

AT HOLDEN BEACH

Resignation Of Policeman Prompts Special Meeting

BY EDDIE SWEATT
Holden Beach commissioners were to meet Wednesday morning at 9 to hear if an offer they made the number two man on the police force will keep him from leaving.

Resignation of Sgt. Don Stovall prompted commissioners to meet in special session Tuesday morning. Stovall, whose letter of resignation is dated Jan. 8, said he was leaving to accept a similar job at Sunset Beach for more money.

Mayor Kenner Amos and all five commissioners agreed that Stovall is one of the best officers ever on the force, but there was disagreement about whether to offer a raise to keep him.

Finance officer Hal Stanley was reluctant to make a salary adjustment in mid-year, saying it would set a "very dangerous precedent." When the new budget is considered is the correct time to consider adjustments, Stanley argued, adding that his stand was no reflection on Stovall's work—"just a matter of policy."

His opposition was echoed by commissioners Jim Griffin and Graham King. Griffin said the commission ought not to react to resignations and King said if Stovall's salary is raised other town employees might stand in line for similar raises.

Arguing for the salary increase were Public Safety Commissioner Gloria Barrett and Commissioner Lyn Holden, as well as Mayor Amos.

Barrett said "It is time we raise salaries to compete with other towns so we can keep our officers." She told the commission she had asked Stovall if he would consider staying if the town matched the salary offer he had received from Sunset Beach.

She pointed out that Stovall had been given only one raise in the past 19 months, when he was given additional duties as assistant chief.

Holden, after reminding fellow commissioners that he usually votes to pay as little as possible, said he favored raising Stovall's salary instead of looking for someone else.

Mayor Amos passed out comparisons of what policemen are paid by Holden, Ocean Isle, Sunset, Shallotte and Long Beach.

"The records show we are underpaying our personnel," Amos declared.

Commissioner Griffin called for an executive session to discuss the matter and to talk with Stovall. Commissioner King seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Thirty minutes later Mayor Amos told the press the commission "unanimously decided we want to keep Stovall." However, he did not say what kind of offer Stovall was made in the closed-door session.

Stovall, whose salary is now \$12,500 a year, was offered \$1,000 more a year at the outset by Sunset Beach and was promised a \$500 raise after six months there, according to Mayor Amos.

Presumably the commission matched that offer since there is optimism that Stovall will remain on the Holden Beach force.

According to the comparison sheets distributed by Mayor Amos, a sergeant or assistant chief at Sunset is paid \$14,580, \$15,080 at Shallotte and \$19,302 at Long Beach. No such position was listed for Ocean Isle.

The police pay schedules at all levels lag behind at Holden, according to information distributed at the Tuesday meeting.

The pay scales were set, commissioners said, based on erroneous or out-of-date information when the budget was prepared last year.

Workshop Held
After recessing their meeting, commissioners participated in a previously-scheduled workshop where public accessways were the primary topic.

Their discussions indicate they will move to obtain an accessway to serve the Sea Oats subdivision, the first priority in plans to provide accessways for use by occupants of houses back of oceanfront.

Assessing affected property owners will more than likely be the method used to buy the land and develop the first accessway, targeted for the end of Neptune St.

The one-time, 100% of cost assessment could range from \$20 to \$40 per lot, depending upon how broad the assessment area. Owners of vacant lots would pay an equal share with owners of developed lots, if the commission's discussions are enacted.

Since commissioners are prohibited from taking action during a workshop, their plans for accessways will be a topic at the next regular meeting.

Commissioners were scheduled to discuss development of a boat ramp but postponed the subject after learning from Mayor Amos that the boat ramp near the bridge will remain open until the construction is complete and the bridge is turned over to the state.

After mentioning the proposed beach patrol to be initiated this season, they postponed this subject for a future workshop.

Veterans To Meet
The Brunswick County Veterans Council will hold a special meeting Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Bolling Spring Lakes VFW Post 10400.

All veterans are invited to attend.

Students Choose Sea Gulls

First they chose Carolina blue and white for their school colors. Now it's time for Brunswick Technical College students and the Board of Trustees to agree on a school mascot.

Will it be the sea gulls? Board members decided last Wednesday night, to think it over before making a decision that will "have a long term effect on the school," said BTC President Joseph Carter.

According to Steve Ward, President of the BTC Student Government Association, the student body recently voted in favor of making the sea gull its mascot.

"That is the selection made by the student body," Ward told the board. "We know you'll want to think about it before reaching a decision."

One board member wanted to know what the sea gull would look like. Ward said that although no designs have been made, student artists are now preparing school logos with sea gulls as the mascot.

The sea gulls would look like regular sea gulls, he said. The kind that flock on Brunswick County's beaches.

"Eventually we'll have a basketball team, and we'll be in need of a mascot," Carter said.

Date Was Wrong

A vegetable production meeting for farmers across southeastern North Carolina was held in Faison on Jan. 9, not Jan. 19 as reported in the Jan. 10 issue of The Brunswick Beacon.

The confusion in dates was the result of a typographical error.

BTC Board Adopts New Policy

A policy adopted by the Brunswick Technical College Board of Trustees last Wednesday night sets guidelines for school employees who request a leave of absence.

