of the
necessary funds from the federal government.

The remainder of the money would be raised through the
sale of municipal revenue bonds, which would be repaid with
money generated by the airport.

'Smiley' draws frowns; new town sign mullied

A large sign on Milwaukee Avenue
with a yellow "smiley face" that wel-
comes motorists to "the village with
feeling" may become a thing of the
past if village officials have their way.

As part of a continuing effort to up-
grade the village's image, officials are
proposing to replace the sign with a
newer version. The village planning
staff has designed several signs and is
testing them in the village hall lunch-
room. Village employees and members
of the various boards and commissions
are voting on the designs and have
been invited to make comments on
each to the community development
department.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood
said plans to replace the sign are still
informal, but said he thought the top

three winning designs would probably
be combined into one sign. Greenwood
said that simple designs incorporating
rustic lettering and the wheel symbol
are leading in the voting. Another pop-
ular design uses the same symbol
found on village vehicle stickers, a
wheel superimposed on an outline of
Illinois.

He also said that the voters seem to
favor signs with shrubs and flowers
around the base.

Greenwood said he didn't know
whether the final design would be pre-
sented for some sort of public review,
but said the village would have to get
state approval before the sign could be
erected on Milwaukee Avenue at the
village limits.

Herald 12-3

Wheeling to discuss plan to plow township roads

An agreement to plow slightly over one mile of Wheeling Township roads for \$1,776 will be discussed tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

Township Highway Commissioner Tom Gillis is trying to pare down his operations and proposed the agreement to village officials. The plowing would involve township roads that are contiguous to the village and located near Wheeling High School and Pal-Waukee Airport.

Previously the village board postponed action on the agreement and asked the village staff to determine how much it costs the village to plow a road. According to figures compiled by Robert Gray, Wheeling's director of operations and maintenance, the cost of plowing one mile of road is \$93.

The village staff has recommended that the board approve the agreement, which would run from Dec. 1 to April 15, 1982. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

WHEELING OFFICIALS Monday also are expected to give formal approval to a 13.4 percent increase in trash pickup rates.

The increase will raise the price of twice-weekly curbside garbage pickup to \$7.80. Residents currently pay \$6.75 for the service, a price that has not increased in two years.

Russ Erffmeyer, president of the Wheeling Disposal Co., the private firm that serves the village, originally asked for a 17.8 percent increase to bring the rate to \$7.95. Erffmeyer cited increases in the cost of equipment, a 16 percent increase in labor costs and a 70 percent jump in fees he is charged by dumps to unload the garbage.

But village officials negotiated the compromise rate to keep the increase percentage closer to the level of increases customers paid in the last rate hike.

REVISING THE definition of a billboard under the Wheeling sign code also will again be considered tonight by the Wheeling village board.

To distinguish between storefront

signs and billboards, Wheeling's sign code defined a billboard as any sign that advertises services at a different location and required that all such signs be removed by the end of this year. But Cook County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Schwaba ruled that definition unconstitutional and village officials were faced with trying to come up with a new one.

The village zoning board has proposed redefining a billboard by size, ruling that any sign larger than 150 square feet be considered a billboard. Without a variation, the sign would have to be removed by the end of this year.

The village staff has recommended that the board include a \$10,000 cost figure in the definition and redefine billboards as signs that cost less than that amount.

THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED Wheeling Community Coordinating Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst Road.

The council was formed to promote and coordinate activities throughout the village and is made up of representatives from clubs, homeowners associations, and public and private agencies throughout Wheeling. The council is trying to attract members and groups that are not already represented are invited to attend.

ATTORNEYS FOR BOTH Wheeling Township and former assessor Fred Yonkers will be back in court Wednesday to continue trying to decide who is legally the township assessor.

The status hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. in the courtroom of Cook County Circuit Court Judge James Murray.

The township has filed suit asking the court to solve the problem and Yonkers' attorneys have asked that that suit be dismissed. Yonkers sued the township first, demanding to be reinstated in his office and to recover \$16,000 in back pay and benefits he says township officials owe him.

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court several times before and have been unable to reach an agreement.

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THE VILLAGE BOARDS from Wheeling, Prospect Heights, Mount Prospect, Glenview and Northbrook will meet Thursday night to hear a presentation of the third phase of a

consultant's study on the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport.

Three years ago Wheeling and Prospect Heights voted to spend \$120,000 to hire a consultant to study the feasibility of buying the airport and operating it as a public facility. Airport consultant Larry Donoghue has said it would cost some \$53 million to purchase the facility and bring it to federal standards for a public airport. He has also said the airport's purchase will have "a less than minimal" impact on the surrounding environment.

The meeting comes at the request of Wheeling trustees who have said they feel left out of the study's progress. The board of both Wheeling and Prospect Heights will ultimately decide whether the airport will be purchased.

The meeting will be open to the public, but the presentation is geared towards the boards and the consultant is expected to only answer questions from board members. A public hearing, at which time residents will be able to speak on the issue, is scheduled for Jan. 28.

The informational meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

A PUBLIC HEARING to discuss school closing guidelines in High School Dist. 214 will be at 8 p.m. today

at the Prospect High School cafeteria.

Persons wishing to speak during the hearing are to contact the Dist. 214 administration office at 259-5300. Copies of the school closing guidelines, which were informally approved by the school board last week, are available at the administration center and at the eight high schools.

Firm asks \$4 million loan backing

A Wheeling firm is asking the village board to sponsor a low-interest loan of \$4 million to help finance a new plant.

Gerald Sommers, vice president of Courtesy Mold and Tool Corp., said the money will be used to purchase land, build a new plant and purchase equipment. He said the expansion will create between 80 and 100 new jobs.

The firm has arranged to purchase a four-acre site on Peterson Drive, just

west of Wolf Road and Pal-Waukee Airport.

He said the expansion is necessary because the company has launched two new products, closures for "aluminum bottles" that Sommers said would "revolutionize" the pop and beer industry and a new, releasable wire tie used to fasten cables.

Work on the building is expected to be completed by early 1983. Sommers

said the firm's corporate offices and one of its manufacturing divisions will move into the new facility and a second division will remain in the company's existing headquarters at 250 Alice St.

The village has sponsored similar loans for a dozen companies over the past two years. By borrowing through industrial revenue bonds, a company can borrow at interest rates 2 to 3

points lower than conventional financing because investors who buy the government-backed bonds do not have to pay federal income tax on their earnings. The company remains responsible for repaying the loan.

The village staff has recommended that village trustees approve the proposal. The village board will consider the request Monday at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

12-7-81 Herald

Pipeline to hike rates 50%

by Pete Nenni

Herald staff writer

Escalating construction and financing costs for a water pipeline from Evanston to four Northwest suburbs have increased the water rate estimates by almost 50 percent over the original projections.

The latest financial plan for the Northwest Water Commission says wholesale water rate for its members is expected to be \$1.44 per 1,000 gallons, up from \$1.30 since January and from 98 cents when Arlington Heights, Palatine, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove agreed to band together to build the pipeline, which is expected to be completed in 1985.

The rates are to rise to \$1.85 in 1986 and drop slightly to \$1.85 the following year.

THOSE RATES REPRESENT the wholesale cost of purchasing the water from Evanston and financing the pipeline construction, now estimated at \$68.5 million. They do not reflect each village's current operating costs or the cost of financing local water system work needed to accommodate lake water.

Current retail water rates are 90 cents per 1,000 gallons in Wheeling, 99 cents in Palatine, \$1 in Buffalo Grove and \$1.35 in Arlington Heights. By the time the lake pipeline is finished, residential water rates are expected to double.

The higher rates are necessary to cover a \$6.5 million increase in construction costs during the past 11 months and the higher costs of borrowing. Water commission officials are planning to borrow \$86 million to pay for the pipeline and expect as much as 10.5 to 12 percent in interest, compared to 9.5 percent to 10.5 percent in the January estimate.

Because Arlington Heights will use the most water of the four communities, it will pay 42 percent of the cost or about \$4.4 million in 1985. During that year, Palatine will pay 31 percent or \$3.2 million, Wheeling will pay 13.6 percent or \$1.4 million and Buffalo Grove will pay 13.1 percent or about \$1.41 million.

MOST OF THE FOUR members are in the process of determining how much work will be required to upgrade their systems and are unsure how big of an impact the additional improvements will have on local water rates.

However, Palatine officials are estimating they will need some \$56 million to pay for internal improvements over the next 20 years. Recently, residents voted to increase property taxes by 59 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to raise money for the work.

Arlington Heights Village Manager L.A. Hanson said the cost for internal improvements to the Arlington Heights system could be in the neighborhood of \$4 million and even doubling the water (Continued on Page 3)

Pipeline to hike rate for some towns 50%

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rate would be "a little light." A report on the internal improvements is being compiled and should be completed within 10 days.

Officials in Buffalo Grove and Wheeling agreed that the cost of internal improvements will have some impact on the final water rate figures, but hesitated to predict how much.

BUFFALO GROVE VILLAGE Manager William Balling said that there are several costs that can be deducted from the final cost that could help curb water rates such as the savings from wells which will no longer be used. And Wheeling Finance Director Greg Peters said the increase could be held

down if the bulk of financing is done through tax-backed general obligation bonds, which generally bear lower interest rates than revenue bonds backed only by income from the water system.

The commission is planning to use both types of loans — a \$68 million revenue bond at an estimated interest rate of 12 percent and an \$18 million general obligation bond at an estimated 10.5 percent. A one percentage point rise in interest rates on the general obligation bonds would raise the wholesale rates by two cents per 1,000 gallons, its financial consultants say, and a one-point increase for the revenue bonds would raise the rates by nine cents.

Daily Herald 12/8/81

Trustees OK 13% increase in garbage collection bill

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees Monday night approved an increase in the village curbside garbage collection rate that will raise the monthly trash bill to \$7.80.

Village residents currently pay \$6.75 for twice-weekly trash pickup. The 13.4 percent increase will go into effect Jan. 1.

Russ Erffmeyer, president of Wheeling Disposal Co., the private firm that serves the village, originally proposed a 17.8 percent increase to \$7.95 a month. Erffmeyer cited a 70 percent increase in the fees he is charged by dumps to unload the garbage, a 16 percent jump in labor costs and increased equipment costs as reasons for the

increase.

To make his operation more efficient Erffmeyer purchased new garbage trucks that are operated by one man instead of two, and though the trucks cut labor costs, they were more expensive than the older trucks.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS negotiated the lower rate to try to keep the increase closer to the garbage rate hike of two years ago. In 1979, garbage collection rates increased 8 percent to their current level, but in the six years previous to that the rates increased 50 percent.

To hold costs down, Erffmeyer also proposed a once-a-week pickup for a monthly fee of \$6.35. He also proposed that the village take over garbage billing and use water billing records to accomplish this.

By having the village do the billing, Erffmeyer said the monthly fee could be reduced by 25 cents.

But village officials rejected that plan saying the billing system might not include all customers and would spread the billing costs among commercial and industrial customers who would not enjoy the rate decrease. Village officials also said that residents have indicated they prefer the twice weekly trash pickup.

The agreement will be in effect for one year. At the end of next year village officials hope to negotiate a three-year trash contract. This will allow Erffmeyer to complete contract negotiations with the teamsters union and get a better handle on rates for the coming years.

Trustee wants video game law to be specific

Concerned that the vague wording of a village ordinance controlling the number of legal video games makes the law "unenforceable," Wheeling Trustee Charles Kerr is asking that it be changed to more strictly define how many games a business can have.

The current village ordinance prohibits pinball machines, but allows a business to have one video game per 1,000 square feet of floor space, with a limit of four machines per business. But Kerr said the ordinance does not specify how that area is determined. "It doesn't identify the whole building, the area where the machines are or whether the storage areas can be used," said Kerr, adding the law should be redefined to include specific areas.

"I have a feeling of keeping them under control," said Kerr. "If one of our enforcement people go into these places to check, the ordinance is unclear."

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus will consult with the village attorneys to come up with a new law, which will be discussed by the board in a future workshop session.

Kerr said the village's current law "created quite a controversy" in 1976 when it was adopted. "That type of operation attracts an undesirable type and I remember the police were against it," said Kerr. "Maybe at this time there might be some new ideas of better ways to identify and control the number of these games."

Kerr said he does not favor banning the games and he personally has not received any complaints from residents about them. Village officials say they also have not received any complaints about the machines.

This year there are 31 licensed games in the village, which generated \$775 in fees this year. Business owners who have the machines must register with the village and pay an annual \$25 fee.

Veteran walking tall again

Suburban
Trib
12-9-81

By Gordon Light



Dieter Lenz (left), talking to police Lt. Ted Bracke, lost his legs but it hasn't prevented him from walking again or from becoming a communications specialist in the Wheeling Police Department.

THESE LAST TWO months of the year understandably could be the least pleasant time of the year for a man like Dieter Lenz.

The holidays in November and December — Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas — conjure up remembrances of that November day 12 years ago when the Marine Corps veteran lost both his legs to a landmine in Vietnam and the ensuing months spent in military hospitals.

But Lenz, a communications officer for the Wheeling Police Department, is too caught up in his law enforcement career and a family to dwell much on past misfortunes.

WITH A PAIR of artificial limbs made of a lightweight metal, a slight limp is the only hint of his handicap. The 31-year-old Lenz expects to make his own way without inordinate attention from others.

"I don't see any reason for any fuss," he said. "The hardest thing is getting people not to think of you that way."

In his hometown of Lake Forest, they used to think of Lenz as a high school jock when he played left field for the baseball team and was a speed skater. Graduating in 1968 with no plans of attending college, Lenz enlisted in the Marine Corps rather than waiting to be drafted into the Army. He said he never considered an alternative to military service.

INDEED, LENZ HAD a military tradition to follow, though not an American one. His father, Helmut, was a German soldier in World War II who was captured and interned

'I don't have any ill feelings'

War cost him his legs, not his determination

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"THAT WAS THE way they worked it," Lenz recalled. "If you were walking point [lead position] and stepped on a mine, they would wait until the men gathered around you and attack. I tried to get up, but I could see my left leg laying on the ground. I knew it was gone."

When Lenz awoke in a hospital in Da Nang, his right leg also was missing. He spent the next year in military hospitals, undergoing a series of operations. But Lenz said he was "never really bitter" because the sight of

other soldiers with no limbs at all helped keep his perspective.

In fact, except for the garbled notification telegram to his parents exaggerating the extent of his injuries, Lenz said he thinks the Marine Corps treated him well. Boot camp was a maturing experience, he said, and military doctors were the best possible for treating his injuries.

"I DIDN'T HAVE to enlist," he said. "It was my decision. I don't have any ill feelings. If I had to do it again, I'd do it again."

Fitted with his first pair of wooden legs,

Woman critical after crash

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A BUFFALO Grove woman remains in critical condition in Evanston Hospital following an accident Friday, Dec. 4 on Dundee Road on the overpass over the Illinois State Tollroad.

Beatrice Manrum, 49, was injured when a car driven by Phylis Davis, 56, of Chicago swerved out of control while going west and hit Manrum's east-bound vehicle. After striking Manrum's vehicle, Davis then hit a car driven by Catherine Janus, 24, of Schaumburg. A fourth car, driven by Donald Barbury, 52, of Buffalo Grove, was involved in the accident when he hit Manrum's car.

Wheeling Fire Department paramedics had to use special tools to remove Manrum from her vehicle. She was first taken to Glenbrook Hospital before being transferred to Evanston Hospital.

Davis suffered facial cuts while the other drivers were not seriously injured.

Wheeling Police said Davis was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions.

Lollipop Lane set to open soon

Life 12-10

FOR THE ninth year, the old church in Chamber Park will be transformed into a winter wonderland.

It's time for the return of Lollipop Lane.

The annual decorating of the chapel and the subsequent visit from Santa begins Saturday, Dec. 12 and will continue through Dec. 22.

Lollipop Lane will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on weekends and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. during the week.

In addition to the guests of honor, Santa and Mrs. Claus, there are animated figures from Perron Geber Company along with an array of holiday decorations.

The Wheeling Historical Society will be selling holiday baked goods. Lollipop Lane is sponsored by the Wheeling Park District.

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Lenz went home to Lake Forest in 1971. He has since gone through several pair — "Like getting used to new shoes," he said.

It was tough for him to watch others play sports those first months out of the hospital, he said, but the tougher adjustment belonged to his family and friends.

NOW, AS THEN, Lenz uses humor to dispel awkwardness by others about a condition he approaches matter-of-factly. His personal campaign to be treated routinely is easier now because he has learned to walk with only a mild limp. "People will come up and ask me if I have a sprained ankle, and I'll say yes. It's easier."

After unsatisfactory stints as a bookkeeper and mail clerk, Lenz learned from a friend in April, 1974, that Wheeling police were looking for disabled veterans to work in their new police station. With his training largely sub-

sidized by the Veterans Administration, Lenz began a career that has made him the department's most experienced communications specialist.

Wheeling police Lt. Donald Nelson, originator of the veterans hiring policy in the department, said the department would have hired as many as six veterans "if they were all as good as Dieter," Nelson said.

"I'm considerably impressed by his ability to perform any work task," Nelson said.

Lenz, who lives in Libertyville with his wife and two children, said his professional ambition is to upgrade his position to communications supervisor, a job that presently doesn't exist. Such a move would involve putting Lenz, a civilian officer, in charge of the department's communications and records division. Nelson said such a move is only a matter of time.

Township roads to be snowplowed

An agreement to plow slightly more than one mile of Wheeling Township roads for \$1,776 has been approved by the Wheeling Village Board.

The village now will be responsible for plowing and salting unincorporated roads near Wheeling High School and Pal-Waukee Airport that are contiguous to the village. The agreement will run from Dec. 1 to April 15, 1982.

Buffalo Grove has entered into a similar agreement with township officials. Wheeling Township Highway Commissioner Thomas Gillis is trying to pare down his operations by selling the equipment and contracting out the work to neighboring municipalities.

Village officials have determined the cost of plowing one mile of road is \$93.

Billboard definition changed

A new Wheeling sign code that defines a billboard as any sign larger than 150 square feet and costing less than \$10,000 to erect has been adopted by trustees.

The change was made necessary after the billboard provision of the sign code was declared unconstitutional by Cook County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Schwaba. The village previously defined billboards as signs that advertised services at a different location, but that law was struck down because it was seen as an attempt to regulate the content of the signs.

Village officials hope to eliminate all billboards in the village by the end of this year.

Office building gets nod

Trustees have granted final site approval to a civil engineering firm to construct a two-story office building at 562 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

The building, which will be the second on the site, will house several offices for Pearson-Holt.

The firm first asked for construction permission last year, but village officials, concerned that the building would not conform with redevelopment plans for the area, rejected the plan because it would put two buildings on a single lot. Because of setback requirements, the existing office building does not conform to village codes and would have to be removed by 2003, village officials said. Company officials argued it would create a hardship if they were forced to tear it down now.

The village plan commission agreed and granted final approval to the plans.

Construction of the new office, which isn't expected to get under way until next year, will cost about \$200,000.

Liquor fee to be refunded

A \$1,500 liquor license fee will be refunded to the owners of the Newberry Place restaurant, which was stripped of its license for filing an incomplete liquor license application.

The village board approved the refund after the village liquor commission recommended that the fee be returned since the village accepted and held the money although owner William Ware failed to list the address of the establishment.

The restaurant, 1750 Hintz Road, closed late last year, but the liquor license was renewed in April. Ware apparently lost his lease after new owners took over the shopping center at the corner of Hintz and Wolf roads.

George and Efrain Mallet, owners of El Amigo, 1 S. Wolf Road, Prospect Heights, have applied for the license and hope to open at the same site a restaurant called Puerto Vallarta.

Tool firm to get low-cost loan

The village board has agreed to issue a \$4 million low-interest loan to a Wheeling firm that wants to build a new plant.

Courtesy Mold and Tool Corp. will use the money to buy land, build a new plant and buy equipment, creating 80 to 100 new jobs in the village. The firm has arranged to purchase a four-acre site on Peterson Drive, just west of Wolf Road and Pal-Waukee Airport.

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Pal-Waukee talks to take off

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By Eddy McNeil

AFTER THREE YEARS and a \$120,000 study, Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials will discuss Thursday the feasibility of buying Pal-Waukee Airport.

Officials from both communities and representatives from Northbrook, Glenview and Mt. Prospect are to meet with members of the airport consulting firm, Ralph Burke & Associates Inc. of Park Ridge. The firm was commissioned to find out if Wheeling and Prospect Heights can afford to buy the facility, at Palatine Road and Milwaukee Avenue. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., near Wheeling.

J. Larry Donoghue, president of the consulting firm, released figures in August estimating that it will cost about \$52.5 million to buy the airport and make improvements to bring the facility into line with Federal Aviation Administration guidelines for

publicly owned airports. The facility is privately owned and guidelines for open space and safety requirements are more stringent for publicly owned airfields.

GEORGE PRIESTER, who owns the airport, approached municipal officials in September, 1978, about selling the facility. Priester, 73, said he wanted to sell the property to avoid the huge estate taxes that his heirs would have to pay if they wanted the property. Although Priester said he considered closing the airport, the state's second busiest after O'Hare International Airport, and selling the land for industrial uses, he said he would rather see the airport continue to operate.

Officials in Prospect Heights and Wheeling have said they were interested in the facility because the airport is an attractive selling point in convincing industry to locate in the area. The two municipalities, which each have a portion of the airport in their

respective limits, will form an airport authority to run the facility if they decide to buy it. The purchase could come as early as 1983.

Donoghue estimated that the communities would have to sell \$3,810,000 to \$6,460,000 in revenue bonds, which would be repaid with money earned from airport operations, to finance their portion of the price. The consultant said he expects 80 to 90 percent of the purchase and improvement costs to be picked up by the Federal Airport Development Aid Program.

ASSISTANT WHEELING Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said Tuesday that he expects officials to concentrate on cost figures and noise problems at Thursday's session.

Although Thursday's meeting will be limited to questions from officials a Jan. 18 public hearing, also in the country club, will provide a forum for others to ask questions.

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Consultant recommends towns buy Pal-Waukee

12-11-81 Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Prospect Heights and Wheeling officials should consider buying Pal-Waukee Airport to control its operations instead of simply trying to keep the airport from closing, a consultant studying the airport's purchase said Thursday night.

Airport consultant Larry Donoghue told a meeting of elected officials from both towns that the public purchase of Pal-Waukee would have "considerable advantages" to both towns. By purchasing the airport, Donoghue said, the towns could control operations at the facility.

And while he is optimistic that federal budget cutbacks will not affect aviation funds, he cautioned the officials to pursue the acquisition of Pal-Waukee only if "major amounts of federal funds" are available.

DONOGHUE ALSO said that federal money should be available to buy homes from residents in areas that needed for buffer zones. More funds will be available to help noise-proof homes.

But Donoghue emphasized that noise

levels and operations will not expand under public ownership.

Three years ago the two towns hired Donoghue to complete a \$120,000 feasibility study on public ownership. Donoghue said it will cost \$53 million to buy the airport and develop it into a public facility over the next 20 years. That figure includes land purchases and the relocation of the intersection of Wolf and Hintz roads.

The cost to the two communities would be about \$3 million with the balance paid with state and federal funds. Donoghue also has proposed a one-time \$5 million revenue bond issue with revenues from the airport, including landing fees, used to pay back the loan.

After the meeting, two members of the Citizens Airport Advisory Group questioned some of the consultant's results. "We feel that the more operations expand, the more noise there will be," said Herb March, a Mount Prospect resident and member of the group.

March and others of the group said they would ask for a binding referendum in Prospect Heights on whether the village should buy the facility.

Vote to stop airport purchase eyed

by Jean Rudolph

Herald staff writer

A citizens' group that objects to the proposed purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport by Prospect Heights and Wheeling is hoping to thwart the plan by placing a binding referendum on the April 1982 ballot in Prospect Heights.

Warren Sunde, vice president of the

Citizens Airport Advisory Group, said that since Prospect Heights is not a home-rule community, he believes a group of citizens may have the power to place a binding question on the ballot. That would mean Prospect Heights would have to abide by the voters' decision on the privately owned facility.

"The people should have a say in

this," Sunde said. "It would be overwhelmingly against the purchase of Pal-Waukee — in both towns."

THE GROUP doesn't plan to try to hold a similar referendum in Wheeling because Sunde said he doesn't think a referendum would be legally binding in Wheeling since it is a home-rule community.

But Prospect Heights City Attorney Donald Kreger said he doesn't think a binding referendum would be legal in his town either. Although he said he hasn't researched the matter, he believes the group would be able to put only an advisory referendum on the ballot in Prospect Heights as well.

Merle Janowitz of the Illinois State Board of Elections said residents can put an advisory question on a ballot if 25 percent of the registered voters sign petitions in favor of it. The petitions must be submitted to local election officials prior to 78 days before an election.

But she said she knew of no provisions in state statutes that allow residents to hold a binding referendum. The usual procedure is for a municipi-

ality to put a question to voters.

Prospect Heights and Wheeling several years ago hired a consultant to study the possibility of public ownership. Consultant Larry Donoghue has said it will cost \$53 million to buy the airport and develop it into a public facility over the next 20 years, but the cost to the two communities would be about \$3 million with the balance paid with state and federal funds.

RESIDENTS HAVE expressed concern about possible expansion of the airport and the creation of more air traffic and noise above their homes.

The two towns recently approved the circulation of 14 general questions and answers about the proposed purchase because of the strenuous objections. The material states that both towns have indicated they are willing to consider an advisory referendum.

Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said the city council has discussed the referendum issue, and "I think their viewpoint is that they might have one if the people wanted one, but it would not be binding."

Young artists win summer scholarships

A junior at Wheeling High School and a 7th grader at Holmes Junior High have been awarded summer art scholarships to the Art Institute in an art competition sponsored by Wheeling's municipal relations commission.

Steve Mearek and Marc Glick both won scholarships for the artwork they contributed to Wheeling's "Exhibit of Indigenous Young Artists," held last week at the Indian Trails Library.

Mearek won the scholarship for a painting of a young couple and a piano done with poster paint. Glick's colored chalk picture depicted a stylized bird in a tree. Both artists were presented their awards by Village President Sheila Schultz at a reception this week.

The competition, which included artwork from 62 students, was judged by art teachers from the schools, including St. Joseph the Worker School, whose students also participated in the exhibit. The public also was allowed to vote on the artwork.

The winning pictures will be displayed in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Library to rent light for now

Indian Trails Library officials will be renting a street light to be installed in front of the facility within two weeks, because the Village of Wheeling has been unable to provide one.

The library will rent a temporary light from Commonwealth Edison for \$16 a month because officials said the

entrance to the library at 355 S. Schoenbeck Road in Wheeling is too dark.

The building, which opened in February of this year, is set back from the road and the entrance is surrounded by a grove of trees.

Library officials said they have written to the village several times seeking a light, but have not been assured one will be installed. Although the library is included in a street lighting improvement program, village officials said it is not a high priority. Permanent street lights were estimated by village officials to cost between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

Buying airport 1 solution to noise

SUBMITTED TRIB 12-14-81

By Eddy McNeil

FEDERAL FUNDS could be available to buy houses of residents living in high noise level areas around Pal-Waukee Airport if Wheeling and Prospect Heights buy the facility, an airport consultant said Friday.

But it is debatable whether there is money to help those who wish to remain in the area and contend with the noise, said George Euring, chief of planning and reports for the consultant, Ralph Burke & Associates Inc., Park Ridge.

"I suspect at some time in the future the issue of funding for private residential housing will be addressed, but right now it's a gray area," he said.

J. LARRY DONOGHUE, president of the firm, urged elected officials Thursday in Wheeling and Prospect Heights to buy the airport during a presentation on the third

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Water rate, tax hikes to pay for lake water

Daily Herald 12-15-81

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A 53 percent increase in Wheeling's water rates next year coupled with a 38-cent increase in the village property tax rate will be needed to cover the cost of bringing Lake Michigan water to Wheeling residents.

Wheeling residents currently pay 90 cents per 1,000 gallons of water. Village officials have estimated that the rate will have to increase to \$1.92 next year and \$3.33 by 1986.

The proposed increase in property taxes will mean that an average resident who owns a house with an equalized assessed value of \$19,000 will pay an additional \$72 a year in taxes. The current tax is \$135 on that same house.

But Village Manager Thomas Markus cautioned village trustees Monday night that the estimated increases were based "on the worst possible scenario." Improvements in the economy and a drop in interest rates could change the rates slightly, he said.

THE INCREASES ARE needed to cover Wheeling's share of bringing lake water to the village. Wheeling belongs to the Northwest Water Commission, which plans to build an \$82 million, 25-mile pipeline from Evanston to

bring water to the Northwest suburbs. Other members of the commission include Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine.

Officials have estimated that current well supplies will be depleted in five years, making lake water a necessity. Engineering studies have indicated that the village will also have to make some \$6 million in internal improvements to make the village water system ready to receive lake water. That work will include 43,000 feet in water mains, two new pumping stations and two more elevated storage tanks.

Trustee John Cole called the proposed increases a "cannon shell." He expressed concern that residents would be paying large increases for two years without getting any Lake Michigan water. Current estimates set the arrival date for the lake water in July 1984.

But Village President Sheila Schultz said benefits, such as the eventual absence of summer sprinkling bans and a marked improvement in water taste and quality, should help to justify the increases.

Village officials expect to hold a public hearing on the proposed increases in January.

\$52.7 million estimated cost

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Buy airport, towns told

UPDATE

WITH THE long-awaited public hearing a little more than a month away, members of the Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport held a meeting Thursday, Dec. 10 to again review the feasibility report being prepared by airport consultants Ralph Burke and Associates. In addition to TAC members, representatives of area municipal governments attended to learn some of the background to proposals being made by Burke and Associates.

The public hearing is scheduled to be held at the Chevy Chase Country Club on Jan. 28. Information will be available prior to the hearing.

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES should buy and improve Palwaukee Airport for \$52.7 million with the help of federal and state funds, according to consultants Ralph Burke and Associates.

