

Tay Township council briefs

Accounts paid, tenders opened

At a meeting earlier this month of Tay Township council, accounts totalling \$319,302.96 were approved for payment.

Councillor David Walker disclosed a conflict of interest concerning one of the accounts for \$17 from Ed Walker Electric and removed himself from the council table at the time the account was presented.

Reserve fund

At the same meeting council authorized the transfer of \$2,669.83 from its Park Reserve Fund to be used to pay for materials and work to be done.

And two representatives from the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs

(Orillia) were present to discuss with council information in respect to the tax registration procedure versus tax sale procedures.

Neither discussed the disadvantages or advantages of the above schemes since they were there only at council's request to review both procedures.

Tenders for construction of the 13th Concession bridge were opened at the same meeting. There were four in all which ranged from a high \$300,635 to a low of \$236,367.

Tenders

The township's engineer and road superintendent are to review the tenders to

verify that they are in accordance with the tender documents before council makes its final decision on the matter.

A request by a township ratepayer to have tax penalties assessed against him dropped fell on less than receptive ears since council later agreed in the meeting it was the landowner's responsibility to insure taxes are paid.

The man in question had earlier indicated there had been problems concerning his address which he said originated in the assessment office.

Petition

Two women appeared before council to discuss their concerns regarding

Glenforest Road.

They appeared with reference to the petition which had been forwarded to council indicating ratepayers had expended monies to improve Glenforest Road and were requesting council to assume the road or if it were not up to standards council spend the money necessary to bring it up to standard and then assume it for maintenance.

Council advised the township very seldom builds roads.

This is usually provided by the subdivider and that a possible way of dealing with the situation was through a local improvement that would involve all the owners fronting on that section of road.

Penetanguishene park, rec budgets reviewed at meeting

by Ken Regan

It appears Penetanguishene Arena, Parks and Recreation Departments have a good chance this year to meet their budgets.

That was the word given at Wednesday night's Board meeting.

In a comparative financial statement prepared by E. Betty Valentine, for the period up to Aug. 31, all three individual departments show very healthy financial figures.

With administration costs projected to be in the vicinity of \$29,600 for the year, an average of \$8,500 has been spent to date and if the trend continues, administrative costs could be as little as \$26,000. Even if expenditures were to rise over the next four months, there exists a \$3,000 cushion to work with.

The recreation department is currently

\$10 over the projected budget, but with Little N.H.L. and Figure Skating Club registrations coming up in September, the departments revenue should bring it back into the black.

Good season

The parks department as well shows a good season with their books presently showing expenditures of \$44,598 as compared to a budgeted \$50,750. With their season winding down, there are still a few expenditures to be made according to Betty Valentine, which might bring the Parks division close to budget.

The big story this year is the success of the arena department. With projected expenditures of over \$120,000 the arena to date has actually spent just under \$80,000. Furthermore, with revenue expected to be around \$47,000 the Arena has already

taken in almost \$37,000.

As acting chairman of the meeting Vince Moreau pointed out however, the arena's high cost season coincides with its high revenue season, the last four months of the year which includes hockey and skating events. Therefore, he cautions too much optimism, saying things could very well even up by years end.

But there is little doubt that board members were pleased with arena standing. Ray Baker said the budget looked better than it had in a long time.

When asked for reasons why the Arena, Parks and Recreation Departments fared so well this year, Board members gave several reasons.

Save Money

Frances St. Amant stated she and Ron Marchildon met twice weekly through the year in efforts to find ways to save money. She also mentioned the success of the concession booth operated during the summer.

Ron Marchildon added that the new arena floor allowed for events like roller skating and ball hockey to be held and both were successful endeavours.

Secretary, Betty Valentine said, the arena had no major capital expenditures this year as it had in other years and this allowed it to get off to a good start. She also mentioned things might balance out by years end, but agreed a balanced budget is better than being over budget. In fact, a balanced budget in this day and age seems to be going the way of the dinosaur.

With four months to go to meet budget, the arena, parks and recreation departments have set an example of careful spending coupled with profit making that should be studied and practiced.



For me?

Midland's Deputy Fire Chief Hal Belfry, isn't being overwhelmed with more paperwork. He was accepting cheques Wednesday from Mike Tinney (Midland Civitans), left; Barry Finch (Midland Canadian Tire) and Ted Light (Ted Light's TV Sales and Services). \$3,000 has been raised to buy rescue equipment for the Midland Fire Department. Light,

speaking as Penetanguishene's fire chief, said it will be years before his department will be able to afford rescue equipment, Midland's equipment will be available when needed in Penetanguishene. Midland Jaycees are spear-heading a \$15,000 "Save A Life" campaign to buy extrication equipment for M.F.D.

Developers 0-2 before board

Neither of two development proposals for the east side of Midland passed the scrutiny of the Midland Planning Board Tuesday night.

The board agreed to recommend to council that a proposal to turn the former Fabulous Formals building into an apartment building of 24 one bedroom units be turned down.

About 40 residents of the immediate area attended the meeting to voice their disapproval of the proposal.

They in turn suggested the town buy the property and turn it into a public park, or, if that was not acceptable, that the building be kept as is and be put to an industrial use.

The board itself has reservations about the

proposed use of the building and about the number of apartments that would be built if the proposal were approved.

The planning board will not be making a recommendation to council on either of the resident delegation's suggestions.

Ratepayers from the Chaingate Drive and Manly Street area were also on hand Tuesday evening to oppose a submission to rezone a parcel of land in that area that would allow the building of single family houses.

The board will recommend to council that the application not be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board because the proposal is premature.

Validated parking schedule

The validated parking system for downtown Midland is still "go" for the first of October.

Circumstances may cause a delay of a week beyond that, cautions Bob Voorzanger, Jr.

Voorzanger is the chairman of the parking committee of the Midland Business Improvement Area.

The validated parking project is being put into practice, run, and paid for by the members of the

Business Improvement Area.

Parking Authority has ordered conversion kits to change the existing municipal parking lot ticket-spitters to dispense two instead of one ticket.

Decals stating that the business sporting them participates in the program will be ordered as soon as a design has been approved.

Signs explaining the program to be placed in the parking lots are on order.

RCs hold meeting away from Barrie

Members of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board took their monthly meeting to Colgan, south of Barrie on Wednesday.

The occasion not only marked the board's annual meeting to a community outside Barrie where the board meets but also helped mark St. James Parish's 150th anniversary, according to Midland trustee Lloyd

LaPlume.

At the conclusion of regular school board business, the 60 ratepayers who were present to see the board in action had an opportunity to take part in a question and answer period.

Plans were also made to attend an "Afternoon of Reflection" at St. Mary's Church, Barrie, on Oct. 5 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This unique event, the

first ever to be held in the world, will be open to school board trustees and principals within the county Catholic school board system in the county.

Most Rev. Robert B. Clune, auxiliary bishop of Toronto will be the key-note speaker.

The event will conclude with an eucharistic celebration at 4 p.m.

The board's procedures bylaw

committee tabled its report Wednesday night, during other RC board matters.

The report contained a number of changes in an effort to stream-line board and administrative affairs.

Council meeting

Next regular meeting of Midland council has been planned for Monday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m.