

Sunset Council Will Discuss Annexation And Access Grant

Sunset Beach Council will continue its discussion of a petition for annexation of a Seaside area tract when it meets Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

At the board's last meeting, several owners of property between the Sunset Beach town limits and the site of a proposed Food Lion-anchored shopping center at Seaside petitioned the board for contiguous annexation. But the petition was incomplete because it lacked a map or specific legal description and did not include the names of all petitioners

on a single petition. This was the second petition effort relating to the Seaside property. The first, rejected by the board, was a request to satellite annex the shopping center and a small adjoining residential area only.

Bill Benton, a local real estate agent involved in the development project, said Tuesday that the corrected petition, with all signatures and full description, was to be submitted to the town hall by 10 a.m. Wednesday. This would give the town administrator and town attorney two

days in which to determine the legality of the petition before Monday's meeting.

Grant On Hold

Also on Monday's agenda is discussion of the town's negotiations to acquire two east-end lots and an unfinished house situated between Canal and Main streets for public access to the ocean beach and to the bay adjacent to Tubbs Inlet.

In order to receive a \$213,000 grant, the town has until Jan. 1 to either buy the land or find another site and revise its application.

Mayor Mason Barber has been negotiating purchase of the property with Al Morrison, owner of A.L. Morrison Construction Co. Morrison said earlier he didn't know about the town's application for an access development grant when he bought the lots.

He bought the land from Sunset Beach & Twin Lakes in September, though the transfer of ownership was not recorded until Nov. 2, when a bank loan for house construction was approved.

After two weeks of work Morrison

stopped construction on the 2,000 square foot, three-bathroom home when he learned of the conflict.

Mayor Barber brought council members up to date on negotiations with Morrison during a 20-minute closed-door meeting Monday evening. As of Monday, there was agreement on the price of the lots, but Morrison had not completed totting up his expenses for the unfinished house.

Morrison has cooperated with the town. As a formality, the council notified him by letter on Nov. 7 that the town would start condemnation

proceedings unless negotiations began within 30 days to sell the property to the town.

The town proposes to construct a regional beach access facility, which would include restrooms, boardwalks to both waterfronts and parking spaces for 25 to 30 vehicles.

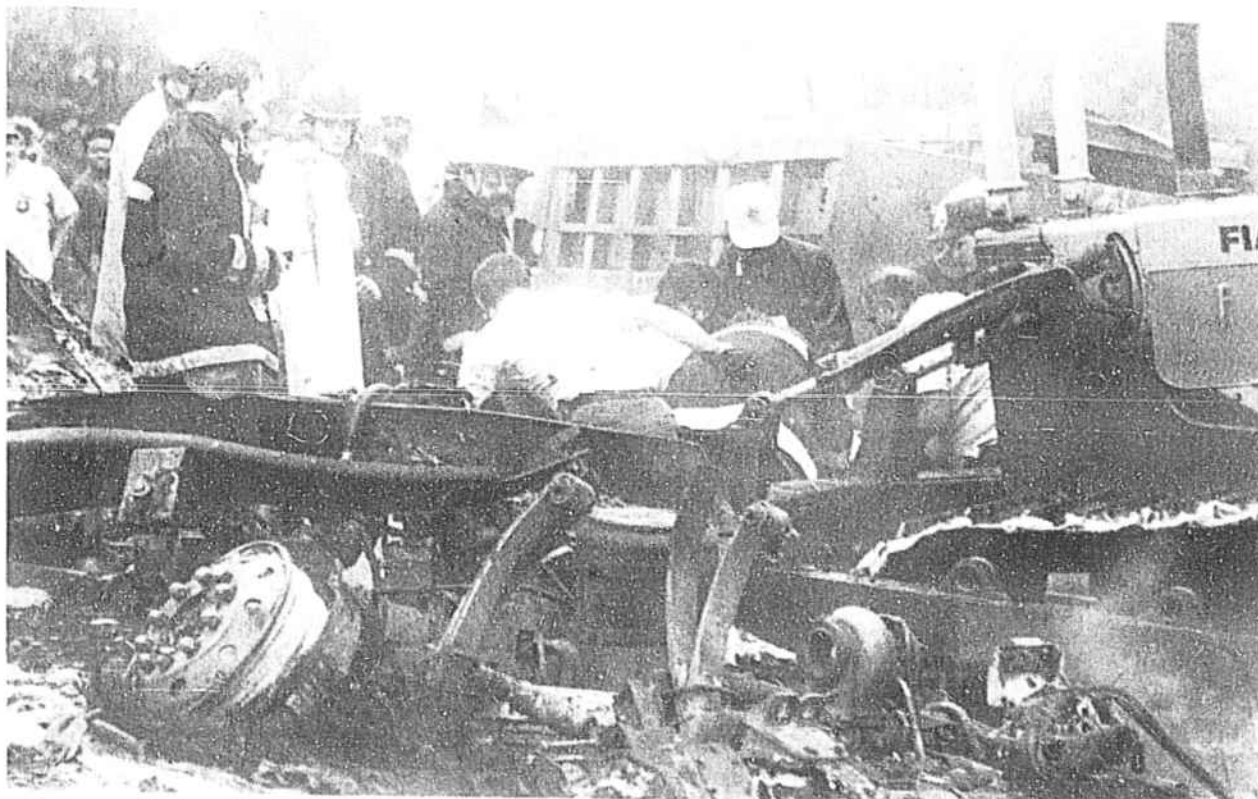
Also on Monday's agenda are renewed discussion of the new jet ski ordinance, resignation of a planning board member, Christmas bonuses for town employees and the possibility of applying for an outdoor recreation grant.