The consulting firm made its recommendations Dec. 10 during a meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee.

TAC includes representatives from the sponsoring communities of Wheeling and Prospect Heights, as well as from Glenview, Mount Prospect, Northbrook, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Illinois Department of Transportation's Aeronautics Division, the Northwest Municipal Conference, the Chicago Area Transportation Study and Cook County. Glenview, officials did not attend the Dec. 10 meeting.

LARRY DONOGHUE, president of the consulting firm, said acquisition of the airport is

he said interest and other revenue should provide enough money to pay for the second and third phases of the program without issuing additional bonds. Annual airport revenue should be 50 percent above what is needed to pay for the revenue bonds, he said, and should guard against an unexpectedly light year.

well as relocation of the Wheeling drainage ditch. Cost of this stage was estimated at \$41.2 million

The second stage would deal primarily with the relocation of Wolf and Hintz roads and is expected to cost nearly \$8.7 million. Also scheduled in this phase are runway improvements to increase the strength and width, but not the length of the runways; taxiway construction; lighting improvements; and construction of additional hangars by private individuals.

Further runway, taxiway and lighting improvements, plus terminal-area improvements, are planned for the third stage, which is expected to cost

\$2.8 million.

Donoghue was optimistic federal and state funds would pick up 80 to 90 percent of the costs. The local share could be financed through the sale of revenue bonds, he said.

Donoghue said revenue bonds were recommended because the communities originally had stipulated they did not want to use local tax monies to finance airport acquisition. "A revenue bond issue removes any of the problems involved with selling general obligation bonds, which put a tax on real estate," he said. "The revenue bonds are a user charge, so they don't put an increased tax on residents."

Consultant urges Pal-Waukee purchase

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and final phase of a three-year airport study commissioned by the communities. Public ownership would give the communities more control over the facility, including the possibility of instituting night curfews, and would open new sources of federal funds, he said.

Under the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979, federal funds would be available to the communities for land acquisition and soundproofing of public buildings to fight aircraft noise around the airport, Euring said. The act doesn't provide for grants to help soundproof privately owned buildings, but Euring said, "that could change tomorrow."

"Noise has just been recognized as enough of a problem to spend money on," he said.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS and Wheeling are considering buying the airport at Palatine Road and Milwaukee Avenue from George Priester, who approached the communities

with the idea three years ago.

Priester, 73, told officials at the time that he feared the airport would have to be sold and possibly closed if he died because of huge estate taxes. Although family members now say that wouldn't happen, Donoghue said the communities shouldn't abandon the idea of buying the facility.

"I think the need is still here," he said. "It's hard for private ownership to make money running an airport because it takes so much land."

WHEELING AND Prospect Heights, which wouldn't be subject to real estate property taxes, should be able to break even on the airport operation, he said.

The consultant estimates it will cost \$52.7 million to purchase the airport and make necessary improvements to bring it into compliance with federal guidelines for publicly owned facilities. Guidelines are stricter for publicly owned facilities than for privately owned ones.

The municipalities would issue \$2.8 million to \$4.8 million in revenue bonds and the federal government would provide the remainder of the \$41.2 million that is to be spent in the first phase of the project, Donoghue said. The first phase would consist of purchasing the airport and additional land to meet safety requirements. Airport improvements and relocation of Wolf and Hintz Roads would be completed in later phases of the 20-year project.

ALTHOUGH HE SAID federal money should be available to help purchase the airport, he cautioned officials they would have to abandon the project without the funds.

As part of the first phase, nine houses, two mobile homes and seven businesses would have to be acquired and either moved or

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Costs of lake water work to be detailed

Wheeling trustees will hear a presentation tonight on the improvements needed to the village water system and costs involved to bring Lake Michigan water to village residents.

Wheeling is part of the Northwest Water Commission, which is planning to build a 23-mile, \$82.4 million pipeline from the Evanston water plant. Other member towns are Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine.

It has been estimated that the village needs \$6 million in improvements to the water system before Lake Michigan water can be delivered. Those improvements would include two 2.5-million-gallon water storage tanks, 42,200 feet of water mains and pumping stations. The village has hired the Chicago engineering firm of Alvord, Burdick and Howson for \$495,000 to study the system and design the improvements.

The village staff, along with James Holzwart, executive director of the Northwest Water Commission, will meet with the board for the informal presentation. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Herald Neighbor 12-17-81

Santa arrives and kids make their gift lists

Youngsters were bundled up against the cold Saturday as they waited in line for the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus at Wheeling's Lollipop Lane.



Standing at their sleigh, Santa and Mrs. Claus wave the crowd at Chamber Park.



Kelley Powers appears to have Santa's undivided attention as she gives him her Christmas list. She was one of several youngsters who made their annual pilgrimage to the jolly fellow's lap at Chamber Park.

Photos by
Rosemary Kaul

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Steer clear of Palatine Rd. this winter, police advise

by Donna Duncan

Herald correspondent

There's snow falling as you drive west down Palatine Road between Milwaukee Avenue and Schoenbeck Road. You're in the outside lane.

Suddenly, another car swerves into your path; you try to avoid the collision but you can't.

You've become a victim of what police call one of the most hazardous winter-time stretches of road in the village.

The others are:

- Palatine Road between Wolf Road and Ill.

Rte. 83.

- Wolf Road between Hintz Road and Palatine Road along Pal-Waukee airport.

- Lake Cook Road between Milwaukee and Weiland Road.

AND ALTHOUGH EXACT figures on the number of accidents in these areas are not available, police urge motorists to drive extremely carefully through these spots once the snow starts falling.

Sgt. Jack Kimsey, traffic division commander of the Wheeling Police, said Wolf Road between Hintz and Palatine roads "is a high incident area where people get stuck or

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Cops give tips for safe driving

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spin out."

Areas that become hazardous because of drifting snow include Lake-Cook Road between Milwaukee and Weiland Road.

Kimsey said that the month of December usually is the worst for accidents because of bad weather and holiday parties.

"DWI (DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED CASES) goes up considerably during this time," he said. "We don't like to do it (arrest people) but it's our job. We want to get them (drunken drivers) off the road. If they were using common sense, we wouldn't have to arrest them."

While Kimsey suggests that staying off the road completely in bad weather is the safest driving tip, using common sense while driving is the best habit to follow. Other tips that will save hassles and prevent accidents are:

- Slow down.
- Brake before coming to a stoplight and pump the brakes instead of slamming them.
- If the car spins, turn the steering wheel into the direction of the spin.
- If you have had too much to drink, have someone else drive or call a cab.

Traffic accidents for last December increased 55 percent over the previous year, police said. One-hundred-thirty-five accidents were reported compared to 87 in December 1979.

However, total traffic accidents for 1980 have decreased 11 percent overall with 994 accidents reported as compared to 1,117 in 1979.

Kimsey attributes the decrease to the traffic enforcement program, which is subsidized by the federal government.

"The grant helped to improve and modernize the program," said Kimsey. "It helped keep our heads above water."

The program includes four full-time officers who are scheduled to enforce traffic safety in primary accident areas seven days a week between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. The areas chosen for accident control are Dundee Road, Milwaukee Road and Rt. 83.

Appeals court upholds firing of Wheeling cop

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

The Illinois Appellate Court Wednesday refused to overturn the firing of former Wheeling Police Lt. Thomas Conte, who was dismissed for using excessive force during an arrest.

Conte, a 16-year veteran and second in command to then-Police Chief Ted Bracke, was fired in May 1980 after he was charged with forcing a cocked and loaded pistol into the mouth of a 20-year-old man he was arresting.

In a written opinion, the court said the "overwhelming weight of evidence" supported the decision of the Wheeling Fire and Police Commission to fire Conte. "We do not believe that the plaintiff's use of deadly force was necessary or justified," the court said.

The incident began with what police initially thought was a bank robbery at Hoyne Savings and Loan, 699 W. Dundee Road.

A WOMAN REPORTED that she had seen two men sitting in a parked car outside the bank, assembling a shotgun. Later, it was revealed the men had recently purchased the gun and were only inspecting it.

Two officers who were summoned to

the scene testified that they already had removed and handcuffed the driver of the vehicle, and a third officer had his gun trained on the passenger, a 20-year-old Wheeling resident, when Conte arrived.

One of the officers testified he had holstered his weapon when he saw the shotgun, lying unassembled between the car's bucket seats. But Conte leaned into the car, stuck his gun into the man's mouth and told him to "suck on this," threatening to "blow his brains all over the car," the officer testified.

The police board fired Conte, saying he projected an "image of brutality to the community." Conte appealed that decision, but the police board's decision was upheld by a county judge last December.

John Brohier, the attorney who represented the village, said Conte's last option is to ask the Illinois Supreme Court for a hearing. But Brohier said he doubted the court would agree to hear the case because there was "nothing unique" about the issues involved.

Conte's attorney, Stanley Jakala, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Wheeling water, tax rates may jump

SUBURBAN TRIB 12/17

By Eddy McNeil

WHEELING RESIDENTS probably will see a \$1 per thousand gallon increase in water rates next year, the first stage of a fourfold rate increase by the time Lake Michigan water reaches the village in 1986.

And while digging in one pocket to pay those increased costs, residents can count on reaching into the other pocket to pay for an estimated 50 percent increase in their village property tax bill that also will be needed to pay for the water system, members of the village board were told Monday.

Those estimates are based on Wheeling's share of building a \$68.5 million pipeline to obtain lake water from Evanston and another \$6 million to upgrade the village's water system, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said.

RESIDENTS WILL BE paying \$3.80 per thousand gallons of water by 1986, up from the current 90 cents, Fialkowski said, and their property tax rates will increase to \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation from 71 cents per \$100.

A resident with a home assessed at \$10,000 who uses 20,000 gallons of water per quarter pays \$71 in village taxes and \$72 in water charges each year. After the increases, he will pay \$110 in taxes and \$304 for water per year.

Although Fialkowski admitted the increases are huge, he said they are necessary. "Water has been cheap for a long time," he said. "But the water's disappearing below us, and there's just no other way to go."

RESIDENTS IN BUFFALO Grove, Arlington Heights and Palatine, the other

members of the Northwest Water Commission, also will be paying more, but different communities will be assessing the costs in different ways. The communities must bring lake water to their borders because ground water supplies are being depleted.

Fialkowski said the village's plans to divide the cost between the water rate and property tax bill to make sure everyone who benefits from the lake water will help pay for it.

"It's an attempt to spread the cost of the improvements to the property owners whose land is vacant," he explained. "They aren't currently using the water but they certainly will benefit from the improvements when they decide to develop the land."

THE FIRST WATER rate increase probably will show up on residents' second

quarter bills next year, which become due in June, Fialkowski said. The village has tentatively scheduled a public hearing Feb. 8 to discuss the increase, he said.

Fialkowski said the community's water system, which uses seven wells, is in good shape, but the village must install up to 50,000 feet of larger transmission lines, interconnect the system and build two reservoirs and pump stations to accommodate the lake water. A little more than \$1 million could be saved if the pumps can be eliminated from the system, a proposal under study, he said.

The water commission hopes to work out a financing plan at a meeting next Tuesday, said James Holzwart, commission administrator. Members are leaning toward financing 85 percent of the cost of the system with revenue bonds, he said, and the remaining 15 percent with general obligation bonds.

Reminder 12-17-81

Who will pay the pipe? Local villages get bill

By RICK SORCI

Wheeling's share of the Lake Michigan water pipeline will be approximately \$18 million. Buffalo Grove can expect to assume nearly \$13 of the pipeline's cost. Officials Monday released estimated cost figures to bring Lake Michigan water to the village.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$86 million for the members of the Northwest Water Commission (Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights and Palatine).

Wheeling must pay 14 per cent of the entire project — \$12.04 million. An additional \$6 million for improvements to its present water system must also be spent.

To cover the costs, Village of Wheeling officials are recommending increases in water rates and property taxes.

If approved by the village trustees, Wheeling residents, who currently pay 90 cents per 1,000 gallons of water, will see that figure rise to \$1.93 next year. That figure increases annually. By 1986, the cost will balloon to \$3.83 per 1,000 gallons.

Buffalo Grove, which will probably go a similar route as Wheeling, will pay 15 per cent of the entire cost — \$12.9 million. Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling said the village is in the same position as Wheeling.

"We have to make certain improvements on our water system, as

well," he said. "We also expect our water rates to increase dramatically. There's nothing anybody can do about it. There's only so much well water, and supply is going down."

Northwest Water Commission members will meet on Jan. 22 to determine the best way to go about financing the project.

The consensus of commission members

is to finance 85 per cent of cost through revenue bonds and 15 per cent general obligation bonds.

The commission would issue the revenue bonds, while the general obligation bonds would be issued by each of the commission members' respective municipality.

In addition, property taxes are

estimated to rise 39 1/2 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for early February to allow Wheeling residents to voice their opinions on the water and tax rate projected increases.

"We've based these figures on the worst possible scenario," said Thomas Markus.

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Water bill—

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village manager of Wheeling. "If the economy improves and if interest rates go down, there could be a change in our estimates."

According to village officials, there is no choice in the matter.

"We're running out of well water," said Robert Fialkowski, assistant village manager. "Our estimates show that, without lake water, Wheeling is going to run out of well water in 5 to 10 years."

Wheeling residents have long complained about the quality of the village's well water supply. The lake water is expected to improve both taste and quality.

If approved by the trustees, residents would realize an increase in their water bills next spring. Since 1982 taxes are collected the following year, taxpayers won't see that increase for another year.

Since lake water isn't scheduled to arrive in the area until the spring of 1984, people will be paying for a service they won't be receiving for two years.

Trustee John Cole was concerned about this.

"For these increases, the consumer realizes nothing," he said. "He doesn't get anything in return until 1983. Then the prices really go up."

The high interest on bonds is the reason, said Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters.

"It will cost us less money to pay off the interest on the bonds if we start paying on them next year," he said.

Hearing on spending funds to fix homes set

Herald 12/18

Wheeling officials will hold a public hearing today to discuss spending \$75,000 to help residents in the village's older neighborhoods to rehabilitate their homes.

The money came to the village in the form of federal community development block grants, and Wheeling Planner Richard Greenwood said the village staff is working on a distribution program that probably will be ready this spring.

Greenwood said the hearing is a federal requirement and will give residents a chance to comment on how the public money will be spent. Applications for the money will not be taken until the program is formally started.

Last year the village received \$75,000 for housing rehabilitation as part of a larger three-year package of federal grants. Under the program, homeowners in the older areas of the village could apply for the money to make improvements to their property. Greenwood said the village had hoped to distribute the money through low-interest loans, but soaring interest rates have caused village officials to postpone the entire program until this

spring. Greenwood said officials also postponed the program's start to see if the village received more funds this year. In October the Cook County board approved Wheeling's request for \$125,000 in federal funding for the program.

To qualify for the money, property owners must meet a variety of federal standards including income guidelines for low- and middle-income families. The homes also must be deficient. The money only can be used to make improvements to bring the property to code or "substantial compliance" with village codes.

The money can be used for improvements to the property such as electrical wiring, furnace repair and replacement, roof work, and insulation.

The program is part of Wheeling's effort to rehabilitate the village's downtown area, especially along Milwaukee Avenue. Additional federal funds also are being used to build a senior citizens center and senior housing near the corner of Milwaukee and Strong Street.

The hearing will be at 2 p.m. in village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Court backs firing of Wheeling cop

SUBURBAN TRIB 12-18

By Eleanor Nelson

THE FIRING of a Wheeling policeman for placing a loaded service revolver in or near the mouth of a potential bank robbery suspect was reaffirmed Wednesday by the 1st District Illinois Appellate Court, Chicago.

Thomas Conte, 44, a 17-year veteran of the Wheeling Police Department, was fired in May, 1980, after a police board found he used unnecessary restraint and unnecessarily displayed his firearm when he put his gun in or near the mouth of the suspect.

The firing was affirmed in Cook County Circuit Court a year ago by Judge James C. Murray who found that Conte "must have known that his actions flew in the face of every responsible and traditional police procedure."

CONTE CONTENDED he thought he was encountering a dangerous situation when he approached two armed men suspected of plotting to rob Hoyle Savings & Loan Association, 699 Dundee Rd.

Three other policemen at the scene of the March, 1980, incident testified that the situation was under control when Conte arrived on the scene.

Jakala said he will appeal the case to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Conte filed his appeal to the Appellate Court in January.

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Developer seeks annexation, rezoning

The developer of a Wheeling industrial park is asking the village to annex 3.5 acres of land he owns just west of Pal-Waukee Airport.

Clarence Marquardt, who owns the Wheeling Center for Industry, also has asked the village to rezone the property from a residential to a light industrial use. The site, just south of Fox Lane, is currently zoned by Cook County for single family residential use.

Marquardt's attorney Morris Dyer said his client has no immediate plans to develop the property.

THE AREA around the property is developed with single family houses to the north and the airport to the east.

The land south of the proposed annexation is also vacant. The village plan commission already approved both requests and the village staff agrees that the zoning would be compatible with the surrounding land areas. Marquardt's industrial park is located just south of the proposed annexation.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said Marquardt's land has been removed from an annexation suit between Prospect Heights and Wheeling, clearing the way for the village annexation. Earlier this year Prospect Heights sued Wheeling, challenging the village's annexation of the northern half of the airport. The annexation was

also challenged in a separate suit, filed by a group of residents west of the airport who wanted to annex to Prospect Heights but were cut off from the city's borders by the Wheeling annexation. That suit has been taken to appeals court.

Under the annexation agreement, Marquardt will be required to install water and sewer lines on the property. He will also be required to help pay for the extension of Fox Lane to provide access to Wolf Road, before the village will issue any building permits for the land.

Markus said the village board will consider the request in January.



Herald 12/21

Village expected to hire attorney

A Northbrook attorney is expected to be hired by Wheeling as the new village prosecutor, replacing the law firm that currently handles the work.

If approved today by the village board, Steven J. Handler will be paid \$650 a month to prosecute village cases. The move comes as part of Wheeling's effort to hire a full-time staff attorney and a prosecutor to handle the village's legal work. The staff attorney has not been hired yet.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said Handler "had a wealth of experience," and that he was chosen out of 30 applicants for the position. Since 1979, Handler has served as city attorney and prosecutor for Zion. He has also done legal work for officials in Highwood.

The village currently retains the Chicago firm of Jann, Carroll, Sain & Dolan and pays them a \$43,000 yearly retainer for legal services. This fall village officials decided to also hire a full-time attorney to increase staff contact with the attorney and make the village's legal operations more efficient. Village officials have said hiring a staff attorney will not significantly decrease the village's legal costs.

Trustees Monday also will consider an interim agreement with the current firm to provide legal services through March, at which time village officials expect to have hired a staff attorney. The agreement includes a 7.2 per cent increase in the monthly retainer, \$3,583 to \$3,841, and an additional \$6,000 payment for work done on a bond issue earlier this year.

The village board will meet to consider both issues at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Herald 12/21

Referendums on Pal-Waukee

Doubtless motivated by sincere concern, some homeowners near Pal-Waukee Airport seek a binding referendum on its proposed purchase by two neighboring villages, Prospect Heights and Wheeling. The homeowners, sensing overwhelming opposition to the purchase, are convinced a binding referendum would thwart the purchase once and for all.

Maybe it would, maybe it wouldn't. Either way, their effort is questionable from both a practical and a legal point of view.

In practical terms, a binding referendum would serve little purpose. If their hunch is wrong — if in fact the purchase were approved — then a binding referendum would defeat their own purpose. A binding referendum would be binding regardless of its outcome, and it could require the airport to be purchased regardless of price or financing. If, on the other hand, voters were to reject the proposal by the overwhelming margin foreseen by the homeowners, then there would be little to fear even without a binding vote — for both villages have agreed to hold advisory referendums beforehand and would not be inclined to buck overwhelming opposition.

In legal terms, a binding referendum would be mired in doubt. A spokesman for the Illinois Board of Elections reports that state law neither allows nor forbids residents to hold a binding referendum; the statutory vacuum leaves serious questions of procedure. (State law does provide a procedure to call for advisory referendums, and it lays down a specific procedure to be followed for them.) Thus, anything other than an advisory referendum would very likely be subject to lengthy litigation with wholly unpredictable results.

In any event, as long as both Prospect Heights and Wheeling have indicated a willingness to hold an advisory referendum prior to deciding whether to buy the airport, the homeowners will have an opportunity to speak out. And regardless of the ultimate decision, Pal-Waukee will very likely continue to be a busy airport. As the busiest private airport in the United States, it serves too great a function to be capriciously closed down. Someone, whether a private individual or an agency of government, almost certainly will operate it as an airport. That likelihood has to be faced.

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The week ahead

Trustees to discuss special sign district

The creation of a special sign district for the Skil industrial subdivision of the Corporate Square development will be considered tonight by Wheeling trustees.

Padolsky & Associates, the developer of the office complex located at Wolf and Palatine Roads, has asked the village to approve a package of four signs, including an identification, directory and traffic control signs. The appearance commission is recommending that the sign designs be approved.

Village officials created special sign districts as a way of controlling the design and appearance of large groups of signs, such as those in shopping centers and industrial parks. The board will consider the request at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

AN AGREEMENT that will allow the Wheeling police to enforce traffic laws at the Riverside Plaza shopping center also will be discussed tonight by trustees.

Village officials usually enter into these types of agreements with the owners of shopping centers and developments. The agreement will allow the police to enforce driving and parking laws and the fire department to designate fire lanes throughout the complex. The plan will also allow the village to remove abandoned cars and cars that are parked and obstruct traffic.

AN ORDINANCE that will provide for the licensing of raffles by non-profit groups also is expected to be adopted tonight by the Wheeling village board.

State law already provides for licensing, but limits the value of the prizes and requires that the drawings be held in facilities owned by the organization. Wheeling village attorneys have recommended that no limit be placed on the drawings and that the raffles be allowed in facilities that are not owned by the group.

Organizations that wish to sponsor raffles will still be required to apply for a village license, which will be issued by Village Manager Thomas Markus.

NORTHWEST WHEELING

Deductible tax hike sought for pipeline

by Elida Witthoett
Herald staff writer

A Wheeling trustee says the village should "soften the blow" of paying for Lake Michigan water by raising taxes, instead of water rates, so residents can deduct their payments from their federal income taxes.

Village officials have estimated that water bills will have to rise from 90 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$1.92 by next year and to \$3.83 by 1986 to pay to bring the lake water to Wheeling sometime in 1984. That increase has been coupled with a proposed 44 percent in the village's property tax rate.

"I'm not sure people know how much this is going to cost them," said Trustee John Cole. "Instead of increasing water rates, I suggested we look into a way the cost can be covered and people will get the tax deduction."

THE VILLAGE'S current financing plan aims at using property taxes to pay for \$6 million of internal improvements needed to the village system before it can accept lake water, said Finance Director Gregory Peters. The water rates, which are not tax deductible, will pay for Wheeling's anticipated share of the costs of building the pipeline to Evanston and the cost of buying water from that city.

Cole said the village probably cannot shift the entire cost to property taxes, but he has asked the staff to look into the matter to "try and get them the best deal possible."

Peters said the village pays for operations like the police and fire department with property taxes because these services are hard to measure on the basis of usage. Everyone uses water, but Peters said it is easier to bill residents in proportion to what they use.

"What we could do is levy a tax on property to cover the costs and then publish the day after it is received. I just received a monthly bill for the postal service in Mount Prospect."

Leonard E. Meyer
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The proposed property tax increase would mean a resident with a house at an equalized assessed value of \$19,000 will pay an additional \$72 in property taxes. The current tax is \$135 on that same house.

The new water rates will raise the bill for a typical resident from \$72 to \$140 next year and to \$309 in 1987.

Peters said village officials are continuing to study different alternatives, and that current proposals are based on assumptions, and could change in the future.

Meanwhile, a public hearing on the proposed increases has been scheduled for Feb. 8.

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Village to add connection to pipeline plan

Saying they expect future development in the southern part of Wheeling, village officials will pay up to \$10,000 for an extra connection there to a Lake Michigan water pipeline.

The other three towns in the Northwest Water Commission have only two connections each to the \$95.3 million pipeline they plan to build from Evanston, said executive director James Holzwart. The third tap for Wheeling will be added at the village's expense.

Although there is little development now in southern Wheeling near Palatine Road and the extra tap will be closed until the area is built up, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said it will cost significantly less to add the connection now than to wait 20 years and have to shut the entire pipeline to add it.

"WE HAVE NO plans at this time to use it. That would involve setting up meters and reservoirs we don't need," Fialkowski said. "But 20 years from now when they decide to put it in there they'd have to shut the whole pipe down."

Fialkowski said the village expects to pay between \$7,000 and \$10,000 for the additional connection point. The two original taps are planned for the north central area of the village.

The tap is included in an estimated \$6 million in improvements needed to Wheeling's own water system, before it can accept the lake water. That work includes 43,000 feet of water main, two new pumping stations and two more elevated tanks.

Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine are also members of the commission, which is building the 25-mile pipeline from Evanston's water plant the four communities.

75 apply for Wheeling police chief's position

WHEELING VILLAGE Manager Thomas Markus said Monday that it appears he will be choosing from among about 75 applications for police chief, an appointment he hopes to make in February.

Markus said he will continue to accept applications, which have been pouring in from around the country, until the end of the year. He will begin interviewing candidates in January. The new chief probably will be paid between \$30,000 and \$35,000 a year, Markus said, but added that the salary could be higher depending on the selection.

Markus fired former Chief Ted Bracke in September, citing what he called a need for

new leadership in the department, and appointed Lt. William Ralston acting chief. Bracke is still with the department as a lieutenant.

Eight candidates will be selected for interviews by Northwestern University Traffic Institute, Markus said, and the institute will recommend three finalists. Markus said those three will go through further interviews and testing before he decides on a new chief.

Markus said he has received several applications from within the department, but declined to say how many.

Village board wrapup

Decision on firm's loan request put off

Preliminary approval of a \$4 million low-interest loan for a California company that wants to manufacture a well-known salad dressing in Wheeling was delayed after the company failed to send a representative to the board meeting.

Clorox Company has asked Wheeling to sponsor the loan so the company can purchase a food-processing plant at 1197 S. Willis, where it has proposed to make its Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing. Mort Lang, Wheeling's bond consultant, told trustees that the company has indicated that the Wheeling plant will be "their main production facility" for the product.

The company already owns food production and distribution facilities in Addison and Chicago.

Trustee Charles Kerr said that since the company is asking for such a large amount of money, "it seems like the board's role should attract someone's attention and a representative of the company should be in attendance."

Trustee John Cole said food manufacturing can cause "a myriad of problems," and said he "wants some idea" of what the company is going to do to control problems such as rodents and other pests.

Action on the request was postponed until the board meeting scheduled for Jan. 4.

Special sign district OK'd

The creation of a special sign district for the Corporate Square development, near the corner of Palatine and Wolf roads, has been approved by the Wheeling village board.

Padolsky & Associates, the complex's developer, presented a sign package that included an identification, directory and traffic control signs. Village officials created special sign districts as a means of controlling the design and appearance of large signs in shopping centers and industrial developments.

Trustee John Cole voted against approving the package, questioning why an office building needed such a large identification sign.

Developer Randy Padolsky said a large sign was needed since Palatine Road is a high speed road and drivers need to be able to see the sign in time to reduce their speed and exit to road before they pass the building.

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For more information, contact the Arlington Heights Social Security office by calling special teleservice number, 255-6570.

Markus suspends liquor license at Hein's Pub

by Richard Chin
Herald staff writer

A Wheeling tavern owned by the parents of former village president William Hein will have its liquor license suspended four days next month for two reported incidents of selling liquor to minors.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said he issued suspension notices for Hein's Pub, 141 S. Milwaukee Ave. on Wednesday. Markus said the tavern's liquor license will be suspended Jan. 7 for the first incident and on Jan. 14, 15 and 16 for the second incident.

The tavern is owned by Gordon and Ida Hein, parents of William Hein, who was the village liquor commissioner until the village board stripped him of that power last January. He lost his bid for re-election in April.

THE SUSPENSIONS were issued because of two cases involving alleged sales of liquor to minors. On May 1, Wheeling police arrested James

Kedroski, 20, of 255 S. Wheeling Ave. and William Merrill, a bartender, after an officer discovered Kedroski sitting in the tavern with an open bottle of beer. The incident took place less than a week after Wheeling's liquor commission, comprising members of the village board, renewed the tavern's license.

Then on May 29, Wheeling police arrested tavern employee Theron Palm for selling liquor to a 17-year-old girl. Both Palm and Merrill were acquitted on charges of selling liquor to a minor. But Markus said, in his opinion the incidents occurred, and it is in his power to issue the suspensions.

The pub's license was renewed by the liquor commission in late April despite earlier police reports indicating minors had reported buying liquor at the tavern on three occasions last fall.

BUT MARKUS said since the two incidents in May, tavern owners Ida and Gordon tightened control of liquor sales there.

"I think they've gotten the mes-

sage," Markus said.

Markus said this is the second time he has issued a suspension of a liquor license since he was given that power last spring by the ordinance creating the liquor commission. He said he gave a one-day suspension to Hilltop Inn, 322 N. Milwaukee Ave., for selling liquor to a minor.

Markus said the Heins can appeal his decision to the liquor commission. Neither Ida nor Gordon could be reached for comment.

Ex-mayor says act aimed at him

TRIB 12-25

By Eddy McNeil

FORMER WHEELING Village President William Hein said two suspensions of his parents' liquor license announced Thursday are directed at him.

Village Manager Thomas Markus ordered that Hein's Pub, 141 S. Milwaukee Ave., be closed on Jan. 7 and from Jan. 14 through Jan. 17 because he said he has reason to believe minors were served alcohol in the tavern on two occasions in May. Markus said he reached his decision after interviewing witnesses, policemen, tavern employees and the minors involved.

"I think it's something that's been blown out of proportion," Hein said Thursday. "I don't think any other establishment would have been treated like this."

