

OUR READERS WRITE:

Says article on pig farmer unfair

Dear Sirs:

Why are the laws and by-laws good for one and not for the other?

We didn't make these by-laws. They were made in this township before we moved in, and the men who are so against them now are the ones that were here when they were made.

No wonder a lot of young people are mixed up, when we adults break laws and by-laws to suit ourselves.

As for being against the so-called pig farmer — it isn't true. All we are asking is to be able to say like our neighbors, it doesn't smell, because we will be farther away from the barn if it is erected the proper distance away from our home.

These people who said it doesn't smell were the ones who allowed human manure from septic tanks to be spread on their fields and never ploughed under. This didn't seem to smell to them either.

The article "Neighbors aid pig farmer" was unfair, because they only mentioned part of the situation. They didn't mention the so-called pig farmer has 17 acres which he bought after there was a house on each side. He built a very large barn with a permit and raised his pigs with a very large, open liquid manure pit. Then

knowing he needed a permit and knowing the by-law of a thousand feet, he went ahead and built a barn approximately 641' from our home.

Where were his friends and neighbors then?

Why didn't they advise him then not to do it? He was asked by the committee of adjustment why he didn't build it behind the first barn? We ask why also?

After erecting this barn without a permit, he raised and sold many a pig out of this barn, while the price of pork was high.

I bought my land, I built my house with my own hands, I had 3,000 trees planted, fresh pasture planted, fences put up, I work 40 hours every week in a factory, I grow most of my own vegetables and meat. My land is used but not over used. I would not allow my friends and neighbors to go to bat for me if I started breaking laws and by-laws.

Also while I was building my home, the building inspector was on the job; he was here more than once giving advice and making sure things were being done right.

Where was this building inspector we have now, when these barns were being built?

—S. Woloshyn



POLICE HAVE BEEN keeping a close watch on Acton Blvd. since reconstruction and paving there. The centre boulevard has been removed, creating a tempting place for speeders. Some motorists almost miss the stop sign. This street will soon extend on into the next phase of the Bovis subdivision.

Agreement is ready to sign

The revised agreement for the development of eight lots on Churchill Rd. N. by Cobblehill Developments Ltd. was presented by Mike Brodigan to council Tuesday night. Council accepted the changes and authorized the signing of the subdivider's agreement.

Mr. Brodigan said major changes were that bond items had been changed to cash

items; the municipal levy was payable 80 per cent on registration and 20 per cent on the issuance of building permits; a surcharge has been added for existing services; 50 per cent of the cost of future curb and gutter installations are covered and a 50 per cent cost-sharing of future 12 inch storm sewers in the area; the underground wiring at \$2,400 was a cash item and 50 per cent charges

for engineering fees have to be added in. Mr. Brodigan said the hydro agreements are ready for signing at the Thursday evening hydro commission meeting. Deputy-reeve Marks said the municipal levy checks out with the current schedule.

What council did

At the regular Acton council meeting Tuesday night all members were present except reeve McKenzie who was attending a Halton Hills area meeting and councillor Bill Yundt.

Council passed accounts to Warren Bitullic of \$79,762.44 for paving on Bower Ave. and Elizabeth Dr.; and an account of \$18,851.00 to Crowley Groundwater for well development subject to a one per cent discount if paid in 10 days.

Tax write-offs of \$10,500.74 recommended by the treasurer were made. Deputy-reeve Marks

estimated annual taxes collected are in the range of \$900,000 which represents one per cent. Since the tax write-offs were over a three year period he felt the 3 per cent write-off was an acceptable amount.

The offer to purchase of a municipally-owned lot on Highway 25 south of Kingham Hill Estates was rejected. The property was zoned 01 (conservation).

The mayor and clerk or deputy-treasurer were authorized to pay all the accounts received from Dec. 31, so everything will be cleared up before Halton Hills takes over Jan. 1.

Erin council briefs

At the Dec. 3 meeting of Erin Township Council, council dealt with:

- a letter from Bert Rogers requesting to have the corner of 22 Sideroad and 7th Line zoned commercial for a car wash. Council felt there would be no problem as long as the Health Department gave permission.
- a letter from the Wellington County Board of Education requesting bus turning signs at the Erin-Egging Town Line and 4th Line, and 2nd Line, Lap 20.
- a letter from the County Library Board requesting township ready their suggestions for 1974. Council decided to discuss this further.
- the sending of a letter to Mr. Szelesko of 3rd Line and Hwy. 24 advising him he was contravening the by-laws by having a junkyard and ordering him to clear same.
- agreed to set a meeting with Hydro Commission for discussion of alternate routes proposed for the hydro corridor.

SILENT NIGHT

"Silent Night, Holy Night" was written in 1818 by a village priest in Hallein, Austria. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words, to an accompaniment created by his organist, Franz Gruber.

Legend has it that the church organ was out of order — damaged by mice — and so "Silent Night" was first sung to a guitar accompaniment.

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Erin delays decision on firefighters' pay

Fire Chief Bob Cheyne presented equipment costs to Erin township council at the Dec. 3 meeting. A tank for the fire truck could not be purchased from the overworked Wallinger Company but Mobile Tank Industrial, Scarborough, would supply a suitable one for \$6,750.

