Shallotte Agrees To Adjust Sewer Bills

BY SUSAN USHER
Shallotte residents don't have to
pay sewer charges any more on extraordinary water consumption such
as line breakages or the filling of a
swimming pool.
Town aldermen adopted a policy
last Wednesday night that allows
sewer adjustments under specific
circumstances. It also allows property owners to install a second meter to
register water used for watering gister water used for watering on and garden, washing cars and

the like.

Sewer billing is based on 90 percent of a household's water usage. Several residents had complained that when a water line breaks they shouldn't have to pay sewage on water that was used but didn't enter the sewer system.

The new policy takes care of this problem. If a line breaks, the sewer bill for that month will be based an average of prior months' bills.

It also allows a one-time-a-year-only sewer adjustment for the filling of a swimrning pool. The town has the ability to meter the filling of a pool through a fire hydrant, but a lot of people prefer to fill their pool with a water hose, said Superintendent Albert Hughes.

Households that choose to install a yard meter must place it just behind the existing town water meter so that the reading on the yard meter can be readily subtracted from that of the household use meter. The meter can be installed by the resident or a plumber, subject to inspection and

approval by the town.

"I don't believe many people will do it, but I think we should allow them the opportunity," said Alderman David Gause.

The meters are to be purchased from the town and will cost about \$36 to \$38. Depending on usage, Hughes said, the cost of installation could be recovered within a year's time.

Pressure Said Low
Shallotte firefighters are concerned about extremely low flow pressure on the N.C. 130 line that serves West Brunswick High School and will soon serve the new Shallotte Manor apartments.

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While static pressure was consistent at 50 pounds all over town during a recent fire department inspection of 10 hydrants, firefighters found the flow pressure "grossly inadequate" between the two meters. They are situated on the longest stretch of 6-inch line in town. While most meters registered 22 lbs. to 23 lbs., this pair registered nine pounds, Mayor Hewett reported, and will be "worse" when the apartments are occupied and demand increases.

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Hewett will investigate several possibilities, including a tap between the town 6-inch line and the county's 12-inch line since the town line serves a county school located outside its limits.

The fire department recommends that new lines on major thoroughfares be of 8-inch diameter rather than 6-inch.

The hydrant inspections were conducted in conjunction with efforts by the department to obtain a lower rating for insurance purposes.

Hewett said the town fire department, adjacent departments and the

urance Services Office also need to know when new areas are annexed into town so as to coordinate responses to fire reports and prevent

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Traffic Lights
Aldermen agreed reluctantly, on a motion by Wilton Harrelson, to close the ABC store entrance on U.S. 17 as part of the N.C. Department of Transportation's traffic control plan for Wall Street and Shallotte Avenue.

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Since the intersection doesn't "square up," explained the mayor, "that was the only way they could figure out to do it in three hours of work." Lights controlling Shallotte Avenue traffic would be located at the present ABC Store entrance.

Other Business
In other business, aldermen:

*Authorized, following a brief executive session with Chief Wayne Campbell, advertising to fill a patrol vacancy in the police department.

*Advised Campbell he needed to advertise the old police car for sale, rather than taking informal bids.

*Annexed into town on petition, following a public hearing at which no one spoke, five lots in Brierwood Estates.

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"But I think that's too loose for us," the mayor added.

*Upon review of a request from the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce to pave the road through the park, said there were other streets in town in greater need of paving, but agreed to "dress" it up, relocate one portion of it and pour gravel in charticipate in Clean In.

•Agreed to participate in Clean-Up Week sponsored April 21-27 by the N.C. Department of Transportation. Residents can call the town hall to arrange special pickups; community service workers may help pick up lit-

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*Referred to the planning and zoning board a request from Earlene
(Pet) Bellamy to rezone property
across from Calvary Baptist Church
from R-10 to commercial and to annex the part lying outside town
limits. Property to the north of hers
already is zoned commercial.