THE ONE-DAY suspension by Markus is consistent with his handling of an underage drinking complaint against the Hilltop Inn, 322 N. Milwaukee Ave., earlier this year. He said he decided on the three-day suspension because it involved a second offense.

Although the charges were brought to Markus' attention in May, he said he wanted to wait until misdemeanor criminal charges lodged against two tavern employees in connection with the

incidents were heard in Cook County Circuit Court. A judge in August dismissed one of the cases after ruling that evidence obtained by the police was inadmissible, and found the other employee innocent in the second case.

The suspension marked the first against the tavern, and Hein said that action and the Hilltop suspension were the only two he knew of in the village in at least 15 years. Hein said earlier that while he was village president, a job that also made him liquor commissioner, he handled complaints against licensees "unofficially." Hein said village charges that he was lax in his enforcement responsibilities were politically motivated. He and most of his slate were defeated in April.

THE VILLAGE'S liquor control commission was created in January and gave the authority to regulate liquor licenses to a panel on which village board members double as commissioners.

Under the liquor commission ordinance, the village manager is authorized to investigate complaints against licensees and suspend licenses for up to 30 days. The ordinance also provides that licensees can appeal their suspensions to the commission.

Hein's parents were unavailable for comment Thursday but Hein said they are considering an appeal of the ruling.

Liquor license suspended

THE LIQUOR LICENSE held by parents of William Hein, former Wheeling president and liquor commissioner, has been suspended by Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus, who found that minors had been served in the couple's tavern twice in May. Markus said Hein's Pub, 141 S. Milwaukee Ave., was ordered to close from Jan. 7 to Jan. 10 and from Jan. 14 to Jan. 17. A charge of serving underage persons was lodged against the tavern in February, but Markus recommended that the village's Liquor Control Commission, which was created last January, not take action on the complaints because of conflicting evidence. Markus' investigation revealed at that time that two other cases of underage drinking at Hein's parents' tavern were reported while Hein was the village's only liquor commissioner. No charges were filed in connection with those cases. Hein, defeated in his bid for re-election in April, said he "unofficially" investigated those complaints and others against other liquor license holders. He said suggestions by village board members that he acted improperly at the time were politically motivated. TRIB 12-25-81

NORTHWEST WHEELING

Fire protection issue isn't

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials have asked the Cook County assessor's office for an extension on Thursday's deadline to file a tax levy abatement, while it waits for official word on whether villagers will pay taxes to the village or to a special district for fire protection next year.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said Monday he has written to Cook County Clerk Stanley Kasper requesting that the village be allowed to file for the levy reduction after Thursday's deadline. It would allow officials to abate some \$600,000 from the village tax request if Wheeling is not allowed to leave the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District on Thursday, as previously agreed.

In anticipation of the disconnection, Wheeling increased its 1981 tax levy so the village would collect the tax money to operate the fire department, instead of the money being collected by the fire protection district.

ALTHOUGH THE village and the rural fire protection district agreed to let Wheeling leave the taxing district, court action must seal the separation. A court decision on the case will probably extend beyond the Thursday deadline because the separation suit has yet to be filed in Cook County Circuit Court.

James Ryan, attorney for the fire protection district, could not be reached for comment Monday, but Peters said officials plan this week to file the necessary legal papers to disconnect the village from the district.

For years Wheeling has operated its

own village fire department, while most village residents paid property taxes to both the village and the fire protection district. The fire district taxes at a rate of 50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and last year returned \$790,000 of the collections to Wheeling to run the village fire department.

Peters said Wheeling's disconnection from the fire district will correct a taxing inequity that has existed since the district was formed 30 years ago. All Wheeling residents with the exception of 2,000 people in the village's "old town" section pay taxes to the fire district for fire protection services. When Wheeling leaves the district, all village residents, including those in "old town" will pay taxes for fire protection to the village, spreading the cost of maintaining a municipal fire department over more residents.

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Court ruling casts doubt on recall laws

by Joann Van Wye

Herald staff writer

An Illinois Appellate Court ruling Tuesday on municipal recall ordinances casts doubt on the constitutionality of such laws in Wheeling and Arlington Heights.

The court, in a unanimous opinion, ruled that no municipality can use a referendum to adopt recall procedures. However, the court ruled that

home rule units could adopt valid recall ordinances using its normal legislative powers.

In both Wheeling and Arlington Heights, ordinances establishing recall procedures were adopted after voters had approved them in referendums.

The written opinion stemmed from a Nov. 2 ruling upholding objections to a scheduled Nov. 3 recall referendum in Northlake. However, Tuesday's ruling goes beyond the Northlake referendum

question and states that home rule municipalities must pass recall ordinances and not rely on referendums.

"THE COURT IS saying that recall referendums adopted in other villages are not constitutional. The kicker, however, is if after the referendum was approved it was then adopted by ordinance," said Andrew Raucci, who represented Northlake.

"It could be argued that the ordi-

nances are not constitutional because the pillars the ordinances sit on are the votes and those have been knocked out as unconstitutional," Raucci said.

Gary Weintraub, Wheeling village attorney, said the appellate decision "left some open questions." He added that he thought Wheeling's ordinance was constitutional because it was adopted by village ordinance and later amended by the board.

Country side reminder Dec 31 1981

Hein's Pub gets license suspended for sale to minors

By SHERRY BOEMMEL

A Wheeling tavern will have no liquor license for six days because of liquor ordinance violations, village manager Thomas Markus announced Dec. 22.

The tavern, Hein's Pub, lost its license for Jan. 7-10 and 14-17 on Markus' orders. Markus said he was empowered to do so by village ordinance.

Markus said the suspension was based on his investigation of police reports of two different liquor sales to minors made by the pub.

Criminal charges made in court against the pub were dismissed in August, but Markus said evidence for this civil action did not have to be the same as for a criminal action according to a village attorney's opinion.

"I believe I satisfied the evidentiary requirements," Markus said.

William Hein, former village president of Wheeling and son of the owners of Hein's Pub, was the sole liquor commissioner during his four year term as president. The whole village board serves on the liquor commission now.

Hein said the charges against the pub are politically motivated.

"I think it's too bad my parents are taking the brunt of my being in politics," Hein said.

"The judge said not guilty. They have been chastised because they are my parents. It's not fair," Hein said.

Hein also resents continuing suggestions he did not investigate charges against Hein's Pub when he was liquor commissioner.

Hein said he referred any complaints he got to the police who investigated them, a

procedure in effect before his term. He said he knew of no suspensions for 15 or 20.

"They're trying to imply I was not doing my job as liquor commissioner," Hein said. "I was not protecting anybody."

Markus does not agree with Hein's assessment. "I'm not involved in politics," Markus said. "I made my decision based on my investigation, and I am not harassing him."

Markus said an appeal to the liquor commission can be made by the Heins'. Any commissioner (any village trustee) can also call for a hearing.

The commission has the power to lessen, lengthen, or remove any suspension or to uphold the village manager's decision.

A hearing must be held within 7 days of the appeal Markus said. The suspension could be postponed until after a hearing.

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Shakeups mark Wheeling year

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

A STUNNING political upset, a tragic murder and a shake-up in the police department were just three of the top news stories in Wheeling during 1981.

On the political scene, the biggest story by far was the victory by Sheila Schultz over William Hein in the race for Village President.

Schultz and her Wheeling Upward Party, got by Hein's Pro-Wheeling Party in all but one spot. The key, however, was the win by Schultz over Hein. She beat 1,643-1,549.

Other winners from Schultz's party included Joseph Ratajczak, William Rogers for Village Trustee and Elizabeth Hartman for Village Clerk.

The last member of the Wheeling Upward Party, James Goetch, did not win in the election, but was appointed by

Schultz and the Village Board to fill the vacancy left by Schultz when she became Village President.

Only Roger A. Powers survived the upsets by Schultz's party.

PERHAPS ONE fallout from the April upset was the firing in September of Police Chief Ted Bracke. Brought in during the Hein administration, Bracke was ousted by Village Manager Thomas M. Markus who said he thought it was time for a change. Markus dismissed Bracke from his post Sept. 25 saying there was too much factionalization in the Police Department and there was a need for more leadership.

Bracke's firing couldn't have come as a total surprise to many people because Markus had ordered, or was doing several investigations into matters involving the department.

One investigation which was looking into an accident involving a Wheeling

Police car, may have been the straw that broke the camel's back. Markus had received a report about the incident from Bracke, but ordered additional information from him.

Markus never received the additional report.

ANOTHER MAJOR story in Wheeling also involved the police department — the murder of 14-year-old Mary Kosinski.

Her body was found in a shed behind a home in the village July 18.

Charged and indicted with rape and murder is another 14-year-old, William C. Boyd, Jr. He was charged after questioning by Wheeling Police.

Police say Kosinski was allegedly murdered following a party involving three other youths in the shed behind the Boyd home. It is speculated by

investigators that the youths involved, all minors, may have been drinking.

Boyd allegedly left the shed with his sister and then returned later to be with Kosinski who, it is believed, refused advances by Boyd.

THERE WERE other news stories in Wheeling during 1981. The Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport (TAC) continued to discuss the feasibility of making the airport a public facility instead of a privately-owned operation. A Jan. 28 public hearing is scheduled to review the third and final phase of the study.

The Village Board continued its review of the transmission of Lake Michigan water. With allocations approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation, the village should begin receiving lake water sometime during 1984.

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A few who will recall 1981 with a big smile

Tonight's the night! The biggie. The chance to forget the bad times, the mistakes, and look ahead to a fresh start, a new year. And, it's a time to remember; to reflect on accomplishments, measure growth, laugh again at the good times, and look forward to more.

Wheeling and its residents saw good times this year; you can bet that these people will be remembering 1981 with a smile tonight:

- Sheila Schultz, who was elected village president of Wheeling.
- Wes Dodd, who made a successful acting debut in the local production of "Last of the Red Hot Lovers."

- Paul Sansone and his Jazz and Swing band of 9- and 10-year-olds, who enjoyed a year of success and entertainment.

- Dick Ryan, who, as ride chairman, planned an outstanding year of activities for the Wheeling Wheelmen.

- Volunteers Barbara Wollen and Linda Wood, who each received the Denoyer Award, which recognizes excellence in Scouting at the local level.

- Hubert Sommerfeld, who was elected to the township board in April, (and then entered the Republican primary race in the new 58th House District).

- Michael William Sullivan, who was elected one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1981.

- Kenneth Mangan, who received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University.

- Becky Taylor, who became the first woman Wheeling firefighter.
- Mike Halloran, who became general manager of the Best Western Palwaukee Motor Inn in August.

- Scott Connor, 23, who successfully raised money and public awareness for "Jerry's Kids" by manning a kissing booth.

- Angela Franta, who got her name in the paper twice!
- Dave Phillips, who became the new President-Elect of the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association.

- Vern Verstraete, whose golf course did record business this year.

- Trudy Wolf, who won 10 ribbons in the Senior Citizen's Olympics.

- Tom Counley, who finally taught me how to spell his name right!

- Gene Kavanagh, who was elected president of the Whippletree Homeowner's Association.

- Jean Kummerow, Wheeling High School's 1981 Homecoming Queen.

- Janice Vogt, Darleen Reichmuth, Lisa Vogt, Sandy Berlet and Shawn Schuenemann, who captured second place in the state for the Wheeling High School girls' cross country team.

- Beverly Modlin, who was awarded a silver medal in the fifth annual piano Sonata-Sonatina Competition held at Harper College.

The list could go on infinitely. And those who haven't added trophies or ribbons to their showcases, have added perhaps a new friendship, talent, memory, love, or bit of wisdom to themselves.

Whatever it is you do to celebrate the New Year tonight — a fancy dinner, a party, a quiet night in front of the fireplace, or just going to bed early — take a minute to reflect on 1981. Remember the time you laughed the hardest; remember the friend who was there when you really needed one; remember the time things finally got better after you thought they never would; remember the one thing you succeeded at that you're the most proud of. It was a pretty good year, wasn't it?

Be careful on the road tonight, and best wishes for a beautiful 1982.
Your only obligation in any lifetime is to be true to yourself. — Richard Bach

Herald 1-4-82

Next gun-control showdown in Wheeling

by Rena Wish Cohen

Herald staff writer

The next shot in the war over handguns may be heard in Wheeling, where Village President Sheila Schultz intends to bring the issue of gun control before the town's trustees within a month.

In addition, gun foes in Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines and Palatine say they are re-evaluating their strategy in the wake of a federal judge's decision last week upholding Morton Grove's controversial law forbidding residents to possess handguns.

Gun-control advocates say any ef-

fort to emulate Morton Grove's one-of-a-kind ordinance — the toughest in the country — will be futile until the case has gone through the appeals process, probably all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

BUT THEY BELIEVE the momentum created by the successful court test has produced a favorable climate for less drastic measures, such as bans on handgun sales.

"The sale of handguns is not affected (by the Morton Grove decision), so to me, waiting for the appeal should not be a question for that part of it," Schultz said.

Meanwhile, anti-gun organizers are girding to fight an expected attempt by

the Illinois General Assembly to strip local governments of the power to regulate gun use in their towns.

Last June, on a vote of 88 to 75, the Illinois House voted to pre-empt home rule and forbid municipalities to enact any ordinance regulating firearms. The measure was an amendment to Senate Bill 180, which was moved to the legislature's spring calendar. It is expected to be reconsidered after the March 16 primary.

"**THAT (BILL)** would do away with the Morton Grove ordinance, Chicago's ordinance (regulating) the sale of guns and every other (gun-control) law in the state that is not a state law would be null and void," said Katherine Zart-

man, president of the Chicago-based Committee for Handgun Control. "So that promises to be a very significant struggle."

In the Northwest suburbs, committee members say they will be holding coffees to inform area residents about the bill.

But they deny there is any master plan to push local gun-control ordinances.

"It's simply not our function to go around stirring up beehives," said Casey Meyers, chairman of the committee's Northwest chapter. "That is up to the residents of those municipalities."

Still, she conceded, "I'd be a fool to think that (the Morton Grove decision)

can't make some impact on us."

IN THE DECISION last Tuesday, U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Decker ruled that a Morton Grove ordinance requiring handgun owners to turn over their weapons to police does not violate the individual rights guaranteed by the U.S. or Illinois constitutions.

In a 35-page opinion, Decker said he was bound by an 1886 U.S. Supreme Court ruling holding that the right to bear arms guaranteed by the Second Amendment applies only to laws passed by Congress.

Decker also found Morton Grove's action within the town's rights under the Illinois constitution, which protects

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Wheeling official may attract gun-control fight

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lion. Other possible gun-control hotspots in the area include:

- Arlington Heights, where an ordinance to ban the sale and possession of handguns was tabled last July after a hearing that attracted 300 people.

Tem Williams, the village resident who brought the issue to the board, said she is considering singling out the proposed ban on handgun sales for reconsideration and delaying the proposed ban on possession until later. But she believes trustees will remain skittish until the possession question is settled in the courts.

As a result, Williams said, "I think I'm going to bide my time and wait for a higher ruling."

- Buffalo Grove, where an ordinance to ban the sale of handguns was defeated last July on a 4-3 vote. Village President Verma Clayton broke a tie by voting nay, arguing that state or federal legislation is the only practical solution.

Trustee Elliott Hartstein, who initi-

ated the proposal, said last week he will attempt to reopen the discussion.

"It's a matter of reassessing the situation to see if there realistically is a chance of passage in Buffalo Grove," Hartstein said.

- Des Plaines, where a proposed handgun ban was assigned to the city council's judiciary committee last summer pending the result of the court challenges to the Morton Grove ordinance.

Judy Froehlich, a Des Plaines resident promoting the legislation, said she is sitting tight until a Jan. 19 meeting of the regional chapter of the Committee for Handgun Control.

"It's going to depend on whether a core group is formed in Des Plaines and whether people will want to try again," Froehlich said.

- Palatine, where local residents wrote trustees last summer to urge a handgun ban.

"Nothing really happened," said the committee's Meyers, a Palatine resident. "But I'd be lying if I said I'm not

thinking about going back to the village."

The committee's North suburban chapter, headed by Charlotte Jaffe, plans to approach officials in Skokie, Lincolnwood, Niles and Glenview. Elsewhere in the metropolitan area, officials in Bellwood, Evanston and North Riverside may revive dormant gun-control proposals.

In addition, the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization is pushing gun-control ordinances in the suburbs, particularly Oak Park, Skokie, Flossmoor and Park Forest where its membership is strong.

Richard Ulekowski, president of the 100,000-member Illinois Rifle Association, said last week his members will continue to fight local gun-control initiatives, but he is not convinced there will be a rash of efforts in the near future.

"I think many of the towns that are thinking of ordinances are going to wait until this is all hashed out," Ulekowski said.

Searching 19 years, cop finds daughter

by Jim Davis
Herald staff writer

For 19 years Billy Ray Sharpe searched for his daughter. But when he finally reached her by telephone, the moment was so emotional he had to hand the phone over to his wife to give himself time to calm down.

Sharpe's search began in 1962. He was a night club musician working out of Chicago back then, but he traveled to his hometown of Cincinnati fre-



Billie Rae Krueger

quently. On each trip home, he stopped in to see his daughter by a previous marriage.

Four-year-old Billie Rae Sharpe wasn't there one day. Her mother and new step-father had moved to parts unknown to the girl's natural father. Sharpe was concerned, but not particularly alarmed.

"At the time I didn't think too much of it," he says. "I knew my first wife's relatives. I figured I'd be able to find them."

Little did he know that it would be 19 years before he would be reunited with his daughter, and then perhaps only because he had become a patrolman with the Wheeling Police Department.

AFTER THEIR initial separation, Sharpe tried to track down his first wife's relatives and friends. He encountered nothing but "dead ends." Her parents' house had been leveled and the few friends he could find didn't know what had happened to the family.

"I didn't know anything about trying to look for a missing person," he says. Still, everytime he visited Cincinnati, which was two or three times a year, he'd look for someone who might have heard of Billie Rae's whereabouts.

Year after year, the search turned up nothing, and Sharpe admits he didn't have the time or money to be as thorough as he would have liked. He married his second wife, Arvilla, when Billie Rae was 2 years old. They had three daughters.

"I always told our friends I had four daughters," he says. And every November, the month of Billie Rae's birth, Sharpe would get a little depressed about the daughter he couldn't find.

In 1970, Sharpe abandoned his musical career and joined the Wheeling Police Department. Four years later, when Billie Rae turned 16, he began running computer checks to see if she had obtained a drivers license. Her name didn't turn up. Sharpe didn't find out until much later that Billie had gotten married first, at the age of 17, before getting a license under the name of Billie Rae Krueger.

SHARPE SAYS he was beginning to lose heart after so many years. "I guess when you're young, maybe it doesn't bother you as much," he said. "But as you get a little older, you worry more and more about these kinds of things."



Herald photo

RECALLING SOME of the humorous aspects of the 19-year search for his daughter, Billie Rae, are Wheeling policeman Bill Sharpe, and his wife Arvilla. Sharpe was separated from his daughter by previ-

ous marriage when she was 4-years-old. Just this month, the Sharpes were reunited with Billie Rae, now 23, who is married and living in North Dakota.

So just after this New Year's, he had set aside a week of vacation time to travel to Cincinnati to make his most intensive search. With 11 years of police work under his belt, he knew of the sophisticated computer network that makes it impossible for nearly anyone who has any kind of brush with the law to appear on a list somewhere.

Through cross-referencing of names and birth dates, Sharpe learned his daughter's married name was Krueger. And as it turned out, Billie Rae had indeed had an encounter with the authorities. She and her husband, Ernest, had quarreled in their home. Police showed up to quiet the loud, but uneventful dispute, and left Billie Rae with a ticket.

It was fortunate Sharpe was a police officer, he says. "Only a policeman would be permitted access to those records."

SHARPE CHECKED out the address. The Kruegers had moved, but this time the trail didn't grow cold. After checking with the family's ex-employers, Sharpe got the number of Krueger's mother, Rose. And finally, he had obtained the telephone number of the home of Billie Rae and Ernest in North Dakota.

And then Sharpe froze. "After 19 years, I just didn't know how she was going to take it," he says. Finally he steeled his nerves and tele-

phoned the 23-year-old woman.

At first she had Sharpe confused with her stepfather and thought it was a prank call. "I said, 'Billie Rae, this is your real father. After 19 years I finally found you.'"

At that point, Billie Rae went "as white as sheet." She handed the phone to her husband. At the same time, Sharpe had become too emotional to speak. Arvilla and Michael carried on

the conversation while father and daughter regained their composure.

A reunion was planned, and last week Sharpe, Arvilla and his three daughters met the fourth daughter for the first time.

"It couldn't have gone better," he says. "You could see the bond growing between the girls. It was like we'd never been separated."

'I broke down and cried'

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Policeman, daughter reunited after 19 years

By RICK SORCI

Call it patience. Call it perseverance. Regardless of what you call it, it's a happy ending for Wheeling police officer Bill Sharpe who was reunited with his daughter Billie Rae after a 19-year search.

Sharpe's search ended this month when he held and squeezed his daughter outside her home in Turtle Lake, N.D.

The bumpy road to Turtle Lake for Sharpe proved to be long and paved with disappointments and deadends.

Sharpe moved to Chicago from Cincinnati in 1960, following the dissolution of his first marriage. A professional musician, he made a living playing the piano. His love for music, however, could not match the love he had for Billie Rae.

"I stayed in touch with Billie Rae following the divorce," said Sharpe. "But

then I lost contact with her."

Sharpe's ex-wife had remarried and moved to California, leaving no forwarding address. Thinking they were still in Ohio, Sharpe wasn't too concerned.

"I knew a lot of people in Cincinnati, so I didn't think it would be that hard to find them," he said.

However, the disappointments and deadends began adding up.

"I went to the home of my former in-laws," said Sharpe, who had since remarried. "But when I got there, the home had been torn down."

His pursuit had lasted eight years when he joined the Wheeling Police Department in 1970. Little did he know at the time, but his affiliation with the department would eventually lead him to his daughter.

"A couple of times a year I would run

her name through the computer on a name check," Sharpe said. "The answer was always the same—nothing."

By now, Bill and Arvilla Sharpe had three daughters of their own. As they got older, said Sharpe, they became interested in their father's search for their half-sister.

"They always knew they had a sister," said Arvilla. "They would often ask me, 'Do you think Dad will find Sis this year?' They were looking forward to meeting her almost as much as we were in finding her."

What they didn't know was that Billie Rae had also tried to find her father.

"I tried to locate him for about three years," she said. "After awhile, I didn't know where to look. So, I more or less, gave up."

Then a turning point occurred this past December. A radio operator at the Wheeling Police Department suggested that Sharpe send to the Cincinnati police a direct teletype message explaining his plight.

"It was sort of a shot in the dark," said Sharpe.

A few hours later, a detective wired back stating that Sharpe's former wife's name came up on a cross reference name check. Along with her name was that of Billie Rae Krueger.

"This told me that Billie Rae had gotten married," said Sharpe.

A further check showed that Billie Rae had obtained a social security number in California. The report also indicated an address for Billie Rae that had been valid, as of April, 1981.

Sharpe's spirits soared, but he remained skeptical.

"Let's just say I was cautiously hopeful," he said.

Having saved a week's vacation to spend in search of Billie Rae, Sharpe drove to Cincinnati on Jan. 3, a determined man.

When he arrived in Cincinnati, his worst expectations became reality.

"She had moved and left no forwarding address," he said, after checking out the leads.

Dejected, Sharpe went to the Cincinnati Police Department. When he got there, Detective Wayne Mitchell, who had been helping track Billie Rae down, intensified the effort.

"He came up with Billie Rae's husband's name, address and date of birth," said Sharpe. "The funny thing was, Ernest's (Billie Rae's husband) social security number had been issued in North Dakota. That really threw me off."

A little more investigating produced the name of the company where Billie Rae's husband formerly worked. Sharpe immediately made contact with the personnel director of the company.

"He told me he had left the company last May," said Sharpe. "He also said that he had remembered my daughter."

Sharpe suspected that the man knew more than he was offering.

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Bill and Arvilla Sharpe look over the baby pictures of Bill's daughter Billie Rae, who he hadn't seen since 1962 (above, left). Father and daughter embrace after the 19-year search finally ends in North Dakota. (Photo at left by Nancy Stone)

When arriving back in Chicago, Sharpe called Billie Rae's mother-in-law. After explaining the entire story of his search for his daughter, she gave him Billie Rae's phone number.

His hand trembled as he dialed the number. Arvilla got on the extension line for support. Then the phone rang and Billie Rae answered the call.

"Billie Rae, is that you?" he asked, tears running down his face. "Honey, after 19 years I've finally found you."

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SCOUT SWIM. Wheeling area Girl Scouts are invited to a mother-daughter swim on Saturday, at Neptune's Pool. Wheeling High School, from 5-8 p.m. The cost will be 75 cents per person. Pizza will be available in Neptune's Den during the evening. For further details and reservations, contact your leader or Mrs. Wood at 459-1363.

Health
FREE PROGRAM. A program on high blood pressure will be presented by Northwest Community Hospital Treatment and Health Center in Buffalo Grove from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. A nurse-instructor will describe how hypertension increases the risk of heart attacks, kidney disease and loss of vision if it is not treated. Blood pressure screening will be provided. The program is free and open to the public in the community room of the center, located at Lake-Cook Road and Route 83. To register, call 459-6100.
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Wheeling policeman finds daughter after 19 years—

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Sharpe's suspicions were correct about the personnel director. What he hadn't mentioned was that Paul Saunders, the brother of Sharpe's former wife, presently worked at the company Sharpe had just visited. The personnel director immediately called Saunders and told him about his conversation with Sharpe.
Saunders then called a restaurant where Sharpe was heading and left a message for Sharpe to call him.
The search was about to end.
"I met with Paul that night," said Sharpe. "He had remembered me, but it had been so long, he didn't recognize me. When he was satisfied I was who I said I was, he gave me the number of Billie Rae's mother-in-law in North Dakota.
It was at this point, said Sharpe, he was convinced his efforts and patience would soon be rewarded. And he was right.
Upon arriving back in Chicago, Sharpe called Billie Rae's mother-in-law. After explaining the entire story of his search for his daughter, she gave him Billie Rae's phone number.
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"You're not my dad," she said.
After Sharpe convinced her who he was, the tears flowed at both ends of the line.
"My husband told me that I turned white

as a ghost," said Billie Rae, from her home in North Dakota. "I have to admit, I did feel weak."
Both were so choked with emotion, Arvilla had to take the phone from her husband, while Ernest took the phone from Billie Rae.
"I broke down and cried," said Sharpe. "I was so happy to find her."
"When Bill handed me the phone," said Arvilla, "I was sort of choked up with emotion, too. I was tongue-tied. I didn't know what to say."
After everybody gained their composure, including Ernest, who thought the whole thing was a prank, they made plans to meet in North Dakota. Billie Rae not only wanted to see her father, she wanted to see her half-sisters, Deborah, 18, Pam, 17, and Denise, 15.
"I would say I was more than anxious to meet them," said Billie Rae.
Because the price of flying was too

expensive, the Sharpe's piled into their car and drove to Turtle Lake, which is 75 miles north of Bismarck.
Leaving early Wednesday, Jan. 6, they arrived late Thursday.
"I was very nervous waiting for them to arrive," said Billie Rae.
The moment they had waited for for so many years was just as electric as their first phone conversation in 19 years.
"All I can remember is I opened the door and we both put our arms around each other," Billie Rae said.
"I grabbed her and held her for a long time," said Sharpe. "I didn't want to let go of her. We both just cried."
"We all did so much hugging, I thought that girl (Billie Rae) was going to lose 10 pounds," said Arvilla.
The happy reunion lasted four days.
"We must have taken about 190 pictures during that time," said Billie Rae.
Since Sharpe's return to Chicago, he has

called Billie Rae nearly every day.
"Maybe I ought to buy stock in Illinois Bell," he said, laughing. "I don't care. I'm so happy."
Arvilla has noticed a change in her husband.
"He seems relieved," she said. "It's like a big burden has been removed from his mind. He's so happy. We're all very happy."
Billie Rae had her thoughts on the reunion.
"I often thought about whether or not I'd ever see my dad again," she said. "I wondered what he was like, what he looked like. I'm really happy we found each other."
Even in his deepest depression, Sharpe said he had never given any thought to ending his search for Billie Rae.
"I would have kept looking for as long as it would have taken me to find her," he said.

The week ahead

Annex of land near airport on agenda

The annexation of 3.5 acres of land just west of Pal-Waukee Airport will be considered tonight by the Wheeling village board.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Developer Clarence Marquardt, who owns the Wheeling Center for Industry, also has asked the village to rezone the property from a residential to a light industrial use. The site, just south of Fox Lane, currently is zoned by Cook County for single-family residential use.

Marquardt says he has no immediate plans to develop the property. Under the annexation agreement, Marquardt will be required to install water and sewer lines on the property. He also will be required to help pay for the extension of Fox Lane to provide access to Wolf Road, before the village will issue any building permits.

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL of a \$4-million low-interest loan for a California company that wants to manufacture a well-known salad dressing in Wheeling also is expected at tonight's meeting.

The Clorox Company has asked village officials to sponsor the loan so the company can buy a food-processing plant at 1197 S. Willis. Mort Lang, Wheeling's bond consultant, said the company has proposed to make the Wheeling plant its main production facility for Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing.

The company already owns food production and distribution facilities in Addison and Chicago.

The board postponed action on the request at the last board meeting because the company did not have a representative there.

Wheeling has issued \$19,750,000 in low-interest industrial revenue bonds since the village started the program in 1978 and has earned \$63,000 in fees from the issues. By borrowing the money through bonds a company can borrow at interest rates 2 to 3 points lower than conventional financing.

A SIX-MONTH extension of the \$10,000 loan made to the North Suburban Mass Transit District also will be considered tonight by Wheeling trustees.

The village loaned NORTRAN the money last summer to provide operating costs during a funding crisis that NORTRAN was experiencing. The loan was due Friday but NORTRAN officials have said they will be unable to pay back it back on time and asked for the extension. Village officials are recommending that the loan be extended at the original 15 percent interest rate.

