

Leland may keep five-cent tax rate

Leland residents will pay the same tax rate as last year under a proposed 1993-94 budget.

Property owners will pay five cents per \$100 of value with an overall town tax base of \$34.7 million. The \$324,487 total budget, which will go to a public hearing June 17, 7 p.m., lists expenses and revenues of \$294,380 and is based on the town's current collection rate of 97 percent.

Expenses include: governing body, \$7,296; administration, \$76,750; contributions, \$24,500; elections, \$3,000; police, \$98,951; planning, \$6,060; building and grounds, \$17,207; streets, \$13,616; debt service, \$40,000; and contingency, \$7,000.

The town will receive \$18,500 in property taxes and \$192,000 in local-option sales taxes. Other funds are generated by privilege license fees, beer and wine license fees and inventory tax reimbursements.

The town also has a \$182,000 water and sewer fund, of which \$143,000 is for professional services. The town hired an engineer to help design a sewer system.

Another \$48,107 in Powell Bill funds will be used for street maintenance and repairs.

Plans are to hire a second full-time police officer. The department now has one full-time acting chief, one part-time officer and volunteers.

Part-time administrative assistant Teresa Reynolds will become a full-time employee.

Three more seeking Leland council seat

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Three more Leland residents have applied for the vacant position on the town council.

The board will interview five applicants at a special meeting June 2, 6 p.m., at Town Hall.

Three men and two women are seeking the seat opened when George Yates resigned February 18. Yates and his wife sold their home in the Westover Subdivision and decided to build a new one in Scotts Hill.

The newest applicants are Rosemary Long, 38, of 135 Lee Drive; Fred P. Seltzer III, 34, of 151 Fairview Road; and David Seltzer, 32, of 110 Woodland Drive.

Two who applied last month were Archie Chadwick Sellers, 31, of 149 Navassa Road, and Lucille Dresser Blake of 527 Village Road.

Ms. Long is a school bus driver, substitute teacher and is also involved in commercial construction.

She is a member of the Brunswick County Keep America Beautiful Committee, the Dixie Youth Baseball Association, Parents and Teachers Association and is a volunteer for the Youth Council.

If chosen she would stress services for youths, senior citizens and improved roads.

"I feel a person should care about their town, to improve the way of life for all," said Ms. Long. "I feel we as a town can do anything if we talk to

each other and work together."

Fred Seltzer owns a pawn shop and jewelry repair business in Leland. His concern for the town is both as a resident and as a businessman, he said. He serves as a Mason and Shriner.

A goal is to "help in making Leland a finer place to live and work," he stated.

He would lend his help with "any legitimate concern of any resident of the Town of Leland," he added.

David Seltzer is a real estate broker and serves on the state and local boards of realtors and is junior vice-commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9048 in Leland.

His goal is to "see our community and its residents achieve their goals," he stated.

Problems he would focus on if chosen include increased property values, the crime rate, zoning and to "reverse the negative image surrounding communities have of Leland and its residents," he stated.

Sellers is a mechanic at Carolina Power and Light Co. and is a coach in the Dixie Youth Baseball Association.

Ms. Blake serves on the Leland Planning Board, has served on the Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees and is a member of the Brunswick County Historical Society.

Leland has four council members and a mayor, who does not vote except to break a tie.

Leland council meeting with firemen is called into question

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Some questions have been raised about a special, closed-door meeting of the Leland Town Council involving members of the volunteer fire department.

At the board's regular meeting last week, one resident asked if the session was legal and why it was necessary.

A notice of the meeting was faxed to *The State Post Pilot* office in advance as required by the N. C. Open Meetings Law. It said the council had called for an executive session with members of the Leland Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors to discuss a personnel issue.

Mayor S. L. Doty said the council makes a yearly investment in the fire department and that the town

needed "to move to protect the taxpayers' money."

"We discussed, also, personnel matters with our police department," said Doty, "and it was strictly legal."

The town donates \$12,000 yearly to the fire department with \$7,400 of that amount specifically earmarked to be used for payments on a new truck.

"We have every right to protect it (money)," added Doty.

During public comments, resident Debbie Greiner asked why the meeting was held. She also questioned if residents will get to vote on a sewer bond referendum and if negotiations are still open with the Town of Belville about forming a regional sewer authority.

Resident Jerry McGowan got into a heated exchange with town attorney A. A. Canoutas over whether the special meeting with firemen was legal.

"We did not run an illegal meeting," said Canoutas. "Would you rather that the town get sued over a personnel matter?"

By a special resolution previously adopted by the council, all agencies that receive donations from the town

must state how the money will be used and must also give an account of any expenditures by mid-year.

The agency can submit the report in writing. Before the fire department purchased the new truck it obtained an agreement with the town for a yearly contribution to help pay for it.