*Heard a request from former
reserve officer Eddie Reynolds for
aid in obtaining permanent state law

aid in obtaining permanent state law enforcement certification after Chief wayne Campbell had advised it was "against his better judgment" to recommend Reynolds. Because the recommend Reynolds. Because the state also has no record of Reynolds having worked for the town more than a year, he also loss of all certification and having to return to school. The board delayed action since Reynolds said a state certification official was planning to check with the town.

Heard that the Shallotte VFD met twice during the month and answered four vehicle and one grass fire call, inspected 10 hydrants and responded to two mutual aid calls from other departments.

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Calendar Of Events

Thursday, March 28

BRUNSWICK TECHNICAL COLLEGE Board of Trustees meet in the board room at Supply, 7 p.m. Building and grounds committee meets at 6 p.m. GAME NIGHT at the American Legion Post one mile south of Shallotte on

Friday, March 29

ANNUAL JOINT stockholders' meeting of Cape Fear Production Credit
Association and Cape Fear Federal Land Bank Association at the
Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

CALABASH VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD sells pit-cooked barbecue and baked goods at the station on N.C. 179 one mile north of Calabash, starting at 11 a.m. To order delivery of five or more plates, call 579-7475.

WEST BRUNSWICK YOUTH FOOTBALL supporters sell barbecue plates at Longwood Baptist Church to pay off debts from last season, all day.

NOMINATIONS for the Shallotte Junior Woman's Club Educator of the Year Award must be postmarked by today. For more information call Pam Hewett, 754-6528.

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TRYOUTS at the Supply ballfield today for T-Ball Baseball for boys and girls ages 5-7, 10 a.m.; Little League Baseball for boys and girls ages 8-11, 10 a.m.; and Senior League for boys ages 13-15, 2 p.m. All youths must bring birth certificates. For more information call Cecilia Kinlaw, 754-6139.

GAME NIGHT at the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m Monday, April 1

BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS meets in regular ses sion in its chambers, Brunswick County Government Center, 6:30 p.m. BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION meets in its Southport

board room in regular session, 7 p.m. HOLDEN BEACH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS meets at the town hall in regular session, 7:30 p.m.
SUNSET BEACH TOWN COUNCIL meets at the town half in regular session,

7:30 p.m. BOLIVIA TOWN BOARD meets at the town hall in regular session, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

BLOOD DRIVE co-sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Brunswick County Health Department, at the public assembly building, Brunswick County Government Center, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, Chapter 1894, meets at the Pirates Cove Restaurant, Yaupon Beach Pier for a luncheon meeting with Margaret Hawes of the Long Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad as guest speaker, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

REMANWICK TOASTMASTERS, CLUB 5095 meets at the Ship's Chandler Restaurant, Southport, 7 a.m.-8 a.m. Guests welcome. SHALLOTTE TOWN ALDERMEN meet at the town hall in regular session,



INSIGHT INTO

CHRIS MOSHOURES

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There have been fantastic advances in contact lenses in a remarkably short period of time. In fact, they only made their debut in the late 1930's but recent advances have been almost mirroulem.

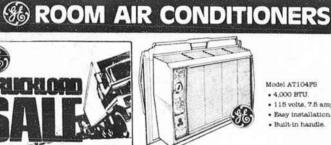
Those first lenses were made of Those first lenses were made of glass and completely covered the exposed part of the eye. This was a great invention, but it needed refinement. The heavy glass lens was too uncomfortable to wear for long-five hours was the record in those days. Then, in the 1950's plastic lenses were in-troduced. This was a much lighter material than the glass scleral lens People found they could wear contact lenses for long

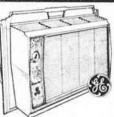
periods of time.
Since then, contact lenses have become smaller, thinner, and lighter. Soft contacts were developed; and recently extended-wear contact lenses were introduced. Now they can be worn for up to 30 days at a time without having to be removed. No wonder contact lenses have become so popular in recent years. Millions of people find they can be worn with complete comfort and security.

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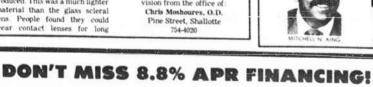












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