The village staff also is recommending that that interest payments on the loan be used to pay Wheeling's annual \$2,500 to \$3,000 contribution to the district.

TRUSTEES WILL also consider two ordinances tonight that will place a sales tax on the use of rented cars in the village and a gross receipts tax on businesses that rent the cars.

Finance Director Gregory Peters said the two laws will replace state taxes that were previously levied on the cars and do not represent new taxes or an increase in existing taxes.

Peters said the village collected about \$1.4 million in sales tax revenues last year, but he didn't know how much of that came from car rentals, since the Illinois Department of Revenue does not separate the figures. Peters said he knows of one business in Wheeling that rents cars.

THE PURCHASE of seven new squad cars is expected to be approved tonight by the Wheeling trustees.

Seven Ford LTDs will be bought for a price not to exceed \$58,750. The Wheeling Police department has been using the smaller Chevrolet Malibus, but have found out that the cars are not holding up to the rigors of 24-hour use.

Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters has recommended the purchase of all-black cars with power door locks for added prisoner security. The doors of the squads will be painted white by village workers.

Peters also has recommended that the cars be picked up in Springfield by village workers to save delivery costs of nearly \$1,000 on each car.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES Tuesday night will continue discussion on developing a method of evaluating and assigning priorities to the various social service agencies the township funds.

The township board meets at 8 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Saying he wanted "total accountability," Township Supervisor Phil Rogers first proposed the evaluations. Trustees Byron Jackson and Hubert Sommerfeld have been working with representatives from the agencies to develop a form but were not completely satisfied with the questionnaires submitted by the agencies.

Jackson said he will submit a draft evaluation form at Tuesday's meeting and expects several other trustees to do the same. Jackson and Sommerfeld had recommended that the township look directly at the business practices of the agencies.

The township also will be inviting representatives from the various agencies to the board meetings to discuss their operations and programs with the trustees. A representative from Shelter, Inc. will attend Tuesday's meeting.

THE TECHNICAL Advisory Committee studying the public acquisition of Pal-Waukee Airport will meet Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Committee members are expected to discuss plans for the Jan. 28 public hearing at the Chevy Chase club house on the airport consultant's report on public acquisition.

Prospect Heights and Wheeling are considering buying the airport and three years ago hired a consultant to study the issue. Consultant Larry Donoghue has said it will cost \$53 million to buy the facility and bring it to federal codes for public airports. Donoghue also said that public ownership will have a "less than minimal" environmental impact. Officials would finance the purchase with a combination of local, state and federal funds.

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Wheeling homeowners to pay only one fire tax

By Eddy McNeil

THE LEGAL limbo that left Wheeling residents facing two tax levies for fire protection at the end of the year is nothing to get hot under the collar about, village officials said Thursday.

Although Cook County Clerk Stanley Kuser failed to extend the Dec. 31 deadline to abate taxes for any governmental units, village officials and the attorney for the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District said only one of the fire protection tax levies will be collected.

Both taxing bodies levied for fire protection during 1981 while the village prepared to leave the district. Created 30 years ago to provide fire protection in Wheeling Township, the district's firefighting function has been largely taken over by municipal departments through contracts with the district.

ALTHOUGH THE district doesn't plan to contest the village's disconnection, village Finance Director Greg Peters said delays in obtaining information for the disconnection petition have slowed the process. Village Atty. Gary Weintraub said the suit should be filed in Cook County Circuit Court this week.

The village levied \$600,000 for fire protection, Peters said, which would increase the village's portion of a homeowners' property tax bill to \$1.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation from 71 cents per \$100. At the same time, the district's 48 cents per \$100 tax rate would be removed from the bill, he said.

Despite Kuser's failure to act on Wheeling's request for an abatement extension, Peters said the clerk probably will act soon. James Ryan, the fire protection district's attorney, agreed.

"FROM PRACTICAL point of view, it won't create any problems," he said.

Once the disconnection is complete, the district will continue to contract with Wheeling to provide fire protection to some unincorporated areas near the village, Ryan said. Similar agreements exist with Buffalo Grove and fire protection districts serving Prospect Heights.

Although Buffalo Grove's secession from the district last year and the proposed Wheeling disconnection have dramatically decreased the area within the fire protection district, Ryan said the district still covers much of the area south of Dundee Road in the eastern portion of Wheeling Township.

1-4-82 HERALD

Handgun sales ban proposed

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz is proposing that the village ban the sale of handguns but is delaying, at least temporarily, a stricter proposal to outlaw their possession.

Only one store in the village now sells handguns — a K mart on Dundee Road that sells unassembled pistols in kits — but Schultz said she wants an ordinance to ban handgun sales because "as other towns ban their sales I can foresee gun shops moving into communities where they are legal."

Schultz's proposal, which she said should reach the village board "within the month," also would ban the sale of

machine guns. A new state law technically allows Illinois residents to purchase automatic weapons, but no stores in Wheeling carry them.

SCHULTZ SAID SHE favors a stricter law that would make it illegal to own a handgun in the village but said she will not ask the village board to consider that issue now because she "reluctantly agrees with the village staff that at this point it would be a needless expense to get into litigation that's already being gone through."

Village Manager Thomas Markus recommended that Wheeling hold off on banning possession of guns until an appeals court rules on a Morton Grove law that bans both possession and sales.

But at least one village board mem-

ber, Trustee John Cole, said he would oppose a ban on handgun possession while supporting a ban on sales. "I think it's against the law (to ban possession)," said Cole. "I think it violates constitutional rights."

Wheeling has had no specific problems with guns, Schultz said, but she is asking for the ban on sales because she considers guns "a general problem that involves all communities."

"The state and federal governments can't seem to control it. Someone has to do something," said Schultz, adding that gun control measures might help prevent situations like the suicides last month of two Wheeling High School students. "That kind of a thing is a waste," she said.

LAST WEEK U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Decker ruled that a Morton Grove ordinance banning the sale and possession of handguns did not violate rights granted residents under the U.S. or Illinois constitutions. Opponents to that law already have announced they intend to appeal the decision, with both sides agreeing the issue will probably end up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Meanwhile Schultz said she has received several inquiries from residents who are interested in the legislation but has not been contacted by any outside groups who are working for handgun control. "They'd (the residents) like to see that kind of ordinance in Wheeling," she said. "I've had no adverse comments."

Buffalo Grove gives NORTRAN extra month

Two villages extend transit loan

Hoping to see their \$7,500 loan repaid by the North Suburban Mass Transit District, Buffalo Grove trustees Monday said they would wait another month to call the loan.

Trustees tabled for a month a motion to grant a six-month extension on the loan to the suburban bus carrier that expired in December. But the board wants the 16 percent interest rate that had applied to the original loan agreement to stick for the additional month.

Wheeling trustees Monday also

voted to extend their \$10,000 loan but will require NORTRAN to pay all the interest currently owed on the loan and to pay future interest in monthly payments.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the measure, saying he "would bet" the money will never be repaid.

Buffalo Grove is waiting for a legal opinion from the Regional Transportation Authority board, which funds NORTRAN, on whether surplus funds collected in Lake County by RTA could be used to repay the loan.

ROBERT PINZUR, the village's representative to NORTRAN, said the bus system expects the RTA to repay Lake County villages first because state law requires funds collected in the collar counties to be spent there.

"Since there is no money available to repay the loan, why antagonize the RTA by calling it now," Pinzur said.

Trustee Stephen Stone agreed with Pinzur's stand by saying, "There is no benefit to calling the loan now, so I'd like to wait to get out of it the best way we can." Stone had opposed the original loan made in June during the

RTA's threatened shutdown.

Stone was joined by trustees Elliott Hartstein, Marc Schwartz and Village President Verna Clayton in giving the RTA more time to decide if Lake County communities may receive preferential treatment.

Buffalo Grove, Highland Park and Deerfield could be among the first to be repaid because they are Lake County communities. A total of 17 communities contributed more than \$250,000 in loans to keep buses operating last summer.

1-5-82 HERALD

Most area municipalities seek moderate tax hikes

By GREG HINZ
Political Editor

DESPITE FEARS of stiff property tax hikes here, north suburban villages generally are seeking only moderate boosts in their new levies, according to figures released by Cook County Clerk Stanley Kusper.

Figures covering 1981 taxes, which will be paid in 1982, range from an actual 5.51 percent drop in the levy of that portion of Deerfield located in Cook County to a 51.93 percent boost by Wheeling. But Wheeling officials say their real increase is less than 10 percent, taking into account the fact that the village is assuming fire protection tasks from an independent fire district, and the average municipal levy here is up about 10 percent.

Somewhat typical is the village of Morton Grove, which is seeking \$4.1 million in property taxes compared to \$3.6 million in 1980, a 14 percent increase.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR Fred Hubert says the hike is largely due to last year's decision to defer the purchase of new police cars and other capital improvements, purchases that no longer can be delayed. Most of the rest of the 14 percent tax hike is due to a 9 percent pay increase granted village employees, Hubert said.

In Wheeling, Finance Director Greg Peters said \$749,000 of the planned \$875,000 increase was caused by the village's decision to assume direct responsibility for its fire protection. Instead of paying the money to the fire district, residents will pay it to the village, Peters said, explaining the paper transaction.

In other villages:

Lincolnwood is seeking 7.08 more property tax revenues in tax year 1981 than in 1980, a total of \$1.427 million.

The Niles levy is up 14.01 percent, to 1.93 million.

Northbrook is levying a tiny .17 per-

cent increase, a boost of about \$6,000, to \$3.56 million.

The increase in Skokie is 10.65, with the village seeking \$9.51 million, compared to \$8.6 million last year.

KUSPER SUGGESTED that aggrieved taxpayers "storm the barricades" of their local village hall—not his office. Kusper said his sole legal responsibility in the area is to translate the amount of money sought by taxing bodies into an actual millage levy, based on an area's assessed valuation.

Municipalities are one of only several government units that levy property taxes, with others including school districts, the county government and the Metropolitan Sanitary District. The final tax bills sent out later this year also will be affected by the state tax multiplier, a state tax equalizing device that has tended to increase taxes in the Chicago area in recent years.

Hubert 1-7-82

Village board wrapup

Land to be annexed near Pal-Waukee

The village board Monday agreed to annex and rezone 3.5 acres of land just west of Pal-Waukee Airport.

The land is owned by developer Clarence Marquardt, who also owns an industrial park just south of it. Marquardt asked the village to annex the land and rezone it from residential to a light industrial use, although he has no immediate plans to develop the property.

Under the annexation agreement, Marquardt will be required to install water and sewer lines on the property. He will also be required to help pay for the extension of Fox Lane to provide access from the property to Wolf Road, before the village will issue any building permits.

Loan OKd for salad-dressing maker

The village board will issue a \$4-million low-interest loan to a California company that wants to manufacture a salad dressing in Wheeling.

Bob Johnson, national manager for the Clorox Co., an Oakland-based firm, told the board his company plans to use the money to buy the food-processing facilities at 1197 S. Willis. That site is currently operated by Lauritzen & Co., contract manufacturers of food products.

Johnson said his company currently has one facility in the U.S. where Hidden Valley Ranch dressing is manufactured, and the production of the dressing has gone "beyond the capability" of that plant. Johnson said initially the dressing will be made and packaged along with other food that is already made at the Wheeling facility, but that company officials eventually hope to make the Wheeling plant their "Midwest facility."

The company already owns food production facilities in Addison and Chicago.

By approving the loan, Wheeling officials will allow the company to borrow money at interest rates several points lower than conventional financing. Wheeling has issued \$19,750,000 million in low-interest industrial revenue bonds since the village started the program in 1978.

Police department gets big cars

After a lengthy discussion of whether large cars are needed in the police department, trustees approved the purchase of seven Ford LTDs, at a cost not to exceed \$58,750, to be used as squad cars.

Several village trustees objected to the larger cars. Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the purchase, saying it "disappointed" him because it indicated "the village was making no effort to conserve energy."

Trustee John Cole questioned the necessity of police using large, powerful cars to pursue other vehicles during high speed chases, adding that he thinks it could be more dangerous than one speeding car.

But Village Manager Thomas Markus said he recommended the larger cars after studies by the Wheeling Police Sgt. Tad Leech and other state departments indicated the larger cars better withstand the rigors of 24-hour use.

The department had been using the smaller Chevrolet Malibu, but Finance Director Gregory Peters said the smaller cars were breaking down more and often needed rear axle replacement. He also said acceleration capabilities of the cars was also a factor in choosing the larger model.

Markus said he has attempted to buy smaller vehicles for other departments, but "I have to question whether it's wise to use the smaller cars in this case."

The cars were obtained through a state purchasing service and will be bought from a Springfield, Illinois, dealer. Peters has recommended that village workers pick up the cars downstate to save delivery costs of nearly \$1,000 on each car.

Restaurant gets a new look

The owner of the Tien Tsin restaurant, 144 N. Milwaukee Ave., will be allowed to paint his restaurant glossy red with black trim.

Trustees gave owner Eugene Wang permission to proceed with his plans to repaint his building. Wang's color scheme received approval from the village plan commission, but the village staff asked the board to consider approving a plan that would make the trim on the building gray.

Despite the location of the building in a special overlay zoning district, designed to carefully control appearance and redevelopment in the village's old downtown district, several trustees argued in favor of Wang's color choices. Village officials have traditionally planned a rustic-looking downtown area, but Trustee Joseph Ratajczak said red and black were traditional Chinese colors and the ethnic nature of the restaurant made those colors appropriate.

Village to hire cop chief, lawyer soon

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Wheeling officials say they hope to hire both a new police chief and a staff attorney by the end of February.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said officials from the Northwestern University Traffic Institute are screening applicants for the chief's job and will recommend the top five candidates to village officials. Village Manager Thomas Markus then will interview the five candidates and make the final hiring decision.

The village has received almost 100 applicants for the position that was left open last September when Markus demoted former chief Lt. Ted Bracke. Beulah Peterson, administrative assistant for personnel, declined to say whether any of the applications came from within the Wheeling department.

Last October the village board voted to hire a full-time staff attorney to handle the village's legal work, and Fialkowski said the village staff is in the

"first round" of reviewing 30 applications received for the job. Markus also will make the final hiring decision on that position.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS recommended hiring a full-time attorney in an effort to make the village's legal work more efficient and increase contact between the attorney and the village staff. A proposed \$30,000 jump, to \$70,000 in the retainer fee by the outside law firm that currently handles the work also prompted the move.

Officials hope to hire an attorney for between \$40,000 and \$46,000 a year but say first year costs could soar as high as \$73,000, because the village will have to buy a law library and office furniture and hire an outside attorney to handle the prosecuting duties.

Last month the village hired Northbrook attorney Steven J. Handler as village prosecutor for \$650 a month.

Township nixes social agency aid

THE DAILY HERALD

Wheeling Township trustees have turned down a request from the financially troubled Northwest Opportunity Center for additional funds because they said they're not sure it's an "emergency nature."

Opportunity center officials asked the township for \$2,774 to help offset rising expenses caused by an increase in the number of cases in the past few months. Nancy Masterson, NOC acting

executive director, told trustees the center has increased efforts to raise funds through private sources, but the township's failure to approve the request would force "a little more stretching of money."

"It's difficult to plan when you're billing on a per case basis," said Masterson. "We'll have to cut off cases sooner than expected. Activities would be reduced, we'd curtail trips into the

field and do more phone work."

However, Masterson said she didn't think the center would turn down new cases.

The Wheeling Township request was one of several center officials have made to townships they serve. None of the other townships yet has approved or denied the request for additional funds.

Trustee Lou Muno said he felt "un-

comfortable" dealing with requests like the NOC request. "I'm not convinced of the emergency nature of the request," said Muno, adding he thought agencies should limit their funding requests to their budget request.

But Supervisor Phil Rogers voted in favor of giving NOC the money, saying the request was "not surprising," since things "have gotten rougher in the economy."

Rent-a-tax?

Board approves tax on auto rentals

By DAN ROZEK
Correspondent

THE WHEELING Village Board enacted two new taxes at its Jan. 4 meeting to replace a state sales tax on rental cars.

The new taxes will be collected on cars rented from rental businesses in Wheeling and from village residents who rent a car in another state and bring it to Wheeling.

"These taxes are a substitute for a sales tax," Village Manager Thomas Markus said.

The state will get most of the tax money collected, but Wheeling also will receive a share.

"The state imposes a 5 percent use tax and 1 percent goes to Wheeling from whatever business they (rental businesses) do," Finance Director Gregory Peters said.

PETERS SAID the new taxes will not increase what rental businesses pay, but will replace the earlier state sales tax on new automobiles used in the car rental business.

"This will not increase any taxes to the businesses themselves," Peters said.

Village Attorney Gary Weintraub said "the legislature and the governor shifted the tax to municipalities when

they eliminated the sales tax."

But the new taxes could be difficult to collect, Weintraub said, because of the difficulties in determining which rental cars should be taxed.

"Only if a vehicle is titled and licensed in Wheeling and rented from out of state would it be taxed," Weintraub said. "This is a tax on the privilege of using an automobile rented outside Wheeling in the village."

Determining which cars are rented from out of state could mean having to check registration records to find out where the car is rented from.

"This could be a difficult ordinance to enforce," Weintraub said.

TRUSTEE ROGER Powers agreed with Weintraub's assessment. Powers said the new taxes seem to depend on voluntary compliance with the ordinances and he did not think most people would cooperate.

"You mean if I rented a car in Madison I'd have to come in and tell you," Powers said. "Forget it."

The tax levies were approved unanimously by the board, but Powers said he was skeptical about how much money would be collected.

"I don't think we should hold our account open waiting for it (the money)," he said.

IN OTHER ACTION, the board approved a six-month loan repayment extension to the North Suburban Mass Transit District.

The village loaned \$10,000 to Nortran last summer to keep the system running and the money was supposed to have been repaid by Jan. 8, 1982. But the RTA is unable to repay the loan at this time, according to Nortran Executive Director Joseph DiJohn, so a request for an extension to July 8, 1982 was made.

MARKUS DEFENDED the extension, saying he thought even if the RTA defaulted or was reorganized, Nortran would pay off the loan.

"Default may result in reorganization, but Nortran still should exist because it is the most viable of the transit systems," Markus said. "One of the benefits of Nortran is that because of funding we have some control over it. It services our residents, suburban residents, directly and I don't think it (an extension) is too much for this type of service."

Trustee Charles Kerr cast the only dissenting vote against the loan extension.

"Because of the RTA controversy I don't feel they're in a position to pay it (the loan) back," Kerr said.

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Improvements seen for the year ahead

By STAN ZOLLER
Staff Writer

NOTHING IS crystal clear in the crystal ball for Wheeling as 1982 gets under way.

The focus in the village, however, seems to be on improvements. Most significant improvement for the village will be in the water system which, according to Village Manager Thomas M. Markus, is the key because of the upcoming transmission of Lake Michigan water to Wheeling, scheduled to begin in 1984, construction of various pipelines from Evanston to several northwest suburban communities is set to begin. Markus says improvements to the water system are needed to accommodate the change from well to lake water.

Other capital improvement projects are scheduled, but may not move ahead with full force because of "belt tightening" in the village budget. The most notable project in Wheeling is the senior housing, now under construction and scheduled for completion in spring of 1983. Fall 1982 should see the start of construction of the senior center.

MARKUS PLANS to continue working with the business community to boost things around the village.

There will be other things happening in Wheeling, in addition to construction projects.

A new police chief will be named to replace Ted Bracke who was dismissed from the post in September. Markus has received more than 100 applications for the position.

Another ongoing story involving the

Police Department is the suit filed by 11 police officers against the village charging irregularities in promotional procedures. It's likely that an opinion regarding that case could be handed down during 1982. That will determine if the merits of the case are valid, and if they are, the case could go to trial.

THERE IS, of course, Palwaukee Airport. No new year would be complete (at least in Wheeling) without some mention of that project.

Markus said he hopes to have the question of acquisition of the airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights resolved sometime during 1982. He added that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the airport will likely continue to meet to review consultant's plans.

Control of the airport, if acquired by Wheeling and Prospect Heights, could become a focal point of the airport discussions during 1982.

It is also possible that during 1982, Wheeling residents will be able to watch almost anything they want on television. Thanks to cable television.

Construction of that project has begun and Markus said he is hoping it will be completed and residential installations, and possibly service, can begin before the year's end.

WHEELING AREA political observers will be watching the March primary to see if Hugh Sommerfeld, former village trustee, can make a go of it as a candidate for the representative from the newly-created 58th District. If he wins, he'll likely face incumbent Rep. Dan Pierce (D-32nd) who would have to run in the 58th because of redistricting.

And finally, this could be the year the feeling leaves. One of the projects Markus is hoping to implement is the removal of the signs which say "Welcome to Wheeling, the village with feeling."

The village recently held an informal opinion poll among Village Hall staffers soliciting their comments on proposed signs.

So it's possible that the welcome to Wheeling may not have feeling, but it might be a little more aesthetic.

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Wheeling offers deal on Nortran loan

By Rich Laden

WHEELING OFFICIALS said Monday that they won't extend their \$10,000 loan to the North Suburban Mass Transit District (Nortran) unless the bus company pays \$750 in interest on the six-month loan by Friday.

Meanwhile, Nortran officials have asked the Regional Transportation Authority to repay \$37,500 in loans to Buffalo Grove, Deerfield and Highland Park out of a special fund created, in part, to repay Lake County communities that lent money to local transit system.

Wheeling Village Board members said Monday that they want a \$750 interest payment — 15 percent — from Nortran as a "good faith" gesture that the bus company intends to repay the loan, Finance Director Greg Peters said.

PETERS SAID the village will notify Nortran of its decision in a letter sent Tuesday.

Sheila Schultz, Wheeling village president, said Tuesday that the village supports Nortran, but some board members were skeptical that the loan will be repaid. The decision to ask for the interest payment represents a compromise between board members who wanted to extend the loan and those who didn't.

But Schultz said that even if Nortran doesn't pay the \$750,

the board may have little choice but to extend the loan.

"IF NORTRAN should come back and say we don't have the interest payment, to call in the \$10,000 loan would be an exercise in futility," Schultz said.

Joseph DiJohn, Nortran executive director and general manager, said Tuesday that the Nortran Board of Trustees would have to authorize the interest payment. He declined to say whether Nortran has the \$750 to pay the interest.

Warren Nugent of Kenilworth, Nortran board chairman, said Tuesday that he plans to talk with DiJohn about Wheeling's request and then probably will ask the village to delay the matter until it can be discussed by Nortran's bus operations and executive committees and the Nortran board.

THE EXECUTIVE committee meets Jan. 19, the bus operation committee meets Jan. 21 and the Nortran board meets Jan. 27.

If Wheeling doesn't wait, Nugent said he doesn't know whether a special Nortran board meeting would be called or what action the board would take.

Wheeling's loan is part of \$274,500 in loans made by 17 north and northwest suburbs in June, July and August to keep Nortran running during the RTA's financial crisis.

THE RTA HAS agreed to repay the loans made to Nortran, which range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. But neither the RTA nor Nortran have the cash to repay the loans, which began to come due Dec. 26. As a result, Nortran has asked the communities to extend their loans by six months.

So far, Evanston, Glenview, Lincolnwood, Niles, Morton Grove and Skokie have agreed to extend their loans.

Buffalo Grove officials agreed Monday to table their consideration of the loan extension until Feb. 15 to see if the RTA will repay its loans out of a special Lake County Fund. Buffalo Grove's loan comes due Sunday.

THE RTA created special funds for Lake and Kane Counties in September with surplus gasoline and sales tax revenue collected from those areas since 1977.

Officials in those counties argued that the surplus revenue was being diverted by the RTA to help run the Chicago Transit Authority and suburban Cook County transit system, a violation of state law that requires funds to be spent in areas where they are collected.

The Lake County fund eventually will total \$1.9 million, and the Kane County fund will hit \$5.6 million, said RTA officials.

NUGENT SAID he sent a letter Monday to RTA board. Please turn to page 4

The week ahead

Village codes to be reviewed tonight

Wheeling officials will present a number of changes for the village's health, building, fire, construction and life safety codes to the village board at tonight's workshop meeting.

Village officials have been concentrating on updating and cleaning up village codes, eliminating discrepancies and making the laws clearer. The board was scheduled to approve the minor changes at a December board meeting, but voted to postpone approval until the changes could be fully examined in a workshop meeting. Members of the village community development staff will be on hand to explain the changes.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY Gary Weintraub also will explain Illinois' new open meetings act to the village board at tonight's meeting.

The new law sets strict limits on the numbers of trustees who can discuss village business without calling an official meeting, and requires that the meetings be held at convenient times and places for the public.

The law also requires that minutes be kept of all closed and open meetings, requiring at least the time of the meeting, the members present and a general description of what is discussed.

The law has been criticized by many public officials as too severe, placing unfair constraints on them.

REVISIONS IN WHEELING'S sidewalk and driveway apron ordinance also will be discussed by the village board Monday night.

Proposed by Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance, the proposed law would, among other things, establish a sidewalk construction fund to help pay for new sidewalks, and help eliminate sidewalk gaps between different developments. Instead of requiring developers to install sidewalks, the village would require the money to be deposited in the sidewalk fund so it can be used later to build sidewalks where the village determines they are needed.

Under the law the maintenance of driveway aprons still will be the responsibility of the driveway owners.

HERALD 1-11-82

Driveway law Ok'd

AN ORDINANCE requiring homeowners to keep their driveways clear of obstructions and in good repair was passed by the Wheeling Village Board at its Jan. 18 meeting.

The ordinance applies specifically to

the portions of private driveways that cross or abut public sidewalks. It also applies to the driveway apron, which is the portion of the driveway between the sidewalk and the edge of the street.

Property owners will be responsible for clearing ice and snow off these areas under the terms of the ordinance.

THE ORDINANCE passed by a 4-2 vote. Turstee John Cole was absent from the meeting.

Village President Sheila Schultz said Cole had asked her to make note of his objections to the ordinance.

Schultz said Cole opposed the ordinance because he felt it would mean "private citizens would be maintaining village property."

Schultz said Cole thought "litigation could result from that situation."

Senior housing, center projects to be explained

The Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission will be holding an information meeting on senior housing and the proposed senior center Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. in the community room of the Holy Family Hospital Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong Ave., Wheeling.

Representatives from the Housing Authority of Cook County and the village's planning staff will make brief presentations on the projects and will answer any questions you may have.

Holy Family's JoAnn Ross, R.N. will take blood pressure readings immediately following the meeting.

For further information call Ms. Julie Woods, Senior Citizens Coordinator at 459-2620. Bring a friend and spread the word.

HERALD NEIGHBOR 1-14-82

Wheeling may change walk code

Wheeling residents will continue to have their sidewalks maintained by the village but will have to begin to maintain their driveway aprons if trustees pass an amendment discussed at Monday's meeting.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said a 50-50 cost split between the village and property owners was the original idea for the ordinance, but he said the administrative mechanics were a problem and improvements would be spotty if the program was voluntary.

Markus said he did understand why the village assumed the responsibility for driveway maintenance for single family homes, but no other categories. He said multi-family aprons and industrial and commercial aprons were not covered

though all were in public right-of-ways.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the residential maintenance provided by the village was not widely known.

"It was a well-kept secret," said Schultz, who just had her whole driveway redone.

Another proposed change will put sidewalks where they will be used instead of having isolated stretches, which deteriorate before they are connected to other segments, Markus said. He said the cost of constructing a sidewalk will be assessed and collected for a sidewalk fund when required with new construction.

All village sidewalks will be five-feet wide if the amendment is adopted, which changes a requirement for 10-foot walks in the business district.

Countryside 1/14/82



Back in business

HEIN'S PUB IS BACK IN operation following suspension of its liquor license. The tavern was not allowed to sell any alcohol recently following violations of the village's liquor ordinance. The move to prohibit alcohol sales at the pub was issued by Village Manager Thomas M. Markus. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

Trustees blast new guidelines

By JEFF EICHENFIELD
Correspondent

MEMBERS OF the Wheeling Village Board have expressed alarm at a workshop meeting Monday, Jan. 11, at a new, stricter version of the state's Open Meeting Act, which, they claim, uses unfair inconvenience to officials of small municipalities and discriminates against incumbent candidates in elections.

Under the strict definition, if three of Wheeling's seven board members meet on the intent to discuss public business, the gathering must be registered as an open meeting, according to Village Attorney David Epstein.

If three trustees meet on a street to start talking, that can be converted into something illegal," he said. The act does exempt certain political matters, other meeting situations covered by the act are tours, inspections, telephone discussions and social gatherings, if the purpose of the social gathering is to discuss public business, said Epstein.

Epstein said Fahner "flatly read" a definition of "public business" in the act. "In my opinion public business is clearly limited to any business that could come before the Wheeling Board," Epstein said, including a public event that later would be discussed by the board in open meetings. He warned meetings, the board could be very much at risk if more of you discuss anything that could be public business."

The news media intended to hit the board that met the day before an open meeting and worked through their motions," Epstein said. The board would go through the motions of a

public meeting. This was illegal under the unrevised act, he said, "but they (the media) wanted more teeth in it."

"I have no problem with saying three or more people should not get together and discuss an agenda of an upcoming meeting," he said. "The problem with a law like this is you're not going to get the real crooks, you're going to get those who live by the letter of the law."

Trustee Charles M. Kerr said the act was a "slap in the face for people who have tried to do right."

IN A STATEMENT that provoked cries of disbelief from several board members, Epstein said the act also covered political meetings. "It could be a real problem if in the next election more than two of you decide to run together on a slate." He said their meetings to discuss campaign positions and village affairs would have to be made public.

Trustee John C. Cole launched the fiercest attack, saying the act discriminated against incumbents and suggesting a lawsuit be filed against the state. "They're doing more to destroy government than an enemy from a foreign shore," he said.