Doty alluded to complications with the neighboring North Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department, which has been reorganized by New Hanover County. Some northern Brunswick County volunteers are also members of that organization.

The Leland fire district includes all of the town limits. The council has set aside \$24,500 of its 1993-94 proposed budget for donations, which includes its yearly contribution to the fire department.

"We agreed that we would give that money several years ago," said councilman Jane Gilbert. "We want to make sure it goes to a specific purpose, because that is your money."

The town is also lending a hand to help the department improve its fire rating, which could result in lower insurance rates for homeowners.

Health ratings

The Brunswick County Health Department last week issued the following sanitation grades to local restaurants, food service establishments and lodging facilities. An "A" is given for scores between 90 and 100, a "B" is given for scores between 80 and 89, and a "C" is given for scores between 70 and 79.

Long's General Store, Ash, 95, A.
Reed's Country Store, Longwood, 91.5, A.
Cook's Nook, Supply, 94, A.
Han-Dee Hugo's, Shallotte bypass, 93, A.

Cougar Pit Stop and Deli, Boiling Spring Lakes, 93, A.
Wilson's meat market, Southport, 92, A.

Crow's Nest Grill, Southport, 95.5, A.
Senior citizen nutrition site, Bolivia, 92, A.

Jones-Byrd Snack Bar, Sunset Beach, 92.5, A.
Lee's Petroleum, Leland, 93, A.
Kim's Oriental Foods, Leland, 95, A.

Market Express, Shallotte, 93, A.
Scotchman, Shallotte, 90.5, A.
Island House, Ocean Isle Beach, 91, A.

Southbound Snack Shack, Bolivia, 92.5, A.
Kirby's Food Center, Supply, 94.5, A.
Sonja's Grill, Supply, 96, A.

Han-Dee Hugo's, Long Beach, 87.5, B.
Hardee's, Leland, 93, A.

New principals join county staff

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Three of Brunswick County's 12 principals are newcomers to the school system.

Dr. Richard Lawson will be taking over at South Brunswick Middle School. Dr. Patricia Carney will be at Lincoln Primary School and Dean Peterson will be heading up Waccamaw Elementary School.

Lawson is currently assistant principal at Griffin Middle School in High Point, a position he has held since 1989. Prior to that he was a high school science teacher in Greensboro, 1987-88, and principal of a primary school in Wytheville, Va., 1988-89.

He has a bachelor's degree in social studies from Old Dominion University, a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Virginia, an advanced diploma in curriculum and a doctorate in educational administration from California Coast University.

He is a visiting lecturer at the University of Virginia and is involved in curriculum development on the national level. In his spare time he serves as a high school and college football official. He has two children he plans to enroll in Brunswick County schools.

Carney currently resides in Fairfax County, Va., outside Washington, D. C., where, since 1970 she has worked as an assistant principal at an elementary school.

She holds a bachelor's degree in general education and early childhood education and a master's degree in behavior science and psychology, both from Kean College, and a doctor of education degree in administration, management and negotiations from Vanderbilt University. She also received a special diploma, comparable to a doctorate, in psychology and education, from Oxford University in England.

In 1984 she served as a volunteer helping to implement the White House computer system. In addition she's been involved in a Japanese language immersion program and taught academically gifted children prior to becoming an assistant principal.

"She's a dynamo," Gloria Talley, public information officer, said last week. "We just felt so fortunate she wanted to work here and we were able to bring her here."

Peterson is a Leland area resident who has been assistant principal at Blair Elementary School in Wilmington since 1988. There she helped coordinate the year-round school program that is currently in place.

Prior to that she was assistant principal at Winter Park Elementary, 1991-92, and at Ogden Elementary School, 1987-89. She was a teacher of exceptional children at New Hanover High School from 1978 to 1987.

Peterson has a bachelor's degree in education from UNC-Chapel Hill, plus a master's degree in special education and two advanced degrees, all from East Carolina University.

Marriage licenses

The following people were issued marriage licenses last week:

Ronald Leroy Stocks and Patricia Lynne Brunson.

Norman Clifton Brown and Evelyn Little.

Michael Shane Garnet and Sherri Denise Perry.

Samuel Martin Brown and Frieda Carolina Dassaro.

Robert Joseph Carteret and Tracy Lynn Steele.

Landis Ray White and Carla Blackwell Barton.

John Wayne Gaddy and Karen Pullen Neuberger.

Grant Adelbert Canfield and Crystal Lorraine Richardson.

Michael Prior Battin and Cecile Andrea Edwards.

Robert Hayden Clark and Patricia Lewis Carroll.

Theofilos Antonakos and Margaret Virginia Boericke.

William Matthew Chappell and Candice Renee Hewett.

Thomas Kenneth Hemphill and Harriet White Bellamy.

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