

recommendation of the police department. He stated further that the signs at Juniper and Cypress were placed incorrectly and will be changed. The Board voted to defer action on the matter until conferring further with the police department.

TOWN CONSTRUCTION

REPORT PRESENTED

Building Inspector Bill Uebele presented his annual construction report to the Board at the January 16 meeting. He reported that permits were issued for 36 single family homes, 34 condominium units and 16 town houses in 1979. This compares with 41 single dwellings and 42 condominiums issued in 1978. There were no town house permits issued in 1978, he said. Under construction at this time, he reported, 23 single family dwellings and 50 condominiums.

FIRE HYDRANT STUDY

WILL BE MADE

The need for additional fire hydrants in Pine Knoll Shores was discussed at the recent meeting of the town commission following a request by Ken and Irene Doremus that a new hydrant be installed close to Teak Court. Chief Foster reported at the meeting that he had made an inspection of the locations of all fire hydrants in town, and stated that some areas, chiefly Loblolly Drive, do not conform with state regulations that hydrants be no further apart than 1000 feet. Mayor Haller requested that Chief Foster, together with persons qualified in the matter, make a further study of the situation and supply the Board with a priority listing of needed fire hydrants. This will, he said, provide an orderly approach to the matter and help maintain the "seven" insurance rating which the town now enjoys.

NEW POLICE

OFFICER HIRED

Richard Del Mese has joined the Pine Knoll Police Department effective immediately. Jack Thompson, Commissioner of Police, said Officer Del Mese succeeds David Brown who had resigned to accept a position as State Information Officer with the State Department of Justice, eastern division.

Officer Del Mese is from Bay Shore, Long Island, New York. After a tour of duty with the Marine Corps he attended Suffolk County Community College, at Brentwood, New York, and was graduated with a degree in criminal justice. He plans to marry a girl from his home town in May.

Pine Knoll Shores residents welcome Officer Del Mese and wish both he and Officer Stabile well. The State's gain is surely Pine Knoll Shores loss as David makes a name for himself in the enforcement field. Godspeed, David.

FROM

MAYOR HALLER

A few weeks ago, Pine Knoll Shores Commissioner Elwood Ratliffe became ill at Bogue Banks Country Club. Members of our Rescue Squad, who were present at the time, rendered on-the-spot assistance. The ambulance was called, Commissioner Ratliffe was taken to Carteret General Hospital for treatment. After a week's stay he returned home fully recovered.

This incident points up dramatically our dependence on our Rescue Squad and its trained personnel. Had they not been available to respond promptly to this emergency, who knows what the result might have been.