Cole said the act was discriminatory because, for example, it would require a slate of three incumbent candidates from the Wheeling Board to meet in public, and pay the costs involved while none of this would be required of a slate of three non-incumbent candidates. In addition, he said non-incumbents could easily "get rid of" their opponents by charging they had met illegally.

Violation of the act is a criminal offense, a Class C misdemeanor.

Open meetings act under trustees' fire

Countryside 1/14/82

By SHERRY BOEMMEL

Three Wheeling trustees were so concerned about the provisions of the newly amended Illinois Open Meetings Act they asked how the village could fight it when the act was discussed at Monday's workshop.

Trustee John Cole was most vocal in his opposition. He said he wanted to sue to stop its enforcement. Cole was particularly angered by a section which governs discussions among groups of incumbents running for reelection on the same slate.

Under the new amendments, which took effect Jan. 1, a platform discussion among three or more Wheeling incumbents would have to be an open meeting, according to Village Attorney David Epstein.

According to the act, a meeting is defined as "any gathering of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing any public business."

A majority of the quorum in the case of the seven-member village board is three, and the platform which deals with village issues is public business, Epstein said, so the meeting has to be open. An open meeting must be publicized and open to the public, Epstein said.

Cole said the provision discriminated against incumbents because opponents do not have to do their platform publicly. He said it was a way for the state to control politics down to the local level.

Epstein said the law does not prevent incumbents from taking a position, just a secret position. He also said incumbents could meet in twos before meeting together in an open meeting.

Village President Shelia Schultz was not upset by that provision. She said platforms are not that much of a bombshell anyway.

Epstein said the act had been nicknamed "The Municipal Attorney's Relief Act" because it opens the door to private civil suits from citizens who can file for as little as \$20. He said though there is a provision for recovery of court costs from the filer of a frivolous suit, recovery will be difficult.

After discussion of these and other provisions, Trustee Joseph Rataczak asked again about a lawsuit to block the act. Trustee Roger Powers also voiced concerns about protesting the act.

Epstein's advice was to wait for test cases, then work through the Illinois Municipal Conference for change.

Schultz said Governor Jim Thompson has asked municipal governments to record impediments to their action caused by the act.

A Northwest Municipal Conference publication given to the board reported that Thompson said he would work to change the law if it becomes too cumbersome, but Thompson said it was better "to err on the side of government openness and honesty in government."

Community leaders speak out

Life 1-14-82

Roads take heavy toll on budgets

By ROSEMARY SAZONOFF
Staff Writer

HOW TO MEET escalating costs with tighter budgets was high on the list of problems under discussion when six women, all local governmental leaders, met for a rap session on community and family outlook for 1982.

They touched on transportation problems, cable TV, how to select which services to diminish, the burden of assuming tasks the state and county are not handling, and the ever-controversial garbage collection situation.

Lorraine Wax, president of the Northbrook Park District Board, was the only one who said the picture was fairly good for the district.

"What you are saying is the exact opposite for the Northbrook Park District. The district was poor-mouthed for so long until the voters increased the tax rate, and we had the gigantic quadrennial reassessment. We are in the position now of being able to fix up things and work on a five year plan."

Wax said that for many years there wasn't enough money to keep things up, that equipment was old and deteriorating.

"We had trucks that were 35 years old. And then nice things happened and we didn't even levy as much as we could last year."

SHEILA SCHULTZ, Wheeling village president, said, "Wheeling is a very stable community in terms of residency. But the economy impacts on village government in the burdens that are shifting down as other governmental agencies or private agencies feel the squeeze and eliminate services. The residents look to us to see what we can do," said Schultz in reference to road maintenance and traffic control problems for which the state and county have cut back funding.

"WHERE WE ARE hurting," said Northbrook Village President Lucinda Kasperson, "is from federal and state mandates. They have become real problems in terms of traffic signal design — a cost of \$50,000 for each intersection. Four or five years ago, every intersection was updated with a third signal and bigger reflectors. To do one signal, even when it is already there, is \$55,000. That's without taking anything down. It would be \$120,000 for the whole thing. We have 14 signals in Northbrook. In one year, they added \$800,000 in costs and we didn't have it."

While Northbrook has a broad tax base, plenty of industry and a low tax rate, these kinds of expenses are staggering to any community, Kasperson said.

"We try to pace these investments over a period of time. That's just one example. Going over reports this morning, I found we would also have to pay \$13,000 for our share of a signal outside of our own community. Only one corner is in Northbrook."

Kasperson said Northbrook has spent \$1 million on roads and is about to spend another \$1 million in Skokie, and \$5 million on the whole project.

"What is happening is that the state is doing nothing on state roads and they are going to drive us all into bankruptcy."



MAKING A POINT in the panel discussion is Lorraine Wax, right, president of the Northbrook Park District Board, while Sheila Schultz, left, Wheeling village president, listens.

Roles vary for women who serve

By ROSEMARY SAZONOFF
Staff Writer

"MEN WILL NEVER REACH their full potential as long as women continue to support the status quo."

Sheila Schultz, Wheeling village president, offered the quote in a discussion of the personal side of public service — a six-panelist rap session of women in the public eye, sponsored by Lerner-LIFE Newspapers.

"We do men a great disservice as long as women preserve the status quo. I wouldn't trade my 20 years at home for anything, with my seven children. But the changes for my husband were more difficult. He is a better person for it."

Said Cynthia Marty, Deerfield village trustee:

"There is nothing wrong with doing all those things as long as we were at home with smaller children."

"BUT IT'S NOT fair to change the rules of the game," said Brenda Segal of Deerfield, past president of School District 110 board. "There were rules of the game when we all got married... After doing everything, laundry, cooking for 21 years, you can't turn to your husband and say you have decided he is going to do some of the cooking. It has to be a gradual process."

As an example, Segal tells how she dealt with her son, who brings home daily a dirty football uniform.

"I don't do laundry every day, maybe two or three times a week. If you need a clean uniform tomorrow, you do it. You know how to work the machine."

For Schultz, "everything came very gradually. I like to think of it as growth for all of us. I must admit it's terrific now when I can go through a day when I have juggled my work successfully. Yesterday was a good example. I had family commitments, a special work commitment and commitments for the village. I got home at 9 p.m. The day had gone well. Nothing fell apart at home."

"AND THE CHILDREN GROW because they do what needs to be done when you are not there. Then, when we have time to do it — it's all a joy. Christmas is a good example. To really give into domestic things is very satisfying," said Schultz, who considers the process to be evolutionary for most women with families.

"If you are going to be active, that's your way of life."

Her priorities and commitments continue to change:

"I didn't jump into anything full time when the children were young and needed me. But I did get involved with the schools and church committees when the children were in school. Then the church needed someone in a civic role. That got me active in the community. It goes on and on."

As Schultz' seven children grew older, she started working part time at the library.

"Working for the library is, in a sense, a public service which, for me, is part of my whole community commitment."

Proper action taken in liquor law offense

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NO ONE likes to see a business closed. If, however, a business violates the law, then a closing may be warranted. Such is the case with a tavern in Wheeling, Hein's Pub. That establishment was ordered closed for a total of four days by Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus following two incidents of minors being sold liquor.

This was a clear violation of the law and we feel Markus acted properly in this matter.

There are those, however, who disagree with Markus' action. They contend the closing was political because the bar is operated by the parents of former Village Board President, William Hein.

When it comes to serving liquor to minors, politics has to be put aside. While we commend Markus for his action, we also want to encourage him to keep an eye on all establishments in the village which serve or sell liquor.

The consequences of selling liquor to minors can not only be serious, but fatal as well if young people mix drinking and driving—a dangerous mix for anyone, not just those under 21.

We hope officials in all communities are keeping an eye on the operations of liquor establishments and encourage residents of any area community who are aware of minors buying alcohol to contact their local police department.



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Blue ribbon panel

PANEL members who met in the Deerfield library to discuss local issues included from left, Rosemary Sazonoff, staff writer; Lucinda Kasperson, Northbrook; Brenda Segal, Deerfield; Cynthia Marty, Deerfield; Sheila Schultz, Wheeling; Lorraine Wax, Northbrook, and Norma Morrison, Glenview.

Gun restrictions are eyed

By JEFF EICHENFIELD
Correspondent

AN ORDINANCE that would ban the sale of handguns and machine guns—but not their possession—is being prepared for discussion by the village of Wheeling, according to Village Board President Sheila Schultz.

The action follows a U.S. District

Court decision that ruled a Morton Grove law banning handgun sale and possession does not infringe on an individual's constitutional rights.

The ordinance and a report probably will be drafted and submitted to the board in early February, Village Attorney David Epstein said.

"HANDGUNS SEEM an unnecessary

danger to any community," Schultz said. "They have no good purpose and cause a great deal of harm."

The Wheeling ordinance would ban the sale of the guns, but, unlike the Morton Grove ordinance, would not ban possession. There is little resistance to a ban on sales, Schultz said, adding that the board would "like to get that on the books now."

Schultz said she would like to address the issue of possession as well, but her staff advised a "wait-and-see attitude" because further litigation is expected on the Morton Grove ordinance. Both Wheeling Village Manager Tom Markus and Acting Police Chief Billy Ralston declined to comment on the Morton Grove ordinance, which forbids residents to own handguns, exempting only antique gun collectors, licensed gun clubs, the military and the police.

GUN CONTROL in Wheeling became an issue when the original Morton Grove ordinance was passed in June, Schultz said. "As soon as that issue was resolved in the courts it was brought up again." The Village Board asked Markus to have an ordinance drawn up, and to have a report prepared about the ban on handgun possession.

The publicity recent gun control laws has received, coupled with a more conservative trend in public thinking is responsible for the concern expressed in Wheeling, Ralston said. "The machine-gun law that went into effect in January probably prompted them to move at this time."

Ralston said he did not believe an ordinance banning guns sales would have a great effect because there are currently no gun stores in the village. Schultz said, however, that a ban would forestall gun dealers from moving into Wheeling as they are squeezed out of other villages by similar ordinances.

ALTHOUGH A GREAT many people have asked Schultz to discuss such an ordinance, she said, the board has not been contacted by any organized group in support of or opposition to the plan. "I know a great number of hunters feel very strongly about their guns, but that is a matter that could be addressed. I don't see hunting as the problem."

Epstein said these types of guns probably would be exempted.

Schultz said there recently has been one accidental death and two suicides in Wheeling in which handguns were involved.

WHEELING OFFICIALS said things in that village were fairly routine despite the bitter cold. Acting Police Chief Billy Ralston said there were no noticeable increases in calls and aside from his men dealing with the cold, the only problem the department experienced was the same as all area car owners did—keeping them working.

Capt. Ralph Perricone of the Wheeling Fire Department said things were calm with no serious fires.

"We had a lot of sprinkler lines broken, but no serious fires, thank God," Perricone said.

The fire department did, however, have to respond to an accident at

Palwaukee Airport where a plane slid off the runway and went into four parked planes. The occupants of the plane were not seriously injured. "Actually we were lucky," Perricone said. "It was so cold out, that the temperature was below the flash point for gasoline (-43), so there wasn't a fire."

Public Works Director Robert Gray said water mains in the village held up remarkably well, as did the wells. "We were fortunate not to have any breaks," Gray said. The most serious problem his department seemed to have encounter was drifting of blowing snow.

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Just imagine ...

Covering governments like sports could be interesting

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I'VE ALWAYS been somewhat amazed by the chutzpah that surrounds the changes made by a professional sports team.

Just shy of news bulletins interrupting the Family Feud or some other tube tantalizer, news of professional sports teams, especially here in the Chicago area seems to captivate people to the point where it's the topic of discussion just about anywhere you go.

Case in point—the changes made by the Chicago Bears. Enough is enough. For the record, I was sorry to see Neill Armstrong leave. He's probably one of the classier guys you'd want to meet around the NFL, but class doesn't win games.

Everyone knows what's happening with the Bears on a daily basis. Which is somewhat interesting.

BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T surprise me if more people knew the Bear's personnel, then their own municipal officials.

Which, admittedly, is probably the media's fault. But, on the other hand, what would happen if community newspapers started covering the hirings, firings and resignations the way the major media covers the Bears.

Just think about. Imagine Wheeling

residents opening The LIFE and reading that Village Manager Thomas M. Markus is waiting until the upcoming conference of finance directors was complete before he could talk with the finance director of Hammond, Ind. regarding the possible trade of that city's fiscal wizzard for Greg Peters and a ledger sheet to be named later.

HOW ABOUT if we started equating Deerfield Mayor Bernie Forrest with George Halas. I'm not calling Forrest old, but he's the longest serving politician around.

Consider reading that Deerfield Mayor Bernard Forrest told reporters last week that "there's no goddamn senility in this carcass." Of course, to keep things on an even level, Village Manager Bob Franz was asked to attend the meeting, but declined. Forrest, we were told, would shortly announce plans for Franz's future.

The basic scenario is this—while local residents plunk down a pretty penny to live in their towns, they probably don't care as much. When the Bears, however, go 6-10, many of them are upset.

So why not join the ranks. North-

brook residents might take interest if they were to read that Assistant Village Manager John Novinson has announced next year's schedule of joint meetings between the Village Board and other community groups.

Imagine a statement by Novinson comparing the new schedule to the old. "We're pleased this year. Last year we were stuck with the Plan Commission on successive weekends four times. This year we have the Senior Commission." Novinson could liken the schedule to a "showing" by the board, much in the same way the Bears' schedule compares to their showing.

JUST PICTURE Novinson telling reporters "I think the fact that the Board went past 11:30 six times during 1981 accounts for our easier schedule."

Investigations have also played a key role in interest among sports readers.

Just imagine a "league" set up for village boards, school boards and commissions.

You could, possibly, read a story that indicates "School District 31 today was placed on probation for one year following meeting violations," it was announced by League Commissioner Bob Van Deusen. There's no specific reason to make Van Deusen commissioner, except that if there was a municipal league, the Glenview Village Manager would make a good spokesman.

There is one more thing we could incorporate, that would be "post-meeting competition."

For those, however, who attend village or school board meetings, they know one thing. Enough is enough.

Roster contains cream of the crop

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By ROSEMARY SAZONOFF
Staff Writer

IF THERE WERE A SEARCH for a corporate president or new blood for a forensics team, any good "head hunter" could have found articulate, knowledgeable, capable leadership in any one of the six women participating in a rap session at the Deerfield Public Library Thursday, Jan. 7.

Two village presidents, one current and one past village trustee, a park board president and a past school board president-turned-entrepreneur made up the panel of local leaders selected by The LIFE Newspapers for a free-wheeling discussion of community and family. They included the following:

SHEILA SCHULTZ, Wheeling Village president, has been active in community affairs for many years. She has been politically involved both in independent and party politics, has served as campaign manager and holds a full-time job with the Wheeling Public Library. Mother of seven children (two youngest still at home) and grandmother of one, she has learned to



FEDERAL and state mandates were a problem, reported Lucinda Kasperson, Northbrook village president.



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Hedrick resigns job on municipal relations panel

Wheeling resident John Hedrick has resigned from his post on the village's municipal relations commission, citing time and scheduling problems.

Hedrick was appointed to the commission in July 1980 and said he would serve for one year. He extended that commitment last spring when two other members of the commission resigned, leaving several open spots. He worked on the village newsletter and has also been involved in revamping the ordinance that assigns tasks to the commission.

Village President Sheila Schultz said she has not filled Hedrick's position, but will conduct interviews to fill the job. Schultz has the power to appoint commissioners with board approval.

Research center has new headquarters

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WHEELING — The Consumer Research Division of United States Testing Co., Inc., has purchased new corporate headquarters at 300 Marquardt Drive in Wheeling. The Wheeling office will serve as the hub of the independently owned and operated network of consumer research centers consisting of 12 fully staffed central location facilities located in shopping malls in major marketing areas. The division serves the marketing community not only in Chicago but also nationwide through market testing both new and existing products and services, creative concepts and new product ideas.

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Village uses mix to help road salt last the winter

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Herald staff report

This winter's record-breaking cold, combined with a less spectacular series of small snowstorms, has forced many road crews in the Northwest suburbs to use most of their stockpiled road salt.

Some towns, in fact, have used more salt this season than during the heavy snows of 1979, but local public works officials said they've had no trouble ordering more, nor do they expect a shortage before the spring thaw.

"This winter has been a bad one for salt," said Orlo Bensen, Bartlett public works director, mainly because there have been "so many dribbles" of snow and "so much ice."

Most towns have used at least half of their salt allotment, with public works crews clearing the streets 10 to 15 times this winter. The cost of a one-time snowing and plowing operation ranges from \$200 in Prospect Heights, the town with the fewest roads to maintain, to \$7,160 in Elk Grove Village.

Three years ago, salt supplies ran out when the Mississippi River froze, trapping the barges that bring salt from Southern mines. But the Northwest Municipal Conference, which buys salt for most towns, has tightened up its procedures, and Director William Grams said the chances of another shortage are slim.

TODAY, THE conference uses a different supplier that ships salt across Lake Michigan, which is less likely to freeze.

The conference has contracted for 31,575 tons of salt at about \$22.50 per ton, and its contract stipulates that the supplier, Morton Salt Co. of Chicago, must be able to provide an additional 8,000 tons in the event of an exceptionally severe winter. For the average suburb, that means a cushion of about 500 tons.

"That works out to about 60 salt-ings," Grams said. "That's a pretty good leeway."

The contract also guarantees that the towns will buy at least 75 percent of the salt they estimated they would need. That eliminates the likelihood of local officials inflating their estimates to make sure they have enough salt, forcing the supplier "to play the game of guessing how much they really need," Grams said.

Wheeling Streets Superintendent Bob Issleb said the village has 400 tons

of salt left over from last year and another 500 tons on order this year and he has begun to get delivery on this year's load.

LAST YEAR THE village used 500 tons of salt and in 1979, Issleb estimated he used 1,200 to 1,300 tons of salt to treat village streets.

Issleb said the village cut back on orders this year because they are com-

binning the salt with liquid calcium. The chemical melts ice at lower temperatures than salt and spreads the salt further.

Wheeling owns five salt trucks and they have made 12 runs this year. Issleb estimated an average run uses 31 tons of salt and that it costs about \$1,700 for all five trucks to complete a two-hour run.

Rate restriction affecting water bonds

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

At least one of the groups of Northwest suburbs building a water pipeline may have trouble getting the money for construction unless state law is changed on the amount of interest the group is allowed to pay.

The Northwest Municipal Conference, a coalition of North and Northwest suburbs, has asked several Chicago bonding consultants to help develop

proposed legislation to put the pipeline group back in the bonding market.

The problem is that state law now limits the interest rate that can be paid by governmental bodies without home-rule powers — including the Northwest Water Commission — to 70 percent of the prime rate. That limit now is about 12 percent, but other municipal bonds are selling at 13 or 14 percent and "you can't sell bonds in this market at 12 percent," said Bill Grams, executive director of the mu-

nicipal conference.

Other non-home-rule governments affected by the limit include park and library districts and towns of less than 25,000 population. Home-rule power, which is the authority to make many decisions and regulations locally that previously were made by the state, comes automatically when a city or village reaches the 25,000 population mark.

THE NORTHWEST WATER Com-

mission — whose members are Palatine, Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling — plans to sell revenue bonds to raise \$68.5 million for a pipeline to bring Lake Michigan water from Evanston.

But Grams said the bonds probably wouldn't sell at the restricted rate of 12 percent. He said legislation already has been introduced to raise the limit to 80 percent of prime rate, but bonding consultants have suggested the method of setting the limit should be

changed because "the prime rate has no direct relationship to the long-term bond market."

Municipal conference officials will meet with the consultants next week to develop proposed legislation.

The interest rates paid on municipal bonds always are lower than on other investments because the income from municipal bonds is tax-free.

Another group of Northwest suburbs — Elk Grove Village, Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, Hoff-

man Estates, Hanover Park and Streamwood — is planning a \$118 million water pipeline to Chicago.

But Elk Grove Village Manager Charles Willis, head of the group's executive committee, said he doesn't think the interest restriction applies because the group is technically a water agency — not a commission — and doesn't have the same powers and regulations as non-home-rule governments.

Anti-airport group challenges officials to debate

A group of residents opposed to the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, has challenged suburban officials studying the question to a debate.

The Citizens Airport Activity Group has asked members of the Technical Advisory Committee to participate in "a series of public debates" to "provide information and a complete picture to the two communities who

would ultimately vote on the purchase plan."

Warren Sunde, vice-president of CAAG, said that 14 questions and answers circulated last fall by Technical Advisory Committee to clarify misconceptions surrounding the airport's purchase "were so blatantly misrepresentative" that a debate is necessary to "know the complete truth of what's happening."

"A debate is the best way to get the facts," said Sunde, adding he wants "two or three public debates," although the format for the meetings has not been determined. "We would like to discuss that with TAC," he said.

BUT WHEELING Village Manager Thomas Markus, who serves as co-chairman of TAC, said such a debate would "serve little purpose."

"It's not the TAC committee that's

making the decisions. It's the (Wheeling) village board and the (Prospect Heights) city council who will decide," said Markus. "TAC is not supporting nor against it (public purchase). It's the consultant's job to make a recommendation and the boards' job to make the decision. I don't see what good it's going to do unless they're trying to discredit us," he said.

"TAC meetings have always been

open to the public. Anytime they wish to come in and debate they're welcome, and have been," said Markus.

But Sunde said the morning scheduling of TAC meetings made them difficult to attend. "If we did attend, we were not able to sit as equals. There was no two-way dialogue," said Sunde.

MARKUS DID not refuse CAAG's challenge, saying he could not speak for the entire committee, but called

the proposal "unfortunate."

Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell, TAC's co-chairman, could not be reached for comment.

Three years ago the two towns commissioned a \$120,000 consultant's study and set up the Technical Advisory Committee to examine the airport's public purchase. A public hearing on the study is scheduled for Jan. 28.

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Juvenile officer has way with kids

by Laura Watters Bianchi

Herald staff writer

The jangling telephone interrupts officer Tim Hillyer in mid-sentence. He exhales a cloud of smoke from a Camel and picks up the receiver.

"You need me in Mike Meyer's classroom?" he says. "OK, I'll be right there."

Hillyer drops the half-smoked butt into his ashtray and takes off at a fast clip for the trouble spot. "J.R." as Hillyer calls him, is "going nuts" again.

Hillyer, 41, is the juvenile officer for the Wheeling Police Department and is assigned to Wheeling Township Dist. 21 schools as well as the London Behavior Education Center in Wheeling and its satellite program at Muir School in Prospect Heights. On this day, he was at London where classroom outbursts — verbal and physical — are standard fare.

Rounding a corner, Hillyer gets his first view of the situation. "J.R." is sprawled face down in the hallway with four teachers holding him down. Instead of adding his weight to the situation, Hillyer asks for a brief explanation of what happened, then asks J.R. whether he's ready to take a walk to the front office to cool down. J.R. says he's ready, and the teachers cautiously release him.

"HOW'S YOUR MOM? Is she out of the hospital yet?" Hillyer asks as he escorts J.R. toward a cooling off spot.

"Yeah, she's home now," J.R. says. Hillyer deposits his still angry young charge in a small office with a supervisor then returns to his smoke and his conversation.

"It's been an amazing experience," Hillyer says of his work at the behavior education center. "You never know what you are going to run into here,

and that's what keeps it exciting and interesting."

Hillyer, a hefty ex-Marine, has been a Wheeling police officer for 10 years. At London, he deals with some of the worst behavior problems from 10 Northwest suburban school districts.

"I don't yell and scream," he says of his approach with the youths, many of whom come from homes where they were physically or sexually abused. "Yelling and screaming is very possibly all these kids have been subjected to."

Instead, he talks to the kids and tells them, without making threats, what the road ahead will hold if they don't straighten out. Sometimes it works.

"WHEN YOU see a kid that was really bananas," and you're able to calm him down, "it makes your day. It makes it all worthwhile," Hillyer says.

Hillyer has been trained specifically for being a youth officer and has attended seminars on substance abuse and child abuse.

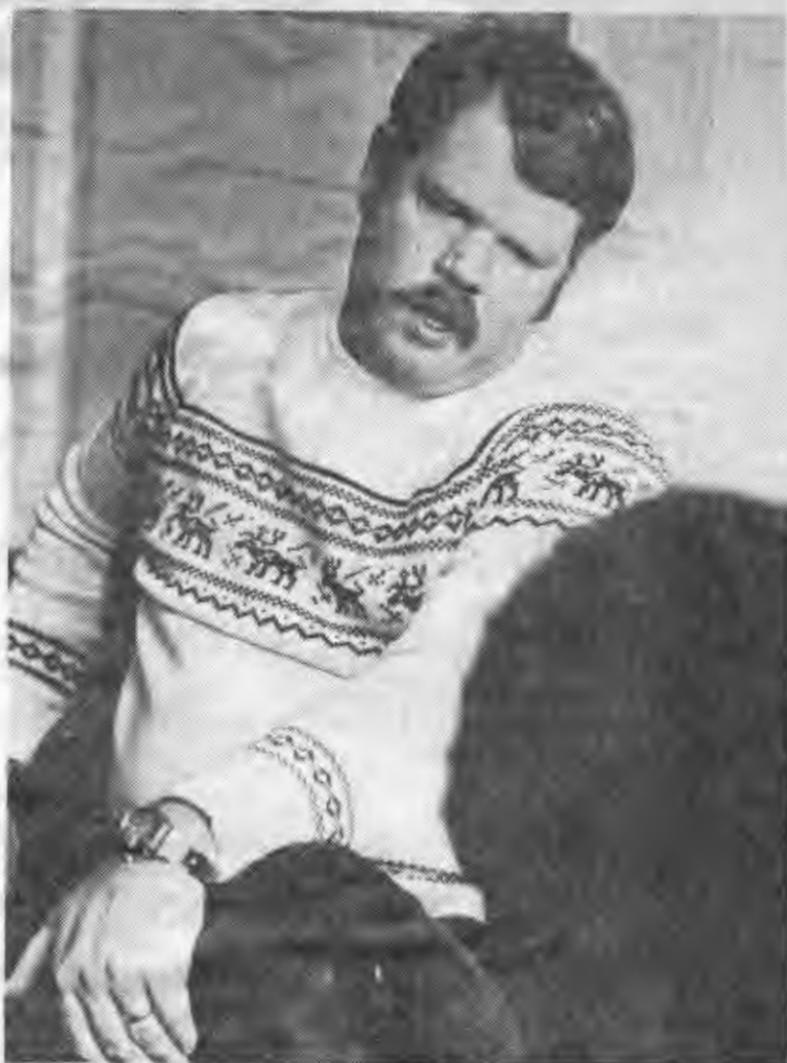
He recalls one day when he was trying to calm the near-violent parent who wanted to take his abused daughter out of school. At the same time, "one of the high school kids chose to go nuts," he says.

"It was one of those days when you put out the hottest fire first," he says.

But the job has its rewards. And what he enjoys most is talking to a classroom of students about the law and drugs and answering questions about the police.

One of his jobs is to change the students' attitude toward the law and policemen, a tall order considering that the youngsters typically confront a police officer only when they have been caught for vandalism, truancy or shoplifting.

"When that works well," he says of the classroom talks, "that's just super."



Herald photo

TIM HILLYER, juvenile officer for the Wheeling Police Department, talks with a troubled student, trying to calm the youth and help him work through a problem. Hillyer is assigned to Wheeling Township Dist. 21 schools.

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2 pipeline payment plans detailed

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials have come up with two new plans to cover the cost of piping water from Lake Michigan, one that would double the village's property tax rate and another that would raise both property taxes and water rates.

Village administrators already are proposing to double the village's water rate in June — an increase that would raise the average yearly water bill from \$108 to \$228 — to cover increased operating costs and Wheeling's first payments to the Northwest Water Commission, which plans to build an \$82 million pipeline from Evanston to carry the lake water to the Northwest suburbs.

But, to pay for the pipeline itself and the water it will carry from Evanston, administrators also are asking the village board to choose between an increase in property taxes for 1983 and a combination of higher taxes and water rates.

IF THE LAKE water is paid for only with property taxes, which can be deducted from federal income taxes, village officials are proposing to raise Wheeling's property tax rate by 108 percent. Currently a resident with a house assessed at \$12,000 pays \$85 in village property taxes. The proposed increase would raise that amount by \$92 to \$177 a year.

Under this plan the water rate would rise from 90 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$1.90 in June but would remain stable later.

If the lake water is paid for with a combination of water rates and taxes, village residents will face a 52 percent increase in their property taxes and water rates that will triple, to \$2.67 per 1,000 gallons, by 1985.

Under this plan a Wheeling resident with a house assessed at \$12,000 would face a \$44 increase in property taxes for an annual bill of \$129. The average yearly water bill would increase to \$320.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE Manager Robert Fialkowski said the estimates are based on a "worst possible case" and said the rates could change slightly with improvements in the economy and a drop in interest rates.

Fialkowski said the rates were re-estimated after officials from the

Northwest Water Commission began discussing changes in their proposed financing program. Wheeling Trustee John Cole also asked the village staff to look for a way to "soften the blow" of paying for the lake water by raising taxes, instead of water rates, so residents could deduct their payments from their federal income taxes.

The village board will make the final decision on the increases within the next few months. Meanwhile, a public hearing on the proposed increases has been scheduled for Feb. 8.

Fialkowski said a newsletter explaining both proposals, the reasons for the increases, and what they will do to residents' tax and water bills, was mailed to Wheeling residents on Friday.

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Trustees to take meeting on the road

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials are preparing to go on the road.

Officials decided this week to hold village board workshops at various locations in the community, rather than always at village hall.

Twice each month the village board holds workshop meetings to discuss proposed laws and other business concerning Wheeling. Trustees can take no formal action at the meetings, but the meetings serve as a chance for board

members to have in-depth discussions and hear explanations of various issues.

Village President Sheila Schultz said moving the workshop sessions to various locations throughout the village will give residents a chance to watch and address the board on their own terms.

"IT'S SOMETHING that came up (while) going around during the campaign," Schultz said. "It's a whole different atmosphere when you're in their home territory."