Referendum Invalidated

The Brunswick County Board of Elections voted unanimously Tuesday morning to invalidate the Nov. 8 unfortified wine sales referendum for the Town of Shallotte.

According to Elections Supervisor Lynda Britt, the full, three-person board was present for the meeting, and the vote was invalidated on the instructions of James Wallace, chief of the elections branch for the state attorney general's office.

The referendum was invalid under a state statute which in effect prohibits alcoholic beverage elections to be held at the same time as a general election.



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Victim Was Eighth Fatality

Emergency personnel above search through wreckage for the remains of a truck driver killed in a fiery Sept. 9 crash on U.S. 17 north of Supply, the eighth highway fatality between Supply and N.C. 87 since Sept. 1, 1985.

Because of the accident rate, DOT wants to speed up four-laning of that section of U.S. 17. The story's on Page 1-A.

Local Woman Dies In Wreck

A Brunswick County woman was killed Saturday night when the car in which she was riding crashed near Whiteville.

The victim was Fonda Mae Boatwright, 77, of 120 Carolina Shores, Calabash, according to a spokesperson for the Highway Patrol office in Whiteville.

A report filed by Trooper A.E. Morris stated that the accident happened Saturday at 9 p.m. on N.C. 130 in Columbus County, about 1½ miles from the Brunswick County line.

Ms. Boatwright was a passenger in a 1986 Oldsmobile driven by Stewart B. Linkous, 47, of Danville, Va. The car was headed east when it ran off the right side of the road, struck with a catch basin and overturned. The vehicle was partially submerged in water.

Ms. Boatwright was dead on the scene. The driver suffered non-incapacitating injuries and was treated at the Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville. Damage to the car was estimated at \$4,000.

According to the spokesperson, no charges had been filed in the fatal mishap as of Tuesday. Morris' report indicated that the accident was not alcohol-related.

State Patrol Charges Three In Vehicle Accidents

Three single-vehicle accidents on Brunswick County roadways resulted in no serious injuries last week, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol, but resulted in an estimated \$14,000 in damage to the vehicles involved.

The first of the accidents occurred Thursday, Nov. 24, at 12:10 a.m. According to Trooper B.C. Jones' report, Oakley said, James George Pellom, 43, of Leland, was westbound on Mt. Misery Road (S.R. 1426) 10.8 west of Belville when his 1984 Dodge pickup ran off the road as it approached a curve. As Pellom lost control of the vehicle, the truck ran off the right side, then crossed to the left side of the road and struck a ditch.

Jones charged Pellom with exceeding a safe speed.

Pellom complained of injuries and a passenger, Pamela Pellom, 37, of Leland, received Class B or nonincapacitating injuries. They were transported to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

Jones estimated damages to the Pellom truck at \$4,000.

Two single-car accidents occurred Saturday, Nov. 26, one north of Bolivia and the other south of Belville.

Peter Kimball Moseler, 18, of Jacksonville, was traveling north on U.S. 17 1.6 miles north of Bolivia when his 1979 Mercedes crossed the center line, ran off the left shoulder and into a ditchbank.

Trooper R.V. West charged Moseler with driving left of center in the 9:45 a.m. accident, which resulted in an estimated \$8,000

damages to the car.

Moseler complained of injuries.

At 9 p.m. Saturday, James Lewis Mojica, 24, of Boiling Spring Lakes, was traveling at a high rate of speed, according to the report filed by Trooper J.V. Dove, when his 1974 Oldsmobile ran off N.C. 133. The car ran off the left side of N.C. 133, about 6.8 miles south of Belville, and overturned several times.

Mojica was charged by Dove with having no operator's license and reckless driving.

Both he and a passenger, Michael Eugene Facemire, 24, also of Boiling Spring Lakes, sustained Class B or moderate injuries and were transported to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$2,000.

Holden POA Discusses Ongoing Town Projects

About 65 members of the Holden Beach Property Owners Association packed town hall Saturday to get the latest information on several ongoing town projects.

HBPOA President Kenner Amos said the meeting lasted about 90 minutes and focused primarily on items currently before the town board of commissioners.

"We reviewed everything we have before the town council right now," said Amos, noting that topics of discussion included the proposed occupancy tax, underground wiring

project and wastewater treatment needs study.

The session also included a 30-minute period of open discussion during which Mayor John Tandy and Commissioners Bob Buck and Gil Bass fielded questions from the audience. Those town officials are also on the POA board of directors.

In another matter, Amos said the POA will send out a bulletin to its members identifying the various yard and dune grasses that will flourish at Holden Beach. The bulletin will also address basic lawn care and grass fertilization.

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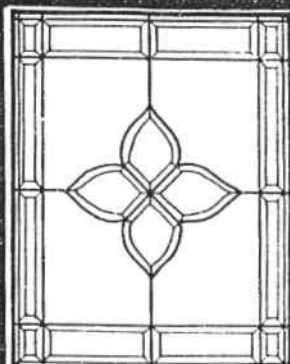
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