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SHALLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS used the spray from two fire hoses last Wednesday morning to dissipate the contents of a leaking 50-lb. tank of propane gas, slowing traffic on nearby U.S. 17 to a crawl for about an hour.

Leaking Gas Tank Snarls Traffic

Shalotte firefighters used fire hoses to dissipate gasses from a leaking propane tank in downtown Shalotte last Wednesday morning.

Donald Ward, a West Virginia resident who owns a mobile home in Coastal Retreat near Holden Beach, said he had just had the 50-lb. tank filled at Collier Gas Co. Inc. in Shalotte when he pulled into the Shalotte Amoco to fill the tank of his pick-up truck.

As he stepped around the truck to open the gas tank, he said he smelled propane. Checking in the back of the pick-up he saw vapor escaping from a leak that had sprung in the bottom of the tank.

"I realized I'd better get away from the fuel pumps and dump it," he said. He drove the truck across Smith Avenue and pulled the tank off the tailgate and into an empty field along U.S. 17.

Ward said neither he nor gas company employees had noticed a leak when filling the propane tank earlier.

Because the leak couldn't be stopped, firefighters could not move the tank, said Shalotte VFD member Susan Arnold. Instead, they used heavy mist from two hoses to dissipate the flammable gas vapors after fully opening the valve on the tank. It took about an hour to empty

the tank. Meanwhile, noon lunch hour traffic on U.S. 17 slowed to a crawl, with vehicles directed one-by-one across hose bridges placed across the lanes to a fire hydrant on the west side of the highway. Traffic on Smith Avenue was cut off by Shalotte Police until the hazard was removed.

Ward said he uses the propane gas to heat his mobile home during the winter months. And, he added, after this experience, he plans to relocate the tanks farther away from his mobile home. Currently, they stand beneath the living room window, he said.

Ocean Isle Beach Considers Supplementing Trash Service

BY SUSAN USHER

Before another tourist season rolls around, the town of Ocean Isle Beach wants to find a better way of collecting trash, particularly on weekends.

At a special meeting Monday morning, the board met with representatives of Chambers, a solid waste management firm located in Conway, S.C.

Commissioners Betty Williamson, Virginia Gibson and Marvin Stanley also met behind closed doors about 15 or 20 minutes with Mayor LaDane Bullington and Police Chief Jerry Gurganus to discuss personnel matters in the police and sanitation departments.

Afterwards, they voted unanimously to amend the personnel ordinance to prohibit the employment by the town of a couple, that is, both husband and wife.

Town Clerk Alberta Tatum said she didn't know of any specific situation that prompted the change in ordinance. No couples are presently employed by the town.

Garbage Collection

Trash and garbage collection on Saturdays ranks at the top of the town's most wanted list.

As Police Chief Jerry Gurganus explained, "Weekends are our worst time because of turnover." Renters check in and check out on Saturdays, with both groups generating extra trash.

Mayor LaDane Bullington told Chambers General Manager Henry Strange that the town wants to look at ways of supplementing its sanitation department.

"The town has been considering alternatives for solid waste management," she said. "I don't foresee a time when we would do away with our sanitation department, but there are times we might want to supplement it."

Meanwhile Strange presented a "loosely written" proposal based on the premise of the town turning its total trash collection effort over to private enterprise.

While he said time would have to be spent with the town's sanitation department before an exact proposal is submitted, Strange said he thought the firm could cover the town in four to five hours with a two-man, one-truck crew.

Chambers currently provides commercial service to a number of Calabash businesses and said five to seven-days a week pickup for restaurants at Ocean Isle Beach could be part of any contract negotiated, as could weekend resident. The firm also serves Horry and Sumter counties and the Richmond

County school district and operates several private landfills.

Trash collected at Ocean Isle, said Strange, could be disposed off at the county landfill or in South Carolina, whichever is more cost-effective.

If it contracts with Chambers, he said, Ocean Isle could exercise one of several options, including a combination of 30-gallon containers and 90-gallon roll-out containers for residences, green boxes for multifamily developments and businesses and possibly a centralized location for collecting larger items such as appliances and furniture.

The firm can collect anything set at curbside or in its containers except toxic wastes, Strange said.

While its equipment cannot pick up barrels along the beach, Chambers has proposed a front-end load dumpster system for the beach, he added.

Presently the town offers twice-weekly residential collections, with more frequent pick-up for businesses as needed. The police strand patrol vehicle is used by the sanitation department in emptying trash barrels placed along the strand. Residences currently use 20-gallon containers placed in enclosures near the right-of-way.

Sewer System

Commissioners also authorized the mayor to negotiate with Crowder Construction and Henry von Oesen & Associates on the deepening of a wastewater treatment lagoon as part of the Phase I sewer system project.

This gave her the power to authorize continuation of the work at the treatment plant construction site, which was on hold pending action by the board.