Schultz said she hopes the plan will

cause residents to attend meetings they wouldn't usually attend when they're held at the village hall. "The meetings will be more available and people will be more liable to come," she said.

The village staff has been directed to draw up a list of available meeting rooms. Board members said they also would accept invitations for meeting locations.

"An invitation would be wonderful," Schultz said.

Meeting rooms at multi-family developments and rooms in single-family

areas will all be considered for the meetings. "The planned developments come to mind, but we shouldn't eliminate or exclude single-family residents," said Schultz.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus also suggested that the village be broken down into regions, so the board will be sure to meet in different parts of Wheeling for each workshop. Trustees also said they would consider holding a workshop on nights other than Monday when the board traditionally meets.

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Towns tangle over road maintenance

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Prospect Heights officials are asking the Village of Wheeling to pay them \$3,500 for repaving a quarter-mile stretch of road, half of which lies in Wheeling.

But Wheeling officials are refusing to pay, saying Prospect Heights reneged on an agreement to take over maintenance of the road after Wheeling chipped in for the roadwork.

And as a result of the standoff, the two towns will continue to patch potholes and plow snow on the same stretch of Sherwood Drive, south of Hintz Road, between Schoenbeck and



Wheeling roads.

LAST YEAR, Prospect Heights officials asked Wheeling if it would pay about half the cost to repave Sherwood

Drive, which marks the boundary between the two towns. Although Wheeling had no immediate plans to repave the road, it tentatively accepted the deal on the condition that Prospect Heights take over maintenance of the road.

That was done mainly to avoid the confusion of having both towns maintaining the same street, said Wheeling Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski.

But Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf said he learned only last week that Wheeling expected the city to maintain the road for the next 15 years. And since the life expectancy of the average road is eight to 10 years,

the city eventually would be faced with repaving a road that serves just as many Wheeling residents. "That doesn't look good to me," he said, adding that it is only "fair" that Wheeling contribute something because otherwise they will have gotten a repaving job for nothing.

"I just don't believe that one side should take the burden for something that benefits both towns," he said.

But Wheeling officials say the terms of the agreement were clear enough, and are accusing Prospect Heights of trying to back out of a deal. "It seems like every opportunity they get, Prospect Heights gives us the gouge," said Trustee Charles Kerr.

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Village blood drive dates announced

The Village Volunteer Blood Drive Committee has announced the dates for the three community blood drives to be held in 1982. The first drive will be April 7, the second on July 7, and the third drive on Nov. 3. All drives begin at 2:30 p.m. and will end at 7:30 p.m. The Wheeling Community Blood Drive will be held in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall, 255 S. Dundee Rd.

As we have reported in the past, the Village of Wheeling participates in the North Subur-

Public service

ban Blood Center's Volunteer Blood Donor Program. The North Suburban Blood Center (NSBC) provides all of the blood needs for 13 area hospitals. The operative words here are "voluntary donations."

In addition to the three community blood drives, many local churches, community or-

ganizations, and industries also sponsor NSBC blood drives. Those donors who cannot make the local and community drives can also give at one of the NSBC's permanent collection centers. Questions concerning the Wheeling Community Drive should be directed to Dan Adams, 459-2620 at the Wheeling Village Hall. Questions concerning the North Suburban Blood Center's program function and alternative donation locations should be directed to the North Suburban Blood Center at 298-9660.

JAN 22 82 Herald Village hall open longer for stickers

Hours at the Wheeling village hall have been extended to accommodate residents who need to purchase 1982 vehicle stickers.

The deadline to display stickers is Jan. 31. The village hall will be open Saturday and Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for residents who wish to buy the stickers. The hall is regularly open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Stickers for passenger cars are \$10 each; motorcycle and moped stickers, \$6; and stickers for recreational vehicles are \$5. Senior citizens pay \$3 for stickers if they were 65 years old by Jan. 1, 1982. There is a limit of two senior citizen discounts per family.

Village officials have said they will not extend the deadline for the stickers beyond Jan. 30, and residents who fail to display new stickers will be subject to tickets every 24-hours from the Wheeling police. An additional \$5 fee will be charged for each sticker bought after the deadline.

JAN 22 82 Herald Cable TV ground work really begins

(Continued from Page 1) promise not to dig up streets and driveways, but to bore under them.

ONLY AFTER A neighborhood has cable installed along every home will the companies send in salesmen to sell subscriptions for the service, which costs about \$14 a month for basic service — 24 channels from Warner or 52 from Cablenet — plus one movie channel. A cable then will be installed from the main street line to each household that subscribes.

Warner has recently moved its local offices into a building at 1575 Rohlfing Road, in Rolling Meadows. Two satellite receiving dishes to be located there will pick up the programming

and send it over cables to homes in Palatine and Rolling Meadows. The signal will be broadcast from a 150-foot tower to separate receiving towers in Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village and Hoffman Estates, and over cables through those towns.

Cablenet is having a new building constructed in the Kensington Center complex in Mount Prospect, where it will have three receiving dishes and a 235-foot tower. To coordinate programming and keep an eye on the two companies, a committee of local trustees and aldermen is considering setting up a cable agency with a member from each of 21 suburbs, including the 15 Northwest suburbs and six North

shore towns that also have granted franchises to Cablenet.

Des Plaines Alderman Daniel Kisslinger, co-chairman of the committee studying an intergovernmental agency, said he hopes to have the agency set up within two or three months. The committee's first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

"We're trying to figure out how we can all work together to solve all our problems at one time, rather than each town solving them individually," Kisslinger said. The coordinating and overseeing agency — or the extra municipal conference staff person to do the work — will be paid for from a percentage of cable TV revenues that is pledged to each local government.



Herald photo

SPOOLS OF WIRE that eventually will carry cable television programming into Northwest suburban homes are prepared for installation by workers at a Cablenet warehouse. The cables will be

strung on telephone poles and buried in underground utility easements beginning next month and covering every street in 15 suburbs by August 1983.

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Cable TV wiring begins

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

After years of talk and planning, the two cable television companies serving the Northwest suburbs are beginning the long process of wiring 15 towns, while local organizations are planning programs to be carried over the cables.

Cable crews today will begin placing notices on the doors of some Wheeling and Des Plaines residents, asking permission lay cable through their backyards.

In other areas of those towns cable companies expect to begin stringing overhead lines on telephone poles Feb. 1.

WORK IN OTHER towns will follow, with a significant portion to be completed in 1982.

Promising to make only "a little, tiny slit in the ground," Cablenet Inc. and Warner-Amex Cable Corp. hope to bury cables in the utility easements between backyards in areas where utility wires are underground. The work will be done re-

gardless of whether the present occupants plan to order cable TV service.

Both Cablenet and Warner, the two cable companies building systems in the Northwest suburbs, say they will begin stringing above-ground cables throughout the area in the next few months, wherever telephone and power lines are strung on poles.

But first, each pole must be prepared — usually by moving the telephone line lower to leave the required space between wires. Cablenet is paying Illinois Bell and Central Telephone \$1.6 million to prepare the poles in 10 suburbs.

GENERALLY, SAID Robert McRann, Cablenet chief operating officer, "the utilities are planning to work from Wheeling southward," with Hanover Park and Streamwood the last to be wired.

Cablenet has promised to have cable TV installed and operating in 15 percent of Arlington Heights, Wheeling, Des Plaines, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and

Schaumburg by Aug. 1. The service will be available to 15 percent of Park Ridge, Bartlett, Streamwood and Hanover Park on Nov. 1, and to everyone in all 10 towns by August 1983.

Warner is committed to providing cable to everyone who wants it in Palatine by December of this year, because Palatine was the first suburb to grant Warner a franchise. The company must wire 15 percent of Rolling Meadows, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village and Hoffman Estates by November, and complete the system in those towns by July 1983.

"We are at the mercy of the utilities," said Thomas Baxter, Warner's general manager. "Our relations with the utilities so far have been good. We are hoping they will be very cooperative in getting their poles ready and getting us out of their hair."

ILLINOIS BELL spokesman Priscilla Smith said all the telephone poles in Wheeling should be ready for cable on Feb. 1, and most

other towns will be ready between April and June, with Streamwood and Hanover Park bringing up the rear in September.

Underground cable is a little more tricky, McRann said. Cablenet plans to begin the underground wiring in March, but Baxter said Warner will wait until the ground thaws and then becomes firm again.

Wheeling and Des Plaines residents with underground utilities will find letters from Cablenet on their doorknobs, along with a permission card to allow the company to lay cable along the back lot line. If two back-to-back homeowners refuse to sign, McRann said, the company will have to use the public parkway in front of the houses, which is more expensive.

The company uses a machine "like an oversized snowblower," which slices 18 inches into the ground, buries the cable and re-packs the ground in just a few minutes, McRann said. Both firms

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Is money there for airport? *Herald 1-24-82*

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— and disadvantages, too.

Corporate planes make Pal-Waukee different from other privately owned airports in the Chicago area. With its 5,000-foot runway, Pal-Waukee is the only airport in the area other than O'Hare, Meigs and Midway that can handle all sizes of private jets.

With 280,000 takeoffs and landings annually, the airport is an important field because it can take the pressure off already strained O'Hare Airport. With more traffic than either Midway or Meigs, Pal-Waukee has great business potential for the two towns, which would be eligible for something Priester never could get: federal tax subsidies.

RISING MAINTENANCE costs and increased property taxes make it almost impossible for Priester and his son, Charles, the airport manager, to run the airport profitably, Priester said.

"The return is just not commensurate with the investment here. You could take the money here and put it in something else and do much better," Priester said.

Up until this year, one of the largest incentives for the Priesters to sell the airport was a high federal inheritance tax, which would have made it almost impossible to pass the airport on to his heirs, George Priester said. While there could be inheritance problems if both men were to die suddenly at the same time or within a few months of one another, the problem has been eased because of changes in inheritance tax laws.

The family, however, remains committed to keep Pal-Waukee an airport rather than a new housing or industrial development. And achieving that goal is an expensive proposition.

PART OF THE problem is that

federal aviation funds, which help pay for repairs and improvements at public-owned airports, are not available to private owners like Priester.

But the potential for gain by a municipally-owned airport alarms some neighbors, who fear Prospect Heights and Wheeling — armed with money, tax exemptions and subsidies — will expand the field and increase noise problems, particularly at night.

While there is no curfew on nighttime operations at Pal-Waukee, some owners with planes based at the airport limit their night and early morning flights voluntarily, Charles Priester said. And noise problems from other than jet planes are extremely minimal, he said.

Any attempts by a new airport owner to restrict night operations severely — for example from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. — probably would result in many owners moving their planes, he said. "This airport is successful because it meets the needs of the corporate and business owners and if you limit it so that it becomes unfeasible for them to use it, you aren't doing the job right."

WHILE THE airport does request all pilots to avoid flying over noise-sensitive areas, such as schools, whenever possible, those environmental considerations must take second place to safety, Priester said.

Officially, the two towns are non-committal about buying the airport until a consultant's plan is completed and the public hearings on the project conducted. But the study has been dragging on for more than three years, and Priester and officials in both towns — where the airport has become a campaign issue — are anxious to get the possible purchase moving.

The estimated cost of buying

Pal-Waukee and bringing it up to Federal Aviation Administration standards required of public airports is about \$53 million, according to the study done by Ralph Burke Inc., the Park Ridge-based aviation consultant.

The municipalities' share of that would be either about \$2.8 million or \$4.8 million, depending on whether the federal government pays 80 or 90 percent of the cost. The state would split with Wheeling and Prospect Heights the amount not paid by the federal government.

IF THE TWO towns could agree today to buy the airport, it would be early 1983 before the deal would be closed under the best of circumstances. And the current circumstances are not ideal. The airport acquisition faces two difficult financial hurdles: the lack of an existing federal funding program and high interest rates.

At present there is no federal aid program for airports. The Airport Development Aid Program expired in 1980, and attempts to renew the program are at a standstill. Without federal funds, purchase of Pal-Waukee would be almost impossible for Wheeling and Prospect Heights, said Larry Donoghue, airport consultant.

David Zavattero, an aviation planner with the Chicago Area Transportation Study, phrased it more strongly. "If there are no ADAP funds available, then the project is dead."

And even if a program were passed, funds for the acquisition of Pal-Waukee probably would require a special congressional appropriation or FAA designation. The estimated cost to the federal government is \$41.2 million, with most of that coming in the first years of the project when the land is bought. That cost is more than



TWO GENERATIONS of Priester Aviation — Pal-Waukee owner George Priester, seated, and his son and airport manager Charles Priester, standing, for a moment in their office.

has been appropriated nationwide for general aviation airports in recent years.

HIGH INTEREST rates also could mean additional problems with financing the purchase of Pal-Waukee. The airport consultant's report recommends an airport authority made up of officials from the two towns issue a 25-year revenue bond to pay for the local share of the project.

The recommended bond issue sizes range from just under \$3 million with 90 percent federal funding and a 10 percent interest rate to slightly more than \$5 million with 80 percent federal funding and a 12 percent interest rate. With

the small bond size and lower interest rates, the municipalities would have to pay only about \$385,000 a year to pay off the bonds. But with the larger bond and higher interest rates, that amount could grow to nearly \$650,000 a year.

And if revenue bond rates — currently hovering at 11 to 12 percent — go considerably higher, the financing could become much more difficult.

Even with the higher interest rates, the municipalities should be able to pay off the revenue bond debt easily through landing, rental and other fees, plus taxes gained from operations at the airport, Do-

noghue said.

CHARLES PRIESTER was even more emphatic. "I'll flat guarantee that the villages will make money or at least break even. We're doing it and we don't get federal aid."

Priester tempered that statement by adding the airport could not be a financial success if the municipalities imposed severe restrictions on operations at Pal-Waukee, such as reducing the 5,000-foot runway length or banning all night flights.

Monday: Airport noise brings shouts and whispers from Pal-Waukee's neighbors.

Airport planned in 3 steps

by Al Cabbage
Herald staff writer

Buying the land and equipment at Pal-Waukee Airport will be the major part of the purchase plan according to a consultant's report, but several other improvements have been recommended to bring Pal-Waukee up to federal standards for public airports.

The total estimated cost of the acquisition and development of the airport is approximately \$52.7 million, with most of that expense attributed directly to buying the airport and neighboring land. The consultant's report recommends three phases for the purchase and development, with almost all land acquisition coming in the first phase.

THE PLANNED improvements for the first phase to be completed by 1985 include:

- Buying the airport property and related improvements, such as runways, taxiways, runway lighting, parking lots, fencing and air traffic control and navigation equipment.
- Buying land not currently part of the airport near runways and where needed to move the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, which runs along the current border of the airport.
- Acquisition of airplane flight easements over property near the airport.
- Relocation of the Wheeling Drainage Ditch and road leading to 94th Aero Squadron restaurant to move them away from runways.
- Installation of fencing around entire airport.
- Resurfacing and widening of Runway 16/34.
- Closing Runway 6R/24L and



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AREA POLICE were busy as construction of out the day pulling cars out of and filling out reports on fence accidents.

Phase two improvements completed between include:

- Widening Runway 16/34 from 48 feet to 100 feet with addition of new lighting.
- Construction of new taxiways.
- Buying necessary land to relocate the intersection of Wolf Roads away from Runway 16/34.

Phase three improvements scheduled for completion in 1990 and 2000 include:



Herald photo by Rosemary Kaul
PRIESTER AVIATION flight school manager Robert Boehm stands next to one of the planes at Pal-Waukee Airport. After nearly 30 years of running the airport, owner George Priester wants to sell it to the neighboring municipalities of Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Pal-Waukee buy: is the cash there?

Editor's note: Since 1978, Wheeling and Prospect Heights have been studying a joint purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, the busiest private airfield in the country. Consultants estimate it would cost \$53 million to buy Pal-Waukee and upgrade it to meet federal regulations for public airports. This two-part series examines whether Wheeling and Prospect Heights, with the state and federal government, can come up with that money and whether noise-weary residents will tolerate it.

First of two parts
by Al Cabbage
Herald staff writer

When aviation enthusiast George Priester bought a 109-acre airport with three gravel runways in Wheeling Township in 1953, the land was virtually surrounded by cornfields, the city of Prospect Heights did not exist, and only military pilots and a few others flew jet airplanes.

All that has changed. Today, Pal-Waukee Airport is hemmed in by Wheeling and Prospect Heights, the cornfields have given way to apartment buildings, houses and businesses, and jets take off and land at the airport nearly every minute of every daylight hour.

NO LONGER A minor airfield for weekend pilots, Pal-Waukee is the busiest private airport in the United States and a key factor in the air transportation system for the Chicago area.

Now, after 30 years, the airport and its 74-year-old owner are at a crossroads. Priester wants to sell the airport to neighboring Prospect Heights and Wheeling to get out from under high maintenance costs and soaring tax bills.

Whether those two towns — which have feuded with Priester over the years — will be able to buy Pal-Waukee and turn it into a profitable municipal airport, will be the focus of public informational meetings and a public hearing this week.

The first public information meeting is from 1 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Gary Moraya Center, 108 Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights. A second session is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The public hearing is at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling.

AT ISSUE IS whether the municipalities, the state and the federal government will be able to come up with \$53 million to buy and upgrade Pal-Waukee and whether noise-weary neighbors will stand for it.

In short, the future of Pal-Waukee Airport will be decided as Prospect Heights and Wheeling officials determine if it makes sense to get into the aviation business.

There appear to be big advantages
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Plan to buy airport fuels noisy debate

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from living near any major airport." But Susan Clark, who has a child attending Holmes School and who has circulated petitions opposing the airport's purchase, said she has heard complaints about the noise from Holmes students.

Clark, lives in northeastern Mount Prospect, says the planes flying over her home in the Woodview subdivision make enough noise to frighten her young son and her dog. She and her neighbors are worried that the noise will only grow worse as more air traffic is funnelled through Pal-Waukee.

"WE DON'T WANT the airport to leave," she said, "but we don't want it to expand. We think we'll see some expansion of traffic as a private airport, but more as a public facility.

During the four years that the airport purchase has been under study, the noise issue has gradually deflated to the point where the Citizens Airport Activity Group, the only organized opposition to the purchase, now prefers to attack the proposal on economic issues — questioning whether the airport will pay for itself — and a concern that public ownership will cause more and larger planes to fly over heavily populated areas around the airport.

"Noise is important," says CAAG president John Whitman, "but noise is not the major issue. A lot of people when they moved here should have known it. They can't complain about it now."

CAAG vice-president Warren Sunde agreed. "The noise now is something they can live with. What they don't want is more noise."

BUT CONSULTANT DONOGHUE says noise levels will increase whether or not Pal-Waukee becomes a public airport, simply because the number of flights is bound to rise.

He argues that a publicly owned Pal-Waukee could become a quieter Pal-Waukee because local officials would have the power to control the types of aircraft that land at Pal-Waukee, limiting the traffic to smaller, quieter planes, and even impose a curfew on jets, something that owner George Priester will not do.

In addition, the towns could offer some relief to residents in the noisiest areas through federal programs that would pay to relocate some families to quieter areas. Donoghue said federal money is also available to install insulation and other quieting features in homes.

The federal government has also or-

dered that all jets be equipped with quieter engines by the mid 1980s, and Donoghue said 89 percent of the jets that operate out of Pal-Waukee already have the quieter engines.

Donoghue said solving the noise issue at Pal-Waukee is not as easy as simply closing the airport. "The airlines don't fly over this area now. It's protected because of Pal-Waukee's airspace. The airlines could go through at a lower elevation if the airport is closed," he said, substituting commercial jet noise for the noise currently generated by Pal-Waukee.

"PAL-WAUKEE IS the largest single undeveloped parcel in Cook County. Development at that site could saturate the highways and cause surface traffic problems," said Donoghue. "It isn't that the noise goes away and you put a park there."

Wheeling Trustee William Rogers is a long-time critic of the airport and owns a home on Wolf Road, just north of Pal-Waukee's main runway. Rogers said the number of complaints he receives about airport noise have diminished to "two or three a year," but he says that doesn't mean that noise is not a problem.

"It may not be a large issue, but it's there," said Rogers. "The noise is a problem and it's going to be a problem. The Federal Aviation Administration is not concerned about noise in a private airport and no elected officials have paid any attention. If the villages do buy the airport are they stuck with a real noise problem?"

Hearing set Thursday on purchase

A public hearing on the proposed purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Chevy Chase clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling.

The airport consultants who compiled a study on the topic also have scheduled two sessions to answer residents' questions on their plan.

The first will be at Gary Morava Center, 108 Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights from 1 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. The second will be at the Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday.

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Dist. 21

worker

murdered

by Joe Sobczyk

Herald staff writer

A quiet residential neighborhood in Wheeling was rocked Sunday when a maintenance man was found shot to death in the boiler room of a school building.

Police said the victim, identified as 55-year-old Walter Graf, of 856 W. Wood St. in Palatine Township, was shot and killed sometime during the weekend as he made a regular furnace check at the Wheeling Township Dist. 21 building.

Another maintenance worker discovered Graf's body shortly after 11 a.m. Sunday inside the basement boiler room of the old Hawthorne school, lo-

cated at 200 Glendale Ave., police said.

Hawthorne is no longer used as a school. Its classrooms are currently used by William Rainey Harper College and Governor's State University. Dist. 21 personnel continue to maintain equipment there, according to police.

WHEELING POLICE Lt. Ronald Nelson speculated that Graf was checking the boiler at the school early Sunday morning when he was gunned down.

As of late Sunday, police said they have no suspects in the shooting and have not determined a motive. Nelson would not say if the doors to the building showed any signs of forced entry or if anything was missing from the classrooms.

There apparently were no witnesses to the slaying, according to police. The building where the shooting occurred sits at the end of a cul-de-sac away from homes in the mainly residential neighborhood.

Police reportedly found one slug that was fired at Graf among the equipment in the boiler room. Evidence technicians from Wheeling and Cook County Sheriff's police scoured the basement utility area for more than five hours Sunday looking for clues.

During weekends, when the temperature drops below 10 degrees, Graf was scheduled to make regular checks of the furnace about 3 a.m., said William Senne, director of operations for Dist. 21.

The killing has raised fears among Graf's co-workers on the maintenance staff, Senne said.

"THE POLICE have agreed to go with them (on the early morning rounds) because (the workers) aren't sure of what happened," he said.

Senne said Graf worked for the school district since 1974.

Several items, including a door that apparently led to the boiler room, were taken from the building. But Nelson declined comment on any other evidence found at the scene.

Police said the Cook County Medical Examiner's office has scheduled an autopsy on the body for today.

Nelson said it has not been determined how long Graf had been dead when his body was found. He refused to comment on what sort of gun was used or how many shots were fired.



Herald photo by Rosemary Kaul

NESTLED ON the airfield like a flock of swans, corporate and private planes cover the ground at Pal-Waukee Airport near Wheeling. But

nearby residents think of the planes more as noisy crows. Because of its nearly mile-long runway, Pal-Waukee is used heavily by private jet

aircraft. And people who live near the airport fear that if Wheeling and Prospect Heights buy it, traffic will increase.

Airport buy plan fuels a noisy debate

Second of two parts.

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

It starts as a whine, slowly grows to a low rumble, and then reaches a deafening roar. But it comes and goes sporadically, and its intensity varies depending on the time and place.

That's the sound a plane makes when it takes off from Pal-Waukee Airport. It's also the sound of the outcry against the noise those planes make.

Since 1978, when Prospect Heights and Wheeling first began studying the idea of buying the airport, residents of nearby neighborhoods have complained of the noise created by the airport. Just as regularly, the airport's defenders reply that those with tender ears shouldn't buy homes next to airports.

No one denies that loud noise already exists around Pal-Waukee. According to a study by airport consultant Larry Donoghue, about 37,500 people now live in areas where the noise from Pal-Waukee is "clearly" or "nor-

mally" unacceptable. By 1986, that number is expected to grow to more than 39,000.

DONOGHUE'S STATISTICS ARE based on a sophisticated computer study of the flight patterns at Pal-Waukee and the types of airplanes using its runways. But the computer did not actually visit the airport and listen to the planes and, for those who live and work near the airport, noise seems to be in the ear of the beholder.

Linda Burks, who lives in a first floor apartment at the Foxboro development in Wheeling, says "the noise is

terrible."

"On a normal day in the summer you can't have the windows open," she says. "We moved out here when our company moved here, but I worked and wasn't home to hear it. Now I have a baby, and it drives me up the wall."

Burks said the noise rattles the windows and prevents her from going out to the pool. "I'll never get used to it," she said.

BUT RIGHT ACROSS the street, in Wheeling's Plum Creek development, Nina and Richard Prisching say they are not disturbed by the planes taking

off over their building although they do worry that the noise will make it difficult for them to find a buyer for their condominium.

"It's not that loud. You get used to it," Nina said. "It's not excruciating, but it's bad outside. I run every day, and when one goes over I have to stop. It shakes you up."

And John Stevens, who has owned a home on south Wolf Road in Wheeling for 12 years, describes the passing of a jet as "like being in a boiler factory for five seconds."

"But it isn't something we all wring

our hands about," he added.

ACCORDING TO THE studies, Holmes Jr. High School, 221 S. Wolf Road, is in a noise zone rated as "clearly unacceptable," where the average noise level when a plane passes over is roughly equivalent to the sound heard on a busy Chicago street. But Principal Avrum Poster said he has not had any complaints about the noise in the three years he has been at the school.

"It really isn't a major problem," he said. "I don't know if it is any different

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CABLENET SEEKS RIGHT-OF-WAY

An estimated 391 Wheeling homeowners will be asked in the next few weeks whether to allow a cable television firm to dig a 3-in. wide trench on their property to accommodate cable wiring.

Representatives of Cablenet, Ltd., the Mt. Prospect firm that will provide cable service to Wheeling and and 9 other Northwest suburbs including Arlington Hts., are presently going door-to-door to greet some residents in Des Plaines and Wheeling. They will ask only those homeowners who have underground utility easements on their properties whether the company can lay cable thru their yards.

Arlington Hts. and Mt. Prospect residents will be approached within the next month, a Cablenet spokesman stated.

Cablenet plans to begin the process of wiring Wheeling by stringing overhead cable lines on power and telephone lines on Feb. 1, according to Cablenet spokesperson Avis Nopar. For those homes which have their utility connections underground, Cablenet will begin laying their

cables near the utility lines on Mar. 1, she said.

The company plans to make cable accessible to every residence whether the residents plan to purchase cable TV service. According to Nopar, if residents do not want Cablenet to dig thru their yards, the company will make its hook-up by digging on public parkways in front of houses, a process that is harder and more expensive.

THE INFORMATION packet will be left on the doorknob of a residence if no one is there to greet Cablenet. In it will be an explanation of Cablenet's services and a permission card to be returned to the company with the answer on underground hookup.

"The purpose of this exercise is not do do what other companies have done, and go in willy-nilly causing problems with cable-laying," stated Nopar. "The purpose is to get cooperation from people."

Nopar said the trenches will be dug by a machine that "looks like an oversized snowblower," and that the trenches will be 18-in.

deep. "Anything that is disturbed by us will be replaced. We train our crews not to disturb anything."

The laying of lines does not mean that houses will actually be hooked up for cable TV, only that the capability will be there if residents want to order the service, explained Nopar. After hookups are made, Cablenet sales representatives will begin contacting local residents to sell their services.

The company has agreed to begin operating cable in 15 per cent of Des Plaines, Mt. Prospect and other communities by next Aug. 1. Basic cable services of 52 channels will cost \$5.95 per month.

AT PRESENT CABLENET is building a new headquarters in the Kensington Center complex in Mt. Prospect. Three receiving dishes and a 235-ft. tower are planned.

A committee of area trustees and aldermen is expected to meet this week to discuss the establishment of an intergovernmental agency to monitor cable programming and operations.

Tina Goldman, Eugene Field PTO president, Officer Tim Hillier, Wheeling Police Department, Greg Stocky from Omni House, and Gary Dobbe, Youth Commission chairman, and former Wheeling postmaster, are coordinating a pilot program "What Children Think of Marijuana" scheduled for "sometime the week of Feb. 14."

It's a parents-only drug program featuring a movie and question-and-answer session. "If the program is successful at Field School, we plan to go to the other Wheeling schools," Tina Goldman said. "It's scary, but the drugs are there," she added.

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Airport too important of an issue to ignore

1-28-82 Wheeling Life

BUYING AN airport is not an easy thing to do.

And for the last few years the Technical Advisory Committee on Palwaukee Airport has been looking into that project working with airport consultants.

The committee, which includes representatives from federal, state, county and local representatives, has been reviewing suggestions from the consultants and residents of communities near the airport.

Tonight, Jan. 28, there will be a public hearing on the final phase of the consultant's report. The hearing, which is at 7 p.m. at Chevy Chase Country Club, is the third held in conjunction with the project, will give residents a chance to hear the consultant's proposal and ideas while also giving residents an opportunity to voice their comments.

Which is a key factor. In the past, there have been many innuendos thrown around about the project. Most have been distorted facts and half-truths about the project and the committee.

Which is why the committee has held public hearings in the past and will hold another one tonight.

The continued existence of Palwaukee Airport is vital for the economic stability of the area, especially when it comes to potential corporate and commercial growth.

Of course, the airport affects the residents who live in the surrounding communities—residents who need to be properly aware of plans and proposals for the airport.

And there is no better opportunity for everyone to learn about the plan for Palwaukee than tonight's public hearing.

Architect says village needs a master plan

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TIME HAS been very generous to Wheeling but its generosity is ebbing as the pressures of growth and development necessitate planning solutions in the current decade, a Chicago architect predicted in a speech before the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce.

Fred L. Bernheim, of the architectural firm of Bernheim, Kahn & Lozano, critiqued the village and suggested numerous areas where improvement can be made.

Bernheim cited the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road as a "throwback" to the 1930s.

"There is a certain amount of charm about some of these old buildings that could be retained if the village wanted to maintain a 1930s theme and expand it," said Bernheim.