An equipment list explained in lengthy detail by Cheyne, was said to retail for \$10,000. However, one tender for \$6,850 appeared to be acceptable, providing an order was signed before the end of the year.

The chief felt a \$250 24 foot ladder could be omitted from the list if council wished to obtain a cheaper one privately. He knew where one could be obtained for an outlay of approximately \$75.

The Fire Marshal judged the list to be adequate but not overdone.

Need pumps, truck Two pumps costing \$2,700 for the pair and a truck for \$9,200 were also necessary purchases, he said.

Cheyne also brought up the subject of increasing volunteer firemen's salaries. Presently, the chief receives \$600 per year and \$3,400 for division among the usual 20 men.

A request for expenses incurred by the Firemen's Christmas party on Dec. 8 was granted.

Council moved the fire department order the truck tank from Mobile Tank Industries at a cost of \$6,750.

The equipment list needed further discussion as did the question of salaries, Council decided.

Council will prepare lease for fair board

H. H. Hinton, president of Acton Agricultural Society, attended council in support of the signing of a lease for the land on which the poultry building owned by the fair board is located in Prospect Park. A lease had been prepared based on a lease of 1967 which was allowed to lapse in 1967.

Mr. Hinton said that the fair board would not be meeting before the end of the year to ratify the signing of the lease. He suggested that a lease could be "cleaned up" and some of the inoperative clauses deleted.

Mr. Hinton said he would

agree to signing the lease as it is. However, council agreed to send the document back to committee for revision and presentation at next week's council meeting.

Councillor Masales was of the opinion that the lease as presented "was better than no agreement at all."

Mr. Hinton also commented on councillor Coats statement at last council meeting of "overpricing by Acton merchants. He asked if councillor Coats would validate the survey he had referred to. He said his own survey indicated his prices were 25 to 50 cents lower than

his competitors. He felt Acton people should be able to develop confidence in the Acton stores.

Councillor Coats said the survey had been conducted by classes from the high school and referred "to specifically food prices." He said the study had been made over a 10-week period during which time no meat prices were used. The survey had been made by comparison shopping on name brand items. Mr. Coats felt the survey had been well done and supported the results of the students' work.

Salaries

Mr. Hinton also while in attendance expressed his displeasure that the regional council in setting their salaries "saw fit to act in such haste... It was unwise and immature to act before assessing the situation." He was disappointed that regional councillor McKenzie was not present to hear his criticisms.

He said he personally didn't want to escape his responsibility of making his position quite clear.

Mayor Duby, deputy-reeve Marks and councillor Elliott all expressed the opinion that the work load on members of the area councillors could be greater than that of the regional councillors. Mr. Marks said "I think it will be difficult for (regional) representatives to spend more than one day a week at the regional level."

Horrors

Councillor Elliott felt regional government "will turn out to be all the horrors that have been predicted if (salary) levels established are maintained throughout all levels from the top to the lowest outside workmen."

In conclusion mayor Duby said the first instance the province had set the criteria (by the chairman's salary) on which all salaries have been set. "Unfortunately we will have to live with it."

Planners go slow on new functions

Newly appointed director of planning for Halton Region Ed Cumming discussed plans for setting up a regional planning department with the regional planning committee at a meeting Wednesday.

The committee agreed with Cumming's suggestion that the region wait until a regional official plan is developed before taking on the subdivision development approval.

Until now this has been a function of Queen's Park. Recently the province told the regions that this particular function should be handled at the regional level in the future.

Members of the planning committee agreed but felt the assumption of that duty would be too much for the committee to handle until the planning department was set up and functioning and an official plan was formulated.

Committee chairman Harry Barrett said the intention is good and noted the process would be more sensible than the frustrating process at Queen's Park now.

Cumming said he welcomed the philosophy and noted the move by the province was an attempt to control the size of provincial departments, which he says have become unwieldy.

Careers '74 for students

Plans for Careers '74 at the Galaxy Club in Oakville are well underway. Purpose of the show is to provide better guidance opportunities for students from grades 7 to 13 in all of Halton County.

The project is under the sponsorship of the Canada Manpower Centre, Oakville, the Oakville and District Chamber of Commerce, Halton County Board of Education and the Oakville and District Labor Council. Individual displays will be prepared by selected employers, professional and trade associations and advanced education centres. Students will be able to obtain

first hand information on those careers of interest from persons directly involved in them as well as career educational requirements.

Local 707 of the United Automobile Workers has donated use of the Galaxy Club, on February 5-6-7-8 for the show.

Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in North Halton area!

CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT
Great entertainment for the entire family! The concert will feature the Chorallers and will take place on Sunday, December 16, at 8.15 p.m. at the High School.

DECORATIONS GALORE!
Next week is the judging time for the Hydro's contest, for the best decorated homes in Acton. Will your home be included in the competition?

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL CONCERTS
M. Z. Bennett Public School will hold their Christmas Concert on Monday, December 17, while Robert Little Public School's will be held on Tuesday, December 18. Both concerts will begin at 7.30 p.m. and will feature the High School Band.

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