Mayor LaDane Bullington said both lagoons were to originally have been designed with 750,000-gallons capacity, but that one was cut back to 500,000 gallons in the final proposal. Since then, the state has said the town needs the added treatment capacity, she added.

Deepening the second lagoon is also expected to provide fill dirt needed for another aspect of the project. With the enlarging of the canal additional spray irrigation units will also be required.

In related business, the board authorized the engineering firm of Henry von Oesen & Associates and its contract scientist to proceed with groundwater/soil studies on several possible sites for wastewater disposal as part of the Phase II expansion of the sewer system. The total cost of the preliminary work is not to exceed \$7,500.

In other business, commissioners: •Voted to advertise for bids for a 1972 Dodge pickup truck, the town's old mosquito spraying truck, with sprayer equipment attached.

•Heard a report from Mayor LaDane Bullington on the Coastal Resources Commission meeting Oct. 17-18.

Commissioners Connor Cox and Debbie Fox were absent.

NAACP Seeks Limits On Donning Of Masks

BY SUSAN USHER

Wearing of hoods or masks in public to conceal one's identity would be generally banned under a county ordinance proposed by the Cedar Grove Branch of the NAACP Monday night.

However, coverings such as welding hoods, Santa Claus and children's Halloween costumes would still be allowed.

Branch President Jesse A. Bryant requested "immediate" adoption of the articles Monday, less than two weeks before Halloween. He left the meeting immediately after the presentation and could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Bryant explained the need for the regulations by saying that "certain persons and groups have supposedly appeared, demonstrated and/or paraded in public wearing devices intended to cover their faces and thereby conceal their identity."

Furthermore, he added, "such appearances and/or demonstrations have disturbed domestic tranquility, and have supposedly incited violence and racial hostility in the minds and hearts of certain individuals."

He did not say if the purported incidents had occurred in Brunswick County, or give specific instances of such appearances.

Commissioners voted to table consideration of the item until it can be reviewed by County Attorney David Clegg. The board's next meeting is Nov. 4.

Specifically, the NAACP (National Association for Advancement of Colored People) wants the county to prohibit individuals who intentionally wear masks or hoods to conceal their identity from entering or appearing in public places within the county; and to prohibit their demanding entrance or admission, entering or coming upon the premises, enclosures or house of any other person without written permission of the owner and occupant of the property.

Doing so would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for no more than 90 days, the organization recommended.

Exceptions to the restriction would include children under 11 years of age and "any person wearing traditional holiday costumes in season." Also exempted would be persons using masks in theatrical productions or Mardi Gras celebrations and masquerade balls; persons using masks or facial coverings for safety reasons while engaged in their occupation or a sporting activity; and persons who wear gas masks during drills, exercises or emergencies.

United Way

Commissioners agreed unanimously to use county funds to match dollar for dollar county employees' contributions to the United Way campaign drive now underway at the complex.

Their agreement was conditional on County Attorney David Clegg checking to make sure the campaign

would be an allowable use of tax monies. Commissioners set no limit on the amount it would match.

For the 1986 campaign next fall, they also agreed to investigate the possibility of reinstating paycheck deductions. Staff is to come up with an estimated cost for adding space for another deduction to the county's paycheck system before a final decision is made.

The actions were made at the request of a member of the Brunswick County Volunteer and Information Center board of directors who said that most major industries provide matches.

The center is almost totally funded by United Way, while about 20 other agencies that receive United Way funds offer services to county residents.

Commissioner Grace Beasley stressed she wanted the deductions to be "totally voluntary; I don't want them to feel obligated."

Audience member Eileen Kellagher had pointed out that in some companies employees feel they are pressured or "intimidated" into contributing to United Way campaigns.

Other Business

In other business, commissioners: •Heard from Tax Administrator Boyd Williamson that brochures explaining the revaluation process in a question and answer format will be mailed to taxpayers in about two weeks, followed in mid-November by

the mailing of assessment (appraised value) notices.

•On a motion by Jim Poole, tabled action until their next meeting on a letter from the Governor's Waste Management Board seeking applications for \$10,000 with which to set up a pilot environmental management advisory board for the county. Two projects will be funded statewide as an incentive for all counties to do so. Commissioners wanted more information before expressing interest in the project or rejecting it as initially suggested by the county manager.

•Agreed to forward to the state an S.R. 1 petition from residents of Sandy Hills Drive asking for the street to be added to the state road system.

•Approved for advertising bid specifications for a set of balance-beam 60-ton truck scales for the county landfill. The electronic instrumentation will have mechanical backup so the scales can be operated during a power failure.

•In anticipation of approval of a community development block grant for a \$735,000 loan to Carolin Caribbean Carriers, the board approved four names for requesting state funds—Michael deSherbinin, executive director of the Resources Development Commission, which will administer the grant; Jesse Francis, chairman of the commission; Billy Carter, county manager; and David Clegg, county attorney. Two signatures will be required on all requests for reimbursement.

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