"Society is moving too fast. We want to slow it down and can do so here by retaining this area and expanding it further. Let us not discard what fate has been kind in helping us to pres-

erve. It could be a treasure worth retaining, think about it."

Modernization can take place elsewhere — namely west on Dundee Road in the form of a town center where the village complex and post office are across from each other.

"A complex would contain amenities such as housing for senior citizens, multi-family housing for the young, a recreation area for all ages, tunnels or a skywalk crossing, and professional offices," he said.

He warned that the time to prepare the village for the housing spirit in 1983/84 is now through the use of zoning, signage, and other controls that can make growth follow a plan.

"The village has been stamped into action because no plan existed," he noted. "That cannot continue unless Wheeling wants to maintain chaos rather than order. In my conversations with local people here that does not seem to be the case."

Third hearing on Palwaukee to be held Thursday

CALL IT Public Hearing III.

This one could be sort of the "Super Bowl of Public Hearings," when the third public hearing focusing on the possible change at Palwaukee Airport from private to public ownership is held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee ave., Wheeling.

This could be the final public hearing on the possible public acquisition of the airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights. That possibility has been discussed by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Palwaukee Airport. The committee includes representatives from not only Wheeling and Prospect Heights, but federal, state, county and local municipalities as well.

In addition to the two sponsoring communities, Northbrook, Glenview and Mount Prospect are represented on TAC because of interest by those communities in the airport's future.

FOR NORTHBROOK and Glenview, the interest appears to be for commercial and industrial reasons. For Mount Prospect, it's more of a concern about noise levels as some of Palwaukee's patterns take aircraft over portions of the village.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus says the public

hearing is important "from the standpoint that comments will become part of the record which is not just for the public bodies, but for the federal government as well."

There is a possibility that both Wheeling and Prospect Heights will hold an "advisory" referendum in the future to see how residents feel about possible acquisition of the airport.

"I think it's a good time to let the public have its say," Markus said. "The whole issue has been heavily played up in the press over the years, especially with the opposition to the plan."

THAT IS because, Markus said, the opponents have tended to be "more vocal" than supporters of the acquisition.

"There are basically two main points," Markus added. "The question of public acquisition will determine if Palwaukee remains an airport or not. If it does, who will run it—will it be the present owner (George Priester), Wheeling and Prospect Heights or another agency."

Markus said the second point that will be considered are the benefits of keeping Palwaukee open. "We'll have to see if they are great enough to warrant public acquisition," Markus said.

The Glenview Village Board is

SUMMARY

THE THIRD public hearing focusing on the possible public acquisition of Palwaukee Airport will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 at Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling.

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport will listen to comments about the possible change in ownership of the airport which is now owned by George Priester. TAC has been working with airport consultants Ralph Burke and Associates to determine if public ownership by Wheeling and Prospect Heights is feasible.

TAC consists of officials from state, county, federal and local government agencies. In addition to Wheeling and Prospect Heights, other area communities represented on the committee include Glenview, Northbrook and Mount Prospect.

hoping Palwaukee remains an airport. The Board adopted an ordinance at a recent meeting calling for Palwaukee to remain an airport.

"The main reason we are interested in Palwaukee becoming a public airport is in order to assure that an asset to the area remains," said Village Manager Robert van Deusen. "There is only one airport that serves the northeast part of Cook County. To me, Palwaukee means jobs in the area to thousands of people."

Van Deusen said the airport could be a factor in influencing corporations to locate in the area. Glenview has several large corporations based in the village.

"ANY FACILITY that serves to help the economy is worth keeping," van Deusen added.

There is another reason, although less important than the economic impact, to have Palwaukee remain according to van Deusen. He said that if the airport becomes publicly owned, "municipalities will have greater interest in regulating land use so that, for example, high rise apartment building that will obstruct the runways will not be constructed."

Although part of the committee, the Northbrook Village Board has not taken any formal action favoring or opposing public acquisition of Palwaukee Airport.

Pal-Waukee purchase hearing labled 'a sham'

by Elida Witthoedt

Herald staff writer

Charging that a public hearing on the proposed purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport was "a sham" and did not give residents enough time to speak, members of an opposition group say they will ask the Federal Aviation Administration to declare the hearing invalid.

Warren Sunde, vice-president of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, said his organization wants Thursday's hearing removed from the public record or another hearing scheduled. Sunde said the group will base their complaint on a belief that the village and other local officials who administered the airport study "stacked" the hearing with speakers from professional pilots and aviation groups that favor the airport's purchase.

Sunde also said that the explanation of the hearing procedure and the airport consultant's report of his findings at the beginning of the hearing took time away from residents who wanted to speak, but couldn't stay late to do so. "It's a sham," said Sunde. "If that's a public hearing then this isn't a democracy."

The first seven speakers at the hearing all represented various groups of pilots including the Illinois Pilot's Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Aircraft Owner and Pilots' Association. Only three of the first 15 speakers spoke as residents near the airport, and only two of those opposed the airport. Over 500 people attended the hearing.

ACCORDING TO rules set up before the hearing, people who wanted to speak had to fill out a form, and the speakers were chosen on a first-come, first-served basis, with no specific ordering of the applications. Wheeling High School Principal Dr. Thomas Shirley, who served as hearing officer, said he called the speakers "in the order in which they arrived at the meeting" in accordance with the rules. "If they think it was stacked, that's their problem, not mine," said Shirley.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus, who serves as co-chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee, a group of local officials studying the airport's purchase, said as far as he knew the speakers were taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Markus said if the group believes the hearing wasn't properly run, "then they should file the complaint."

Consultant Larry Donoghue, who's firm prepared the \$120,000 feasibility study on the airport's purchase, agreed with Markus. "Anybody is welcome to sue anybody if they have the price of an attorney. From a legal standpoint I don't think there's a basis for who talks first."

Donoghue also said it is a legal requirement that the rules of the hearing be explained at the beginning, and that the project to be discussed be presented to the audience.

Sunde said he "couldn't believe" that all the pilots beat residents to fill out speakers applications. "This is supposed to be a public hearing. I think they kind of stacked the opposition against us," said Sunde.

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THE DAILY HERALD

Wheeling/daily briefing

Today's agenda

- The Pal-Waukee Airport consultant will be at the Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. to answer questions from residents.
- A public hearing on Pal-Waukee Airport acquisition will begin at 7 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Road.
- The Harper College Board of Trustees will meet at 8 p.m. in Building A on the campus, Algonquin and Roselle roads, Palatine.

Upcoming events

- The Wheeling Athletic Association Inc. will conduct registration for youth baseball from noon to 3 p.m. Feb. 7, 21, and March 1 at Wheeling High School, 900 Elmhurst Road. Boys and girls 7 through 16 years of age are eligible to participate. For information, call 459-1819.

People notes

- The following students from Wheeling were named to the dean's list at Illinois State University, Normal: Craig Brandon, Debbie Bruder, David Hengesh and Kathy O'Connor.

Dad finds 'baby' after 19 years

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By ELLEN WADE BEALS
Correspondent

SHE REMEMBERS sweet toast, a teddy bear that seemed gigantic and climbing two stories to her father's apartment. He remembers a "sweet baby."

For 19 years, those were among the few precious memories they had of each other.

But all that changed early this year when Billy Ray Sharpe of Wheeling was reunited with his daughter, Billie Rae Krueger.

Their's is a story of frustration and disappointment, and ultimately, of a love that would not die.

The story begins in 1960 when, two years after the birth of their daughter, the Sharpes divorced. Mrs. Sharpe and her daughter resided in Cincinnati, and Bill Sharpe remained in Chicago. Sometime later, both Sharpes remarried, and little Billie Rae would visit her father and his new wife, Arvilla, a couple of times each year.

IN 1962, Billie Rae came to stay with the Sharpes in their second-floor apartment. Billie Rae remembers climbing the stairs, cuddling a teddy bear, and "mother" Arvilla gently pushing her away from the oven, which was heated to make sweet toast, a concoction of bread, butter, sugar and cream.

After the 2-year-old girl's return to Cincinnati, her mother and stepfather moved from that region. They did not leave a forwarding address for Bill Sharpe.

"I didn't worry too much about it at the time," Sharpe recalled. "I knew a lot of people in Cincinnati and my ex-wife had a large family there." But, after two trips to Cincinnati in 1963 and 1964, he "couldn't turn up anything."

Sharpe, then a pianist for the Dick Henson trio, continued to search for his daughter. He pored over telephone directories and combed his former Cincinnati neighborhood for clues. "It seemed like the years kept going by, and I didn't know how to look," Sharpe said.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, Sharpe completed his high school education and enrolled in Harper College. He took the Wheeling police examination, passed and entered the force in January 1970. While working full time as a policeman, Sharpe attended school and played piano on weekends. "I had very little time and money to put into a good search," he said.

AS A POLICEMAN, Sharpe learned how to search for his daughter. And as the computer operations of the Wheeling Police



SHARPE

Department expanded, so did his search. Sharpe figured his daughter would get her driver's license when she was 16, but a computer scan of the Ohio motor-vehicle records proved futile.

Arvilla Sharpe suggested her husband go to Cincinnati for a concentrated search and Sharpe earmarked the first week of 1982 for the venture. Meanwhile, he continued his computer search, which, as always, intensified in November, the month of Billie Rae's birthday and the beginning of the holidays.

In early December, Sharpe requested a computer rundown of any police calls from his daughter, inputting both his and his ex-wife's names.

THE MOVE paid off. A print-out showed Billie Rae had been cited for a minor incident during a family dispute. The sheet gave Billie Rae's Social Security number and a second name of Krueger, which proved to be her married name.

Sharpe found that Billie Rae and her husband had moved from their Cincinnati address in May and had left no forwarding address.

Although he was "at a dead-end again," Sharpe said he was more determined than ever to find his daughter.

SHARPE CONTACTED the Cincinnati Bureau of Information and spent hours cross-referencing driver's licenses. He determined that his son-in-law's name was

Ernest, that he had received his Social Security card in North Dakota, and that he had worked in a Cincinnati company.

A personnel officer at the company said the Kruegers had moved in May and Billie Rae had worked at a restaurant. His policeman's intuition told Sharpe the personnel officer was withholding information.

At the restaurant, Sharpe's suspicions were confirmed when he received a telephone call from Billie Rae's uncle, an employee of the company he had just visited.

Sharpe and the uncle met for two hours that evening. The uncle gave Sharpe North Dakota addresses of his daughter and her mother-in-law.

Sharpe returned home to share the news with his wife and three teen-age daughters.

Arvilla Sharpe remembers his homecoming. "He barely had his coat off when he said he had to do two things—make coffee and make a telephone call," she said.

"Billie Rae, this is your father. After 19 years, I finally found you," Sharpe said when his daughter answered the phone.

"I WAS LOOKING for you," Billie Rae exclaimed. The father and daughter were overcome by emotion and Arvilla and Ernest took over the conversation.

Afterward, Sharpe immediately began to make arrangements to go to his daughter. "Meantime, while I was doing this, they (Ernest and Billie Rae) were still trying to find out if a joke was being played on them."

Billie Rae called the telephone company and her uncle in Cincinnati and found the call had been no hoax.

Sharpe drove to North Dakota with Arvilla and their three daughters.

The reunion was the realization of a dream. "It wasn't like a family that had not been together for 19 years," Sharpe said. "After the first day, it was 'Dad this' and 'Dad that'. I couldn't pass her up without hugging her."

Sharpe said the newly extended family "had lots of time to sit around the table, talk, drink coffee and eat."

Among the items on the menu was sweet toast. This time, Billie Rae cooked it.

HERald February 1 1982

Boundary action delayed; workshop, 2nd hearing set

Wheeling plan commissioners have postponed a boundary agreement between Wheeling and Buffalo Grove because so many residents that would be affected by it are confused by the proposal.

Although a public hearing on the boundary plan was held last week, commissioners cut it short without making a decision because some residents were concerned and confused. Anthony Altieri, commission chairman, said. Because "we don't want them to feel forgotten," he said, the commission scheduled a workshop Feb. 18 to explain the proposed boundary and another public hearing for Feb. 25.

The plan is an attempt to define a common boundary between the two villages along Lake-Cook Road. Under the agreement, the two towns would divide 200 acres owned by developer William Johnson, with Wheeling annexing the bulk of the land.

Wheeling would annex 150 acres Johnson owns west of the Soo Line tracks and north of Lake-Cook Road, surrounding the Chevy Chase golf course. Wheeling would also get two other land parcels south of Lake-Cook and east of the Soo Line tracks.

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Village manager Thomas Markus said the delay will not affect his plans to bring the agreement to the board this month, since the annex agreement with Johnson is still being drafted. "There may be more delays," said Markus, adding he wants to explain the plan himself to the plan commission.

Buffalo Grove Manager William Balling said village officials "are not ready to sign off" on the plan since it was drafted by Wheeling and not negotiated. "Our next step is to sit down and negotiate the language," said Balling.

The two towns have squabbled over the border for more than six years, with the major dispute centering around which town would get the Johnson property for industrial development. Johnson asked Wheeling to annex his land after the golf course was bought by the Wheeling Park District, but Buffalo Grove officials contend that the property was important to their master plan.

Balling said no time frame has been set to approve the agreement.



A TABLE BARRICADES the boiler room where the body of Walter Graf was found. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

School engineer found murdered

INVESTIGATION is continuing into the shooting death of a 55-year-old electrical engineer who was slain early Sunday, Jan. 24.

Police say Walter Graf, of Palatine, was found dead by a co-worker in the boiler room at Hawthorne School.

Graf, who worked for School District 21, had gone to the school to check the boilers, something that is done in all buildings owned by the district.

His body was discovered by Earl Burns, who noticed the vehicle Graf had been using was not returned to the maintenance parking lot. Burns, police say, assumed Graf had run into problems at one of the schools. When he drove past Hawthorne School, he spotted the vehicle and went inside to see what the problem was.

According to Acting Police Chief Billy Ralston, Graf had been shot twice,

once in the chest and once in the back. Ralston said there was no indication of a struggle and that it appeared Graf came to the school by himself.

The school, closed by District 21 for its own use, is rented by Harper College and Governors State University.

District 21 Superintendent Carl Holmstrom called Graf "a good employee. He got along with everyone and was a very positive person."

Both Holmstrom and Ralston say it was not unusual for Graf to be at the school because boilers are checked when the outdoor temperature falls below 10 degrees.

Graf's murder is the second in Wheeling in the past six months. Mary Kosinski, 14, was murdered July 21 following a party in the backyard of her accused slayer, William C. Boyd, Jr., also 14.

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Village eyes land

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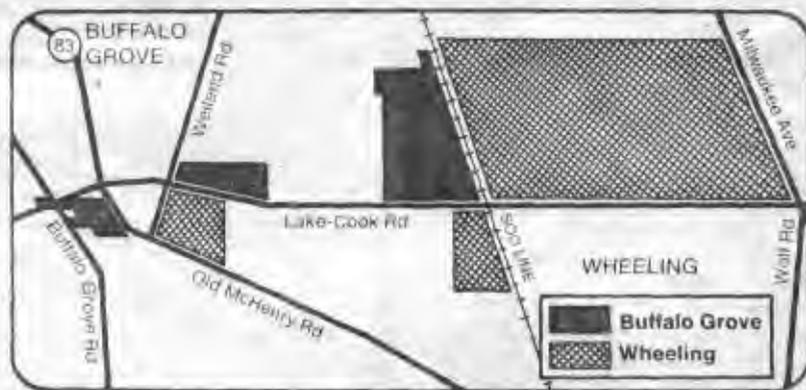
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Village, Stavros attorneys in court

Attorneys for both sides in the \$1.4 million suit filed by Wheeling against former Wheeling Township Democratic Committeeman James Stavros and two former village officials in connection with a 1974 zoning scandal will be in court this morning for a status hearing.

The attorneys will be in court at 9:30 a.m. to report the progress they've made in the case to Cook County Circuit Court Judge Anthony Scottillo. Both sides have been taking depositions on the case.

Five years ago the village filed suit, seeking \$1 million in damages and the recovery of some \$400,000 in bribes allegedly taken by Stavros and two former village officials in exchange for zoning favors. Named in the suit were Stavros, former building commissioner William Bieber, former trustee William Hart, Zale Construction Co. and Wickes Corp.

Stavros pleaded guilty to extorting \$92,000 in bribes and was sentenced to four years in prison. He was paroled in 1976. Bieber pleaded guilty to extortion, perjury and tax charges and served a one-year prison sentence. Hart pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit extortion and received one year's probation.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD members will meet today at 8 p.m. to discuss how much the village should pay for easements across property on Schoenbeck Road that will allow the village to install a storm sewer extension to serve the Longtree development.

The property is owned by Franklin Boulevard Hospital, and officials from the hospital refused to grant the easements without property appraisals. The appraisals have been completed and board members will meet in executive session before voting, to discuss how much they should pay the hospital for the easement.

The board meeting is in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

AN OVERVIEW OF the buildings and operations department at Wheeling Township Dist. 21 will be presented Thursday night by William Senne, director of the department.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the administration building, 999 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Senne said the presentation will include the areas of staffing, training, inspections, preventive maintenance, building use and energy conservation. He said the production room services, which include printing the school newspapers and curriculum guides, will be presented and a printing job will be illustrated from start to finish.

A tour of the central operations department in the administration building will be conducted during a break in the meeting.

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Drug abuse seminar set

A discussion on drug abuse among young people and ways parents can cope with the problem will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 at the Field School, 51 St. Armand Lane.

Sponsored by the Wheeling youth commission and Omni House, the program will include a short film called "For Parents Only: What you need to know about marijuana." Wheeling Police Youth Officer Tim Hillyer and Omni House counselor Gregg Stockey will be on hand to answer questions from parents.

Youth Commissioner Nancy Lambert said because of the sensitive nature of the discussion, children will not be allowed to attend. Lambert said the commission hopes to make this meeting the first in a series of meetings on drug abuse and other problems facing youth.

Police chief for Wheeling to come from another town

By Eddy McNeil

WHEELING'S NEW police chief will come from outside the department, Village Manager Thomas Markus said Tuesday.

Markus, who said he may be ready to announce the appointment as early as Friday, said none of the finalists is from the Wheeling department. He said he was unsure how many people applied for the position.

Lt. William Ralston has been acting as police chief since September, when Markus fired former Chief Ted Bracke, citing a need for new leadership. Bracke remained with the department as a lieutenant.

MARKUS SAID VILLAGE officials are awaiting test results on the three finalists before making a decision. He declined to name the finalists, who are required to undergo polygraph and psychological testing, among other examinations.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the village board left Please turn to page 3

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Wheeling looking elsewhere for its new police chief

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the task of finding a new chief entirely up to Markus. Although she said the board told Markus the department needed a new chief, she said board members offered no recommendations on hiring inside or outside the department.

"There are advantages and disadvantages to either," she said.

Markus said last month that the village received more than 75 applications from around the country from persons interested in the job. The Northwestern University

Traffic Institute screened the applications, eventually recommending the three finalists for Markus to choose from.

The new chief is likely to be paid \$30,000 to \$35,000, but the salary may be higher depending on the applicant's background, Markus said.

Although Markus never discussed publicly his reasons for firing Bracke, the department had been criticized by Schultz and others for allegedly ignoring problems involving politically connected village residents.

Senior center parcel talks to continue

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Instead of accepting a value set by a Cook County Circuit Court judge, Wheeling Village Trustees Monday night directed the village attorney to continue negotiations with the owner of two parcels of land the village wants to buy for the proposed senior citizen center.

The move comes after Cook County Circuit Court Judge Arthur Dunne ruled Friday that the land, slightly less than an acre running along Milwaukee Avenue, south of Strong Street, is

worth \$124,518. That's \$14,000 more than the village originally offered for the land.

Dunne also ruled that the village was "depreciating the value" of the land that would not be purchased in the deal and ordered Wheeling officials to pay owner Lois Runeman \$31,000 in damages.

Last October village trustees voted to sue to force the sale of the property after Runeman's attorneys rejected an offer of \$107,000. At that time, Runeman's attorney, Richard Redmond, said the offer was not adequate.

WHEELING VILLAGE attorney David Epstein said the judge's valuation "was clearly in the ballpark" and that the ruling was based on the most recent sale of vacant land in Wheeling. In that case a piece of commercial property on Dundee Road was sold for \$3.50 per square foot. Dunne's ruling set the value of Runeman's land at \$3.20 per square foot.

Epstein said village officials now have several options including continuing negotiations with Runeman or appealing either part of Dunne's decision to a higher court.

Last August the board voted to pay

\$269,000 for 3.6 acres of land near Strong and Milwaukee for construction of the proposed center. This remaining acre is earmarked for the construction of an access road to the project. The land is being purchased with federal block grants.

Wheeling officials estimate construction on the project will probably start late this fall and will take two years to complete. The proposed senior center, Holy Family's new ambulatory clinic and Cook County senior citizen housing project are considered cornerstones of Wheeling's downtown redevelopment plan.

Area suburbs not pressing gun issue

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by Jim Davis and Debbe Nelson

Herald staff writers

Although courts ruled that Morton Grove can ban the sale and possession of handguns, it appears few Northwest suburbs considering similar laws will re-examine the issue until the matter reaches the U.S. Supreme Court.

And local handgun control advocates, who see the court decisions as a major victory, are moving slowly. They doubt there will soon be a network of suburbs with handgun control laws.

"Too many people are going to conclude that now everybody will pass these anti-gun ordinances," said Kathy Zartman, president of Committee for Handgun Control in Chicago. "If that doesn't occur, it will be seen as a defeat for the handgun control movement. But the movement must be slow and will be a gradual response to public opinion."

LAST WEEK, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Albert Green ruled that Morton Grove's handgun law does not violate the Illinois constitution, paving the way for enforcement there. Foes of the law say they'll appeal that decision, as they are appealing a decision in December by federal court Judge Bernard Decker, who also ruled that the ordinance did not violate the constitution.

But all parties involved in the dispute predict the matter ultimately will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I think the litigation involving the Morton Grove ordinance is a long way from being through," said Arlington Heights Trustee Douglas Cannon, whose legal committee last summer tabled action on any kind of handgun laws until the courts had settled the matter. "For that reason, I would be opposed" to reconsidering the proposal, he said.

Cannon said Arlington Heights still would be "shopping for a lawsuit" if it passed its own handgun law. "We have a group of people who are firmly convinced" their rights are being violated, and are "entirely capable, willing and committed to defending those rights."

Tem Williams, Arlington Heights resident who asked the village board to consider handgun legislation, said she does not believe "the time is right" to reawaken the issue in her town. "I don't want them to take it out (of committee), then vote it down."

LIKewise, Hoffman Estates resident Shirley Forpe, who once threatened to open a gun shop to force a ban on handgun sales in Buffalo Grove, said she is unlikely to soon force the issue in her hometown. She said, though, that village officials need to be better "educated" on the issue and shown that the public supports handgun control. Thus, she is considering launching a petition drive to collect support for it.

But Hoffman Estates Trustee Ralph Lylerla said he doesn't see "any great swell of feeling in that regard (for a local handgun law)," and the court decisions are unlikely to prompt his village to any action. "We don't have any business restricting those things."

And in Des Plaines, where a resident petitioned for a local handgun control law, the matter will not be discussed by Alderman Steven Bonaguidi's judiciary committee until the supreme court rules, he said.

"IF THE U.S. Supreme Court strikes down (Morton Grove's) ordinance, there's no point in us even hearing it."

Morton officials harassed about gun ban ruling

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

Morton Grove officials favoring a tough gun control law that went into effect Monday have been the target of harassment and some obscene telephone calls at all hours of the day and night.

Mayor Richard Flickinger, first besieged by calls after the village board June 8 passed ordinances banning sale and possession of handguns, had his phone tapped in an unsuccessful attempt to identify the callers.

Trustee Neil Cashman, who proposed the ordinances, said he received obscene phone calls after they passed, and late-night nuisance calls after U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Decker on Dec. 29 upheld the ordinance banning possession.

Trustee Gregory Youstra said nuisance calls came "incessantly" between 3 p.m. and 3 a.m. on the days after Decker's decision, and that he was finally forced to take his phone off the hook.

FLICKINGER WEDNESDAY said he blames opponents of gun control for the harassment, which he said has been directed at handgun control advocates on the village board.

Flickinger said he decided against an unlisted phone number because, "I'm not going to honor the NRA (National Rifle Association) by doing that."

"I got quite a few of them," the mayor said. "Some were every hour on the hour in June after the ordinance was passed. They tapered off some and then I didn't get any until the day it (the ordinance) was upheld." The last call came at 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

Some of the calls were vulgar, but in most instances, "You'd say 'hello,' and on the other end there would be a click."

He said he decided to tap his phone because, "Wouldn't you want to find out whose calling?" He said telephone company officials told him that there was less than a 15 percent chance of catching the caller or callers.

Youstra said his family "was getting them incessantly for days. It would start at 3 p.m. and go until 3 a.m."

He said he finally took the phone off the hook because, "We wanted to get some sleep."

But Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz, one of the few area officials for a ban on handguns, said arguments to wait for the final court battle over the Morton Grove law are "kind of a cop-out." But she added she is waiting for a legal opinion on the likelihood of the village getting sued.

Buffalo Grove was the only Northwest suburb where a formal vote to ban handgun sales was taken. It lost 4-3, and Trustee Marc Schwartz, said he's ready to consider a ban "today." He nonetheless added that he isn't ready now to force the issue, simply because he's still looking for "some viable arguments to sway the people that need to be swayed."

Pipeline group meets today on funding plan

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

Four Northwest suburbs collaborating on a water pipeline to Lake Michigan have tentatively agreed to a revised financing plan that will save money but may restrict their borrowing power for other local expenses.

Each of the four towns in the Northwest Water Commission — Arlington Heights, Palatine, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling — will borrow its share of the pipeline cost directly by selling tax-backed village bonds.

Officials of the towns meet tonight to work out details of the new financing plan.

THE COMMISSION originally had planned to borrow all the money itself, but the interest rate the commission is allowed to pay by state law is now below market rates, so its bonds wouldn't sell.

The original plan was to repay the entire \$68.5 million cost of the pipeline with increased water rates, but Palatine voters have decided to pay their share with property taxes and the other three towns are considering putting at least part of the cost on the tax bills.

The revised plan means that wholesale water costs to the villages will be an estimated 42 cents per 1,000 gallons

next year, instead of the 38 cents expected under the old plan. But by 1986, the cost is expected to rise only to \$1.55 instead of \$1.85. The retail cost paid by water customers will be much higher because each village will add its own costs for improving and maintaining the water system.

In Palatine, Village Manager Anton Harwig said he had expected the water rate to go from 99 cents to \$2.38 per 1,000 gallons under the old financing plan. But with practically all of the pipeline cost paid by property taxes, Harwig said the village tax rate will increase by about 59 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

PALATINE VOTERS decided to pay for the pipeline with property taxes because they can be deducted from federal income taxes.

Officials of the other three villages said they probably will use both water bills and tax bills to pay off the debt.

A public meeting is scheduled for Monday to let Wheeling residents express their views on the financing. Also, Arlington Heights has a public hearing Feb. 9 on how much of its \$38 million cost should be borne by taxes.

In Buffalo Grove, the property tax rate will increase to \$1.15 per \$100 assessed valuation, to pay the first year's cost, but the village hasn't decided how to fund the rest of its \$18 million cost.

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Village board wrapup

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Trustees accept Miller's resignation

Wheeling trustees have accepted the resignation of Arni Miller from the board of health.

Miller cited work pressures and a desire to spend more time with his family as reasons for resigning.

Village President Sheila Schultz called the board of health "a very demanding board" and said she "appreciates anyone who served any length of time."

Village officials are taking applications for board vacancies, which are filled by Schultz' appointment, with board approval.

Church raffle permitted

The village board will allow St. Joseph the Worker Church to conduct a raffle March 20 without posting a fidelity bond.

Under a new village ordinance, organizations wishing to hold raffles are required to post the bond. But the ordinance also allows not-for-profit organizations to request a waiver. Village Manager Thomas Markus recommended approval of the waiver because the church is well-established in the community.

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Help sought to solve shooting of janitor

The murder of a 55-year-old maintenance man early Super Bowl Sunday in Wheeling is still a mystery to Wheeling police, and now they're asking for the public's help.

Lt. Ronald Nelson said police do not have a motive or a suspect in the shooting death of Walter Graf, 865 W. Wood St., Palatine Township. Graf's body was found Jan. 24 inside the basement boiler room of the old Hawthorne school, 200 Glendale Ave.

Police said Graf had no enemies and was making a routine furnace check at the Wheeling Township Dist. 21 building when he was gunned down.

Investigator Edward Theriault of the Wheeling police said police are looking for anyone who may have seen Graf while he was riding around in his Toyota Land Cruiser between 3 and 6 a.m. that Sunday.

"Somebody had to see it (the vehicle)," Theriault said. "Somebody had to be out driving at that time, or walking the dog."

ANYONE WHO DID see Graf or the vehicle is asked to call 459-2632 and ask for investigations. Theriault said the caller need not identify himself.

Graf apparently was checking furnaces in school buildings on that cold morning. Theriault said the schools Graf visited on his rounds were: Joyce Kilmer School, 655 Golfview Terrace; James Fenimore Cooper Junior High School, Plum Grove Circle and Arlington Heights Road; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow School, 501 Arlington Heights Road; Louisa May Alcott School, 530 Bernard Drive; and Washington Irving School, 1250 Radcliffe Road, all in Buffalo Grove.

Edgar Allan Poe Elementary School, 2800 N. Highland Ave., and James Whitcomb Riley School, 1209 E. Burr Oak Drive, both in Arlington Heights.

Booth Tarkington School, 310 Scott St.; Carl Sandburg School, 3316 N. Schoenbeck Road; Mark Twain School, 515 Merle Lane; Holmes Junior High School, 221 S. Wolf Road; Walt Whitman School, 133 S. Wilke Ave.; and Nathaniel Hawthorne School, all in Wheeling.



