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Troy News Briefs

Troy Attorney Says Zone Hearing Fee Is Unconstitutional

TROY — Charging costs of a zoning public hearing to the petitioner is unconstitutional, City Attorney Stanley E. Burke said last week.

Southfield city recently set a \$200 fee and City Commissioner Louis Yanich suggests that Troy is unconstitutional. Burke said that there is no authorization for the city to charge any fee, and that he thought any such charge would be unconstitutional.

The commission took no action but asked Burke for a written opinion.

Troy Residents Get County, School Taxes

TROY — It's tax time in Troy with the county tax rate at \$6.83 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; \$8.22 for county operation; 55 cents for county special education and .064 cents for drain at large.

Troy residents live in seven different school districts, all collecting taxes in December. The rates for Troy school are \$28.88 per \$1,000; Birmingham schools \$24.88 per \$1,000; Bloomfield schools \$24.12 per \$1,000.

Woman Eyes Council, Yeokum to Step Down

TROY — Mrs. Frances Jo Curtis, publisher of the Tri-City Messenger, is thinking about running for the Troy city commission. George Ted Yeokum, dean of the commissioners, said that he will not seek re-election in 1960.

Mrs. Curtis said she had made no decision, only that she has been approached by a committee.

Yeokum commented that he promised his family when he won election in 1957 that it would be his last term.

Troy Water Report Indicates Profit

TROY — A six-month report on Troy water finances show a diminishing of losses and that profits are up.

The report came from David W. Hasse, young city manager. "We've got our fingers crossed for the winter," Hasse said. "Sales go down, but maintenance costs and repairs stay the same or go higher."

Troy Man Injured Fleeing from Police

TROY — A 31-year-old Troy man was injured Saturday in a head-on collision with an oil tank truck, following a race through side streets to evade Clawson police.

William L. Carton, 1923 East 10 Mile road, suffered severe head cuts.

Carton was fleeing from police after hitting a parked car.

The tank truck was driven by Ronald Nancarrow, 31 of Royal Oak. He was not injured.

Commission Salutes 30 Years of Planning

The Oakland county planning commission will honor three of its charter members at its monthly meeting today. This occasion will mark the tenth anniversary year of the planning commission's operation in the county.

The Oakland county board of supervisors established the planning commission as a county function in 1949.

THREE OF THE ten original members are still active in commission affairs. J. Robert F. Swanson, Bloomfield Hills architect has served ten years as commission chairman. E. Clare Cummings, Pontiac Federal Savings and Loan association founder and president, and Ernest W. Seaholm, retired General Motors official are the other two remaining founding members.

Among the highlights of Swanson's activities as chairman was his part in helping to establish MSU-Oakland. In 1955 the Oakland county Planning Commission made a survey of higher educational facilities in the county.

The evident lack of adequate facilities prompted specific studies relating to the location of a new university.

SWANSON HAS contributed much of his time and effort toward the development of the commission's program. His close working relationship with the late Finnish architect and planner Eiel Saarinen provided a wealthy background in planning and design experience.

Also contributing to the growth of the planning commission's activities has been R. Clare Cummings.

A veteran of 24 years with the Oakland county board of Supervisors, Cummings has helped to guide the ten year program of county planning.

B'ham May Drop Janitor Jobs, Buy from Outside

Birmingham has tried "renting" its janitorial service—and likes it. That's why City Manager L. R. Care has recommended the city take bids on janitorial service on an annual basis. He feels the city can contract for this work for less than the \$10,000 it is costing to keep janitorial employees and buy cleaning supplies.

A more complete report will be submitted in a couple of weeks, Care said. He added that a growing number of companies and municipalities are contracting for this type of work.

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