Under the new policy, leaves of absence without pay will be granted to "full-time permanent employees for educational purposes or for any other reasons deemed justified by the President of Brunswick Technical College."

"According to state personnel rules, when you're granted a leave for educational purposes then your position is held until you return," BTC President Joseph Carter said.

During that period, the employee's accumulated benefits and seniority are placed on hold until the person returns to the position, he added.

Such leaves will not exceed six months, unless extended on the basis of individual circumstances by the school president, the policy states.

An employee requesting a leave of absence should apply in writing to his or her supervisor, and notify the college immediately if a decision is made not to return to work, it states.

"At least 30 calendar days prior to the end of the leave the employee shall give written notice of intention to return to work; otherwise the college is not required to provide reinstatement," the policy states. "Failure to report at the expiration of the leave, unless an extension is granted, will be considered a resignation."

Carter said only two employees have requested leaves of absence in the past, when there has been no policy on the books to govern such requests.

One full-time automotive instructor has taken a leave without pay to train for a year with an automotive dealership, while a business instructor has requested a six-month leave for medical reasons, Carter said.

Health insurance coverage while on a leave of absence must be paid in full by the employee while unused an-

nual and sick leave shall be retained by the employee.

In other personnel-related matters, the board hired Thomas McGraw effective immediately to replace Larry Blount, who recently resigned as coordinator of the school's interagency developmental handicapped program.

The state-piloted program works with mentally handicapped students through the college, county schools and Southeastern Mental Health Center in training students to perform actual work in the private sector according to their capabilities.

Board members also accepted resignations from Homer Harrelson, an air conditioning instructor, and Hazel Williams, an English instructor.

A 30-minute executive session was also held "to update other members of the board on current litigation," said Personnel Committee Chairman John Ivey. No action was taken, he added.

An additional parking lot on the new campus south of Supply will be ready for opening within the next month, Carter said. The lot will hold an additional 40 cars when available.

According to Business Manager Vernon Ward, the new lot was built with the help of county equipment at a cost of \$4,700, compared to \$11,000 the school paid for the first parking lot on the campus.

"We saved about \$6,000 by using county equipment and by working with Major White (county landfill director)," Ward said.

Student Government Association President Steve Ward told board members the group has begun work helping the BTC Educational Foundation raise funds for a new classroom building on campus. Ward said students are planning either a walk-a-thon or bike-a-thon.

The SGA also plans to sponsor a Miss Brunswick Technical College pageant sometime in February, Ward said. Groundwork on a school

yearbook has also begun. A project called "Secret Pals" has also been formed by the SGA to "bring students and faculty together," Ward said. Under the program, students perform special favors for faculty members while keeping the students' identity anonymous until the end of the school year, he added.

Workshop Is For Parents

West Brunswick High School will hold a financial aid workshop for parents on Monday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in Room 123 of the main building, said Berina Beil, senior guidance counselor.

Parents of juniors or seniors who would like to attend college should attend the workshop, she said. It is sponsored by the parent-teacher association.

There will be a financial aid representative attending from both a four-year university and a two-year school.

Calabash VRS Plans First Oyster Roast

Calabash Volunteer Rescue Squad will hold an all-you-can eat oyster roast starting 11 a.m. Saturday at the new squad building on N.C. 175.

This is the squad's first fundraising event in its new building and also the first oyster roast it has sponsored, indicated Gloria Pennell, an emergency medical technician with the squad.

"It's going to be fun," she predicted.

Cost is \$6 per person, including tea or coffee and hushuppies. Knives will be furnished.

Clam chowder will be served at \$1 a bowl and hotdogs at 75 cents each.

NOTICE OF POSITION VACANCY

TITLE: Parks & Recreation Laborer
DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation
SALARY RANGE: \$10,270
DATE POSITION AVAILABLE: February 4, 1985
GRADE: 7-1

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: Performs duties related to the cleaning and up keep of county park facilities throughout the county. Responsible for marking fields and preparing them for use, clearing land for parks, etc. Some painting and climbing may be required. Must be able to perform under varying weather conditions.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: The ability to perform heavy manual labor such as lifting, carrying materials, etc. Must be able to follow oral and written instructions with minimal direction supervision. Any combination of experience and training which satisfies the requirements listed above.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED through Wednesday, January 23, 1985.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: Brunswick County Personnel Department, Attention: Debbie B. Greer, P.O. Box 249, Bolivia, NC 28422.

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NOTICE OF POSITION VACANCY

TITLE: Map Draftsman
DEPARTMENT: Planning
SALARY RANGE: \$12,532-\$18,148
DATE POSITION AVAILABLE: February 4, 1985
GRADE: 11

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: Responsible for preparation of base maps from survey information, existing maps, and aerial photo planimetrics. Work involves plotting with a drafting arm, inking final maps on mylar or vellum and lettering with a Leroy lettering set. Hand lettering and graphic skills are also necessary.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Considerable knowledge of standard practices, techniques, materials and equipment used in drafting. Working knowledge of aerial photo information and survey descriptions, ability to draw neat accurate maps to scale, ability to read and interpret blueprints, and ability to deal courteously with the public. Experience in drafting or related work, graduation from high school supplemented by courses in drafting or equivalent combination of experience and training. Examples of previous drafting work may be requested of applicants.

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