ANYONE WHO may have seen this Toyota Land Cruiser early Super Bowl Sunday should contact Wheeling police at 459-2632. Walter Graf, a 55-year-old maintenance man, was driving the vehicle on the day he was shot and killed in the boiler room of Hawthorne School. Police said they still have no motive or suspects in the slaying, and are willing to take anonymous phone calls from anyone who may have seen Graf on Jan. 24.

And Robert Louis Stevenson School, 1445 S. Wolf Road, Prospect Heights; and Robert Frost Elementary School, 1805 Aspen Drive, Mount Prospect.

Wheeling police charge man for firing rifle at cars in parking lot

By JOAN FLEISCHER

A 37-year-old Skokie Valley Hospital respiratory therapist was arrested by police in his Wheeling home last Wednesday after recklessly firing shots from his rifle out onto a parking lot from his apartment window and nearly injuring a man, police said.

A 30-year-old Lake Zurich man had been standing away from his car while the shots were being fired and escaped injury, according to Wheeling police reports.

James P. Iverson, 37, of 55 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, was charged with two counts of criminal damage to property; reckless conduct; possession of a hypodermic needle and discharging of a firearm within city limits.

According to police reports, Wheeling police officers responded to a call of shots being fired at vehicles at the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. parking lot at 50 E. Dundee Road, Wednesday at about 3 p.m.

When police arrived on the scene, two cars had rear windows broken out. A witness told officers that he saw a man with a gun at an apartment window.

Wheeling Police Officer F.M. Lopez went to the apartment and knocked on the door. Iverson answered and let him in. Iverson was asked if he was alone and if he had a weapon in the house. Iverson said yes and allowed the police to search his

home.

Lopez discovered a loaded .22 caliber rifle. There was a spent shell in the chamber and two spent shells on the bedroom floor. Lopez said he also noticed a number of hypodermic needles laying around.

Police said Iverson said he used the needles at his job as a respiratory therapist at Skokie Valley Hospital.

Upon his arrest, Iverson asked officers for his lab coat. An officer handed it to him

and found a number of pink capsules in the coat pocket. Iverson said they were his prescription medication.

A later police check confirmed the pills as a generic Darvon pain killer and that Iverson did have a doctor's prescription for them.

Iverson told police he was trying his rifle out and was firing at random items and not shooting at anyone. He said he had purchased the Marlin .22 caliber rifle two years ago from Kmart.

In addition to the rifle, police recovered from his home: 189 rounds of .22 caliber shells; 3 spent shell casings; 25 hypodermic needles and 17 syringes.

One of the cars damaged, a 1977 Chevy Vega, is owned by Illinois Bell of Northbrook.

The second car, a 1972 Olds, is owned by the Lake Zurich man.

Bond for Iverson was set at \$1,000. A court date was scheduled for Feb. 8 in Palatine.

Cop chief won't be from force

Wheeling's new police chief will not come from within the Wheeling police department, Village Manager Thomas Markus said, adding that he has narrowed the search to three men and hopes to choose one "soon."

The finalists were screened from 125 applications and the field was further narrowed by officials from Northwestern University's Traffic Institute, who chose the final three candidates. Markus refused to identify the candidates or say whether they were from local or out-of-state departments.

"They are not from within the department," he said.

While he says he has not made his final decision, Markus said he will notify the candidates before he releases any names. "It doesn't do anyone any good to find this out early," he said.

The new chief will be paid between \$30,000 and \$35,000, Markus said.

WHEELING OFFICIALS have been searching for a police chief since last September when Markus demoted former chief Ted Bracke. Markus contin-

ues to refuse to publicly discuss the reasons for the demotion, saying he "won't discuss personnel matters."

Bracke remained with the department as a lieutenant.

Bracke spent four turbulent years as Wheeling police chief. He was named to the post in 1978 by Village Manager Carsten Leikvold after the previous manager, Terry Zerkle, was fired when he refused to appoint Bracke. Zerkle said he was pressured by former president William Hein and several trustees to name Bracke chief.

During Bracke's term as chief, the police department had come under Markus' scrutiny several times for its conduct. One incident involved an \$11,000 investigation of the handling of a traffic accident involving Gregory Stavros, nephew of former Democratic committeeman James Stavros who was convicted in 1974 of extorting bribes from developers.

Police Lt. William Ralston has served as acting chief since Bracke's demotion.

BOOST PROPERTY TAXES?

Arlington Hts. officials are mulling a proposal to increase the property tax rate by as much as 32 per cent to finance a project to pipe in Lake Michigan water to the village. The tax hike would also avoid future jumps in local water rates.

However some village trustees are criticizing the plan because it benefits wealthier Arlington Hts. residents and forces others, including senior citizens, to pay more for water than they actually use.

A property tax hike of 50 cents over the next few years is being recommended. The first step, raising the village tax rate from \$1.54 to \$1.74 per \$100 assessed valuation, would be implemented in September 1982. Taxes on a home assessed at \$13,000 would increase from \$197 to \$226 per year.

AT THE SAME TIME, water rates in Arlington Hts. will be increased from \$1.35 to \$1.75 for 1,000 gallons. However, financial consultants had recommended that without increasing the property taxes, the village would have to boost water rates to \$2.65 per 1,000 gallons by March 1. A

jump to \$4.85 per 1,000 in 1986 was proposed by the consultants if no other sources of revenue for the project were developed.

The tax increase would pay for Arlington Hts.' projected \$29 million share of constructing a pipeline from Evanston.

Another \$5.5 million would be earmarked for improvements in the village's water system.

TRUSTEES IN favor of the proposal believe paying the pipeline thru property taxes will ensure all residents contribute equally. Also, homeowners could deduct the higher property taxes from federal income taxes.

Opponents to the plan contend residents with low water usage will be paying for more water than they use if costs of the pipeline project and village improvements are paid with property taxes.

A similar plan was recently approved by Palatine. Property taxes will increase by 59 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

The pipeline is being built by the Northwest Water Commission, which is composed of Arlington Hts., Palatine, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove.

Board approves funding for pipeline easement

THE WHEELING Village Board authorized spending about \$5,000 to obtain easements so that water and sewer lines can be extended along Schoenbeck Road.

The easements are necessary because they will allow the pipelines to cross property owned by the Franklin Boulevard Hospital. The construction of the proposed pipes would require a permanent 30-foot easement for the lines and a temporary 40-foot construction easement.

The resolution, which passed by a 4-0 vote, authorizes spending \$3,700 to obtain the permanent right-of-way and

\$1,700 for the temporary one.

"The resolution determines the just compensation and it directs the Village Manager and Village Attorney to proceed with acquiring the easements," Village President Sheila Schultz said.

Board members did not say when the easements would be acquired or when construction on the project could begin.

Once the easements are acquired from the hospital, village officials plan to construct a 15-inch diameter sanitary sewer line and a 12-inch diameter water main line along Schoenbeck Road.

The lines would extend from the

Longtree Subdivision to Anthony Road and these extensions would take pressure off the Anthony Road sewage line and improve the water main system in the area.

The land acquisitions were discussed in a closed executive session during which time the board members also discussed possible sites for the senior citizens center.

No decisions were reached on the site selection of the center, but Schultz said "the village manager and village attorney were directed to continue negotiations on a senior citizen site."

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Water pipeline work to start March 1

by Susan Duerksen
Herald staff writer

Construction of a long-awaited water pipeline to Lake Michigan is expected to begin within a month, local officials said Wednesday night.

The Northwest Water Commission has received seven bids for the first phase of its pipeline project, and expects to put the first shovel to the ground on March 1. The commission will meet again next week to review the bids.

Meanwhile, the four villages in the

commission — Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Palatine and Wheeling — are making plans to borrow \$42 million to pay for the first half of the pipeline. The money is to be turned over to the commission in early May.

Financial consultant Woody Barce told the commission members Wednesday he is "80 to 90 percent certain" that the commission will be able to borrow the rest of the money directly in 1983. The first half of the financing has had to come from the individual villages because market interest rates

have risen well above what the commission is allowed to pay.

The total cost of the pipeline, which will carry Lake Michigan water purchased from Evanston, is estimated at \$68.5 million, plus interest.

THE DEBT WILL be paid off by residents of the four villages over the next 30 years, either through water bills, property taxes or both. Each village will pay a share of the cost based on population and water usage, with Arlington Heights paying 39 percent, Palatine 31.2 percent, Buffalo Grove

15.5 percent and Wheeling 14.3 percent.

Construction of the pipeline will begin in Skokie, to coincide with roadwork planned by that village at Gross Point Road and Church Street. The commission originally had planned to go through Skokie on Golf Road, but changed the plans when they learned that Skokie had scheduled construction on the other road.

The commission members already have raised \$6.7 million for initial construction.

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Harriet Orna stares out her living room window at nearby Palwaukee Airport. (Staff photo by Nancy Stone)

Her house would be lost

Palwaukee sale may end woman's dream

By Joan Fleischer

Thirty-three years ago, a young Wheeling electrician and his pretty bride had a dream.

Richard and Harriet Orna in 1949 dreamed of owning their own home in the country. They wanted a big house with lots of room for children and dogs to run around. They dreamed of a few acres of land on which they could play farmer and grow their own fruits and vegetables.

They also hoped that one day when they had a family the children would each inherit a parcel of land and settle on the Orna family land.

Richard and Harriet worked hard to make their dream come true. While her husband worked as an electrician, Harriet worked as a bookkeeper and cared for their two young sons.

"The beginning years were hard. I returned to work two weeks after my youngest boy, Kirk, was born. We saved our pennies and finally after 10 years, we had a downpayment and went househunting," said Harriet Orna.

The Ornas in 1960 bought their dream house, a 10-room red brick home on six acres in unincorporated Wheeling on Hintz Road right opposite the Palwaukee Airport.

Twenty-two years, two grown-up sons and four dogs later, the Orna's dream is coming apart. The Orna house is one of 10 homes slated to be torn down if the now privately owned Palwaukee Airport goes public.

"Now that Dick is gone, all I have left are our sons and the home we built

together. I can't even think of living anywhere else. I love my home. I worked all my life for it," said Orna, sitting in her French Provincial-decorated living room adorned with antiques from all over the world, yet overlooking the runway of Palwaukee Airport.

A few moments later, the sound of a plane taking off could indeed be heard within the fashionable room. It wasn't loud, it wasn't dramatic; it was just the sound of a plane taking off. The natural insulation of a well-built brick home built some 50 years back shielded any harsh noise.

"The plane? Oh, I hardly hear them. It's so natural for me to hear the planes taking off. The airport has always been here and it never bothered me. I suppose some of my neighbors hear it much worse, but it (airport noise) has never been a problem for us," Orna said.

"I don't want to see the airport shut down. I believe it serves a vital function in the state. I certainly wouldn't want to take away Mr. Priester's (owner of Palwaukee) right to sell his airport. But please, don't take away my right to live in my home," she added.

The controversy centers on the proposed action of the Village of Wheeling and Prospect Heights, with up to 80 per cent of federal funding, to purchase Palwaukee Airport. The current owner, Charles Priester, has expressed his desire to sell the airport.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights commissioned a three-year project from the Ralph Burke Associates consulting

firm of Park Ridge to study the feasibility of a public purchase.

Last week, the results of the study were explained to about 500 people attending a public hearing at the Chevy Chase Country Club.

Apparently, to comply with the Federal Aviation Agency safety regulations which must be strictly adhered to when receiving federal funds about 125 acres of land surrounding the existing airport will be taken over.

The land is required for adequate clear zone and safety area protection for the existing runways in accordance with FAA airport standards, according to Larry Donoghue, president of Burke associates.

Ten homes and seven businesses are on that 125 acres, he said. "It's a relatively small number of relocations considering the project," Donoghue said at the public hearing last Thursday night to a somewhat hostile and angry audience.

A number of area residents, including members of the Citizens Airport Activity Group (CAAG), are adamant about their towns purchasing Palwaukee Airport and would prefer to see the airport shut down.

The chances of the airport closing even if Wheeling and Prospect Heights should decide against their intent to take it over are pretty slim, according to Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz.

"However, I think the residents' reactions are perfectly understandable. I live near the airport myself and sympathize with their concerns," Schultz said.

"My original position was that

condemnation of peoples' homes was not necessary, but I don't see anyway around it now. The personal and emotional impact of people losing their homes is great. I understand that," she added.

Schultz said the process for relocating the people losing their homes or businesses calls for three separate real estate appraisals to determine fair market value. In addition to receiving fair market value, they will be compensated for moving costs and evidence of additional financial burden in relocating to a similar neighbor, she said.

"Nobody wants to move, but if it needs to be done I believe the financial compensation should be generous," Schultz said.

Orna is frightened because she says she has no idea how much money they would offer her.

"You know I had an opportunity to sell my home and this acreage for \$350,000 last year to a land developer who wanted to put up condominiums. Dick and I paid \$40,000 more than 20 years ago. It was a lot of money in those days for a house, but we loved the place and made a happy home here. I don't want to sell my home. I don't want to move," said Orna.

At the public hearing, Orna stood before government officials and the large audience and said, "I'm losing my home. I think it's wrong. I feel like I'm in Russia or Poland. I don't mind the airport. I've been here for 22 years. I knew Priester wasn't flying kites.

"I feel like doomsday. Ten homes. That's me."

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Wheeling taps new cop chief

By Eddy McNeil

THE FOUNDER OF a Du Page County major-crime investigative unit was named Monday to head the Wheeling Police Department.

Michael Haeger, a deputy chief with the Woodridge Police Department, will take over as chief Feb. 22. Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said Monday. Haeger, 34, was selected from more than 100 applicants and will be paid \$36,000 a year.

He will replace Lt. William Ralston, who was appointed acting chief in September when Markus removed former Chief Ted Bracke from the position. Bracke remains with the department as a lieutenant.

MARKUS CITED Haeger's "demonstrated administrative ability and integrity" as key reasons for his getting the nod over the other applicants. In Woodridge, Haeger has supervised support and field services divisions in the department and commanded the Felony Investigative Assistance Team, a five-community effort to investigate major crimes.

After joining the Woodridge department as a patrolman in 1971, Haeger was named deputy chief in 1977 by Ronald Pavlock, the village's former police chief who now heads the Mt. Prospect Police Department. Pavlock said Monday that he is confident Haeger will be a good police chief.

"Mike's a very capable person and I'm sure he'll do a good job," Pavlock said.

HAEGER SAID he is eager to begin in Wheeling, despite a lawsuit filed several years ago by a group of policemen challenging promotional tests, which has put a temporary freeze on promotions within the department. Woodridge experienced a similar situation several years ago, Haeger said, and he knows the problems aren't insurmountable.

"The sooner it can be resolved, though, the better," he said.

Haeger said he is aware of past problems in the department, which have included charges of political interference and unprofessional attitudes on the parts of some policemen, but he said his research leads him to believe some of the charges were exaggerated. Part of his job, however, will be to improve the department's image in the community, he said.

"I'm aware of some of the problems in the

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department in the past and I think they should remain in the past," he said. "I want to build a positive relationship between the department and the community."

Haeger said he has no plans to create a cooperative investigative team in this area. His first priority will be the internal structure of the department, he said, and changes may be made after he reviews the department and gathers ideas from policemen working there.

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Flight over Pal-Waukee

Neighbors of Pal-Waukee Airport have a gripe — understandable, but also unjustified — about the way a recent hearing on Pal-Waukee was conducted. The hearing was held to solicit comments on the contemplated sale of the privately owned airport to the public, probably to the City of Prospect Heights and Village of Wheeling.

The gripe is understandable because, in the eyes of anxious observers, the Jan. 28 hearing appeared to be unfair; it is unjustified because nothing of substance shows the hearing was conducted unfairly. In fact, Thomas Shirley, the Wheeling High School principal who served as moderator, took exceptional pains to be fair.

The appearance of unfairness grew out of the preponderance of early testimony favoring the continued operation of Pal-Waukee Airport, if necessary as a publicly owned facility. Thirteen of the first 15 persons to testify — many from out of town and representing national organizations — favored the airport. (Persons who spoke were called on in the order they registered at the door.) Meanwhile, hundreds of local homeowners and apartment dwellers waited to voice their opposition.

Eventually everyone who wanted to speak was heard, and anyone who wanted to exceed his five-minute limit was able to speak a second time. Even now, anyone who desires may still contribute written testimony.

Nevertheless, the predominance of early speakers favoring Pal-Waukee was enough to anger the neighbors. Some members of the audience even resorted to catcalls — disappointing conduct which was especially spiteful to Shirley, who tried valiantly to maintain a sense of decorum. After the hearing, the anti-airport Citizens Airport Activity Group said it would ask the Federal Aviation Administration to invalidate the hearing on grounds it was a "sham" that didn't allow neighbors an ample opportunity to speak.

Lost in the emotion and tension of the moment are three simple but important facts.

One, the hearing's record is not yet closed. Anyone can still speak out. Whoever believes he didn't have sufficient opportunity to be heard Jan. 28 has further opportunity to make himself heard through Feb. 16. Persons may comment by writing to the airport consultant, Ralph H. Burke Inc., at 1550 Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Ill., 60068. Indeed comments made in writing, because they afford greater opportunity for careful organization and inclusion of detail, will generally be more persuasive than off-the-cuff oral comments.

Two, the order in which persons spoke on Jan. 28 is of no consequence to the federal agencies that will review the record of this hearing. They will study it in its entirety, including both oral comments made Jan. 28 and written comments submitted then or later. In any case, what truly matter are the documentation and reasoning each person who testified brought to his argument. The well-prepared, calm and logical person will have built a more convincing case. Conversely, comments that are mainly subjective and without factual basis will carry little clout.

Three, the hearing process bears only on the federal government's decision to grant or withhold financing for the acquisition from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund — not on the fundamental decision by Prospect Heights and Wheeling as to whether they should buy Pal-Waukee, together or singly. It is in deliberations of the Prospect Heights City Council and Wheeling Village Board that emotions can most affect the key decisions by those communities.

Instead of seeking to invalidate a hearing that isn't even finished, neighbors of Pal-Waukee Airport should get busy and submit further testimony while there's still time. The record of the hearing will remain open for another 11 days. It's worth a 20-cent stamp.

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Wheeling police scrape for leads in janitor slaying

By Eddy McNeil

WHEELING POLICE are hoping laboratory results will yield what two weeks of shoe leather have failed to do in the investigation of a slain school janitor—a solid lead.

Police Chief William Ralston said Thursday that the case remains the department's highest priority—four investigators have been working on it full-time. But the head of the investigative team said nothing has turned up.

"Anything we get, we're chasing down," Lt. Ronald Nelson, the investigation supervisor, said. "But we're out of leads."

ON JAN. 23 a coworker of the janitor, Walter Graf, found the 55-year-old Palatine man dead in the basement boiler room of Hawthorne School, 200 Glendale Ave. Shot first in the chest with a .357 Magnum revolver, Graf was dying but may have been conscious when he was next shot in the back, a spokesman for the Cook County medical examiner's office said.

"Everyone we've talked to tells us he was a real nice guy, and they can't understand why anyone would want to hurt him," Nelson said.

Investigators have retraced the route Graf would have taken as he completed a special cold weather check of the Wheeling Township Elementary School District 21 buildings on the night he was slain. Nelson said they tried to find deliverymen or others who may have been in the area at the time of the shooting without success.

POLICE HAVE combed the neighborhood, and interviewed school employees, family and friends, Nelson said. Police removed everything from the room where Graf was found and sent samples to crime laboratories hoping for a clue, he said.

Nelson said investigators are taking a step back to see if they may have overlooked a key to the case. They're hoping lab results from the Northern Illinois Crime Laboratory in Highland Park or the Cook County sheriff's police lab in Maywood, will provide a clue.

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Small crowd eases water, tax hikes' way

By Eddy McNeil

WHEELING RESIDENTS seem to accept the village's need to raise water rates and property taxes to buy Lake Michigan water. Village President Sheila Schultz said after a hearing on the matter.

Only about 30 residents attended the hearing Monday called to explain the water rate increase to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons from 90 cents. The increase will go into effect March 1, and the first bills reflecting the increase will be mailed in June, village officials said.

The village board also is expected to approve future property tax rate increases of up to 77 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to pay the village's share of the estimated \$68.5 million project, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said. Final figures won't be available until next year. The present property tax rate is 71 cents per \$100.

WHEELING WILL sell about \$11 million in general obligation bonds in March or April to pay for internal water system improvements and its first payment to the Northwest Water Commission, Fialkowski said. The commission is a four community group building a pipeline to Evanston to carry lake water.

Fialkowski said the final figures for the project will be determined by the going interest rate of the bond market next year

and construction bids for the pipeline. Member communities are expected to begin receiving lake water in 1984.

Schultz said village officials are hoping to keep the \$1.90 water rate constant and raise the other needed revenue from the property tax. Not only can residents deduct local tax payments from their federal income tax, but the property tax guarantees that owners of vacant property in the village also help pay for the project, village officials have said. Fialkowski said future water rate increases may be required, however, depending on the commission's final financing plan.

SCHULTZ ATTRIBUTED the relatively low turnout at Monday's hearing to an informational brochure mailed to residents last week explaining the project and the need for it. Because of declining ground water tables, the communities are being forced to turn to Lake Michigan for water.

"It's not like should we or shouldn't we," she said. "We're just trying to find the best way to do it."

Palatine residents voted in November to absorb the increased water costs on their property tax bills, and Arlington Heights officials are considering a proposal to collect at least part of the increase from property taxes. Those two communities, along with Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, make up the members of the group.

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Care Center and library plan extension programs

How many of you have been to the new Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center in Wheeling? Remember that they're there, and take advantage of their facilities. The Care Center is going to be providing some extension programs, with the assistance of the Indian Trails Library. A regularly scheduled blood pressure screening has been set up during one Tuesday each month. The date is Feb. 16... next week! So head on over to the library board room at 355 Schoenbeck Rd. Screening will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. that day.

Coming up on March 22, Holy Family will present a special health program called "Myths on Aging." This will also be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sounds like we might get some good news out of this one, like those wrinkles around the eyes are just a figment of the imagination... In any case, you must register for this program. Come in person, or call the Outreach Department at 459-4100. Then go and find out how young you're really getting.

Oh, and while you're at the library, you might want to run upstairs and pick up any income tax forms or information you still need. They've got the longs and the shorts and all those Schedules from A through everything. Tax Day is less than two months away.

HERE'S A COURSE THAT'S EASY and important. It's called CPR (stands for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). This is an emergency medical procedure which you don't have to know the least bit about "doctoring" to learn and practice. Quite basically, CPR involves opening and maintaining an airway, providing ventilation through rescue breathing, and providing artificial circulation through the use of external cardiac compression. Most importantly, it works.

On Feb. 22 and 23, from 7 to 10 p.m., a CPR class will be held in the community room of Northwest Community Hospital Treatment Center at Rte. 83 and Lake-Cook Road. It's really not too much time to give to learn something that could someday save the life of your friend or a member of your family. Give it a try.

IT'S TEAMS THAT WIN GAMES, and the strength of the individuals that determine the power of the team. The Wheeling High School Wildcats are glad to have all six feet and two inches of Steve Steinberg playing varsity basketball with their team this year. Steve is leading scorer and also a top defensive player. He's been selected to two all tournament teams — at the Lake Forest Thanksgiving tournament, and recently to the all-tournament team at the Harwood Classic. Congratulations, Steve.

PIZZA, PASTA, WAPAGHETTI'S. The Italian cuisine you've drooled over on Dundee Road can now be found at an additional location, in Mount Prospect. This eating establishment is named — and rightly so — Wapaghetti's II. Joseph Mastrototaro and his wife, Teddi, cook up all the fresh pasta and other dishes themselves. Pizza makes up about 50 percent of the business, but Wapaghetti's II offers an expanded menu including spaghetti, lasagna, fettucine, linguini, soups and cannoli.

Mastrototaro came here from Italy in 1968, and worked his way up from busing and waiting on tables to owning his own restaurant. Wapaghetti's II is located at 1520 Elmhurst Rd.

EVERYONE HAVE A love-ly Valentine's Day.

"Just remember, in the winter, that beneath the bitter snows, lies the seed, that with the sun's love, in the spring, becomes a Rose..." -Amanda McBroom

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Chamber seeks village space

In an effort to improve relations with village officials, the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce has asked trustees to give it office space in village hall.

Jackie Pollack, chamber executive secretary, said the chamber has been considering the move for over a year. "We really need office space, and last year when I started they asked me how I'd feel working in an office," said Pollack. "We felt the village would be the ideal spot."

Pollack said village officials have offered the chamber a desk and file cabinet in the hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. The chamber would supply office supplies and equipment and reimburse the village for telephone costs.

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30 question village water rate, tax hikes

Concerned about proposed increases in water rates and property taxes needed to cover the cost of bringing Lake Michigan water to Wheeling, more than 30 residents turned out Monday night to question Wheeling officials on the proposal.

Village administrators are proposing to double the village's water rate in June, raising the average yearly water bill from \$108 to \$228. Finance Director Greg Peters said the increase "will just cover" increased operating costs and the village's first payment to the Northwest Water Commission, which plans to build an \$82 million pipeline

from Evanston to the Northwest suburbs.

A combination of increases in property taxes and more water rate increases are also being proposed to pay for the pipeline and the water it will carry.

If Wheeling officials decide to pay for the water with property taxes, which can be deducted from federal income tax, an average Wheeling property tax bill will increase \$64 to \$149 in 1983.

A VILLAGE resident with a home assessed at \$12,000 currently pays \$85

a year in property taxes. Under this proposal, water rates would remain at \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons.

If the lake water is paid with a combination of taxes and water rates, property taxes will increase from \$85 to \$133 in 1983. The annual water bill would triple to \$320 by 1985.

Former village president William Hein expressed concern that the Wheeling Park District and Wheeling Township Dist. 21 are also proposing tax increases, placing a large tax burden on village residents. "The park dis-

trict wants more to expand park operations and Dist. 21 wants more to keep schools going. How much is this going to cost?" asked Hein, suggesting the boards meet before each proposes tax increases.

But Village President Sheila Schultz said the village has to bring lake water to Wheeling, because ground water supplies are drying up. "This isn't something the village would like to do. This is something the village must do," she said.

ANOTHER RESIDENT asked whether the "steep increases" could be

reduced and spread over more years. Peters said the proposed increases are "the minimum" the village could go with to finance the project.

One resident asked whether the village could charge a utility tax instead of raising water rates, so the debt repayment would be tax deductible but still based on water use.

Village Attorney David Epstein said the Internal Revenue Service would not allow village officials "to call a water charge a utility tax," and that utility taxes can't be deducted from federal income taxes.

Veteran Woodridge cop named chief of village force

by Elida Witthoef
Herald staff writer

Michael F. Haeger, deputy police chief in Woodridge and a 12-year police veteran, has been hired as Wheeling's new chief.

Haeger, 34, replaces former chief Ted Bracke, who was demoted to lieutenant last September by Village Manager Thomas Markus after four turbulent years as head of the 44-man department. Haeger, who will start work

Feb. 22, will be paid an annual salary of \$36,000, which is \$1,350 more than Bracke earned.

Markus said Haeger was "the top candidate" for the position and was chosen for his "good combination of experience and education." The village received about 125 applications for the job and screened the applications with help from officials from Northwestern University's Traffic Institute.

Haeger could not be reached for

comment Monday.

WORKING FOR the Woodridge department since 1971, Haeger started as a patrol officer. While at Woodridge he developed and commanded a multi-department "felony investigation assistance team" to investigate major crimes, and supervised both the support and field service divisions in the department.

Haeger began his police career in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1970 as a pa-

trol officer. He has a bachelor's degree from Benedictine College in Kansas and a master's degree from Lewis University. Haeger is married and the father of two children.

Haeger is the second Woodridge police official to be hired in the Northwest suburbs in the past six months. Last August Mount Prospect officials hired Woodridge public safety director Ronald Pavlock to serve as police chief.

Wheeling President Sheila Schultz, who was not involved in Haeger's hiring, said the new chief would have "the full support of the board."

DURING BRACKE'S term as chief, the police department had come under Markus' scrutiny several times for its conduct. One incident involved an \$11,000 investigation of the handling of a traffic accident involving Gregory Stavros, nephew of former Democratic committeeman James Stavros who

was convicted in 1974 of extorting bribes from developers.

Markus has refused to publicly discuss his reasons for demoting Bracke, saying only he wasn't satisfied with his leadership. Members of the village board refused to get involved in the case, preferring to leave administrative matters to the village manager.

Lt. William Ralston has served as interim chief as village officials searched for a permanent officer.

Drug education meeting set

THE WHEELING Youth Commission and Omni-House are sponsoring an informative discussion on drug use and abuse at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 18, at Eugene Field School, 51 St. Armand Lane.

A representative from Omni House and the Wheeling Police Department will lead the discussion and answer questions. A short film entitled "For Parents Only: What you need to know about marijuana" will be shown to give you a look at some of today's marijuana users; their feelings and their family's feelings.

This promises to be a most interesting evening. Due to the nature of the discussion, children will not be allowed to attend.

How you can help

CIVILIANS CAN help their local police department or other law enforcement agency apprehend drunk drivers.

Both state and local police officials say persons who suspect a motorist is driving while under the influence should contact police by either phone or citizen's band radio. The Illinois State Police and the Glenview, Northbrook, Deerfield and Wheeling police departments monitor Ch. 9 on the CB radios.

Persons wishing to contact the state police, can use the call letters KIL-0911. All officials agreed that civilians who think they might be observing a drunk driver should look for some of the following indications:

- Constant swerving from lane to lane.
- Very low, or excessive speed.
- At night, a vehicle being driven without its headlights turned on.

Officials say that if a civilian contacts a local police department, try and give as much information as possible, especially the location of the vehicle.

Corp. Bill Schmitt of the Illinois State Police urged persons using a CB radio to "talk normal, give as much information as possible (use the mile marker if you can) and if a person suspects the vehicle is being driven by an intoxicated person, don't try to catch up to it."

Schmitt also said motorists who do not have CB radios can notify personnel at any oasis or toll booth. They can then relay it to the state police.