

Council Airs Complaint Over Police Service

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) The problem of providing policing service for an individual as balanced against the police budget in Hagersville received a full airing at Monday night's council meeting. Reeve John Kincaid told council he had received a complaint from the Hyde and Mott Funeral home that a police officer had been requested

last Monday to control traffic during a funeral procession but that no officer showed up. The reeve said he had informed Chief Warren Burger on Monday morning about the complaint and asked for an explanation to be provided during the council meeting. Chief Burger said he had been away at the time of the incident,

but had made an investigation. He said a police officer was working at the time and that the request for police help had come in at 11.45 a.m. The funeral was scheduled at 1.30 p.m. Chief Burger said the request was noted, but at 12.45 p.m. the officer received a call "about a serious offense dealing with drugs in Hagersville. This

was a legitimate investigation and during the course of the investigation the officer had to chase a car out of town and had difficulty in stopping the vehicle." The chief said a person was arrested and the officer was continuing the investigation while at the West Haldimand General Hospital. "He realized the time was then 1.25 p.m. and

tried to get to the funeral home, where he arrived just after the funeral left. The officer returned to the office where he telephoned the funeral home, but no one was there. He called three times and finally reached the funeral home at 4 p.m. "I am convinced he did everything reasonable and prudent in the situation," the chief said.

"The person who lodged the complaint has every right to do so, but must take into account all facts before making an accusation," the chief said. Reeve Kincaid said he felt that since the officer had a radio in his car he could have reached another officer to help out in this sit-

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Provincial Subsidy Possible For Cayuga Sewer Lines

CAYUGA - A provincial subsidy may be available for the extension of sewer and water lines to the proposed site on Highway 3 for the Ontario Provincial Police headquarters. Charles Letman, executive officer with the Department of the Environment projects development branch, said a 50 per cent subsidy might be available for the \$55,000 project.

Earlier last week it appeared the proposal would die after another department official, Rod McMurray, district engineer, said he doubted the project qualified for provincial subsidy.

Construction at the OPP site has been stalled during the past eight months over a wrangle between the village and the department of public works.

Cayuga council has felt the building is too large to be serviced by a septic tank and well as proposed by the department. It is also feared the building could block future development in the area. Mr. Letman said the department had assisted Hagersville with the extension of a water line in similar circumstances.

A sewer extension might also qualify for the subsidy, he said. In economic terms, however, he said sewer lines make little sense since they would only benefit the OPP building and a development company, Cayuga Residential Estates Ltd., which hold 10 acres in the area.

He said no commitments can be made until council makes a formal request for the subsidy.

Under a cost sharing arrangement the department would pay half and the remainder would be paid by the village, the department of public works and Cayuga Estates. The development company would pay the bulk of the municipality's share.

There is, however, another obstacle to overcome - the village's water supply system is in poor shape and this means that no guarantees could be made to supply services to the developer.

A spokesman for the company said he would hesitate to put money into services without a commitment that at least a portion of the land could be developed.

Cayuga To Ask Province To Take Over Water Plant

CAYUGA - A takeover of the village's water filtration plant by the department of the environment is being sought to alleviate Cayuga's water shortage.

Council last week passed resolutions asking the department to prepare a proposal to takeover the plant and to study the feasibility of reactivating some old municipal wells.

Hagersville, at its council meeting Monday, gave final reading to a proposal that will have the department take over the operation of its sewage treatment plant. Cayuga council was told that under the

department's administration, the plant's capacity could be boosted beyond its designed limit during peak periods.

A leak detection program is also being prepared in the meantime in hopes of tracing some of the Village's water loss.

Rod McMurray, water resources engineer, told council it was hoped that a takeover, reactivation of some wells and leak detection would help meet the needs of the village for three to five years and "give us time to come up with a proper solution to your problems."

Reeve Ted Powell said this assessment of the situation makes a much brighter picture for the village than the original forecast.

The takeover of the plant operations has been in the offing ever since a pessimistic water resources report declared the system is inadequate without major expenditure and noted that the distribution system was suspected of having massive leaks.

It was only recently discovered that one leak could be responsible for the loss of 60,000 gallons a day.

Hagersville Seeks Increase Of Dog Catching In Village

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) Faced with a bill for \$33 for the destruction of 11 chickens by a dog several weeks ago, Hagersville council Monday night urged its dog catcher Jim Davidson to step up his patrols of the village.

Coun. Nick Basili had asked Mr. Davidson to attend the council meeting because of his use of a tranquilizer gun on some dogs. Coun. Basili wanted to know "what right you have to use the gun."

Mr. Davidson said the tranquilizer gun is only used "in severe cases. The dosage could be overloaded and if a dog died, it could result in a liable suit."

Coun. Basili asked what happens if the dog being chased is caught on private property. Mr. Davidson said that as long as he is in pursuit of the animal and doesn't lose sight of it he can go on private property to pick the animal up.

Coun. Norman Crawford noted that 11 chickens had been killed recently by a dog running loose and

"we have been billed \$3 apiece for them."

Mr. Davidson said Middleton Township in Norfolk County was having a similar problem with turkeys being killed. He said dogs being tagged help identify the animal's owners so they can be traced if caught.

"What many of the townships do is place a poundage limit on the poultry or animals killed by dogs. Usually the limit is 50 pounds before the townships will pay a claim. This eliminates claims from hobby farmers. If a fellow is

in business and a dog gets into his animals and destroys them then that's another story."

Mr. Davidson said owners are notified of dogs picked up with tags, that the animal is in the pound and those dogs without tags, if not claimed in 72 hours, are destroyed. He said he would notify the police of dogs picked up so that charges can be laid. Police Chief Warren Burger said the man who laid the claim for

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Woman, 26, Hired As Arena Manager

CAYUGA - Joan Raney, 26, of Dunnville, has been hired as arena manager by the Cayuga arena committee.

Miss Raney won out over 13 male applicants for the job. She is a qualified school teacher with a Mohawk College recreational director's course.

She was hired, according to Coun. Phil Neary, council's recreation committee representative because the committee felt she

was the best person for the job.

He said Miss Raney was unflappable and wasn't fazed by the thought of repairing machinery, mowing grass or other jobs usually regarded as a male preserve.

A big factor in hiring her was the confidence of the arena committee in her ability to hustle business for the arena, Coun. Neary said.



All three units of Jarvis' first townhouse complex are nearing completion with only the roof left to be completed on the middle unit. Interior work is being completed on the other two units. The townhouses are located north of Highway 3 near the Explorer Inn. Work began on the site at the end of March. (Staff Photo)