

School Board Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Andover Central School Board of Education was called to order Monday evening February 14, with the following Board members present: Conner Stephens, Mary K. Slade, Carl E. Atwell, and H. Dale Green. Others present were: Curville R. Jordan, District Principal; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bowers; Mrs. Millie Stein; Mary Lou Bennett; Joan Wallace, Betty Empson, Doris Ann Jackson, Bonnie Cooper and Bonnie Golish.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read for approval. H. Dale Green made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Mary K. Slade seconded the motion. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

The Treasurer's Report was read for comparison with the Clerk's. Conner Stephens made the motion to accept these as read and Carl Atwell seconded the motion. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

The Cafeteria Report was read by Mr. Jordan showing a net profit of \$3,782.94 for the month of January. Carl Atwell made the motion to accept this report as read and Conner Stephens seconded the motion. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

Resolution was made to authorize Mr. Jordan to make transfers within the budget. Mary K. Slade made the motion and H. Dale Green seconded the motion. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

General Fund Warrant for the month of January amounting to \$17,565.78, plus gas bill, was approved for payment. Conner Stephens made the motion and Mary K. Slade seconded. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

Cafeteria Warrant for the month of January amounting to \$2,077.10 was approved for payment. H. Dale Green made the motion and Carl Atwell seconded. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

Principal is due on February 25 on Bus No. 32 — \$3,413.20 and interest of \$703.98. Motion made to pay these amounts was made by Mary K. Slade and seconded by Conner Stephens. Passed by 4 votes of yes.

Due to weather conditions, Mr. Jordan did not attend the Mid Winter meeting in Albany Jan. 30, 31st and Feb. 1st.

Carl Atwell moved, Conner Stephens seconded, that Mr. Jordan be given approval to borrow up to \$150,000 on Revenue Anticipation notes in anticipation of State Aid to be received — April, May and June. Interest rate of 4.45% Carried by 4 yes votes.

Conner Stephens moved, Carl Atwell seconded that we allow the BOCES to store 11,000 feet of laminating paper to be used in the lamination service. Carried by 4 yes votes.

A letter was read from Dr. William Walker to Dr. Holowach stating his resignation immediately from the Andover Central School Board. A letter was also read from Dr. Holowach accepting this resignation. Both of these letters will be filed with the minutes.

Letter filed with the minutes from Mrs. Burger stating her appreciation for the opportunity of serving her internship in Administration at Andover during the past year and her resignation from the Secondary Supervisory position.

A discussion was held concerning the quality and cost of the food served in the school Cafeteria. Mr. Jordan, Mrs. Brown and a group of concerned citizens will investigate this problem and report back to the Board.

Motion made by H. Dale Green moved, by Conner Stephens seconded, that we participate in the Allegany County Group bidding for Art. Office, Classroom supplies Carried by 4 yes votes.

A motion was made by Carl Atwell, seconded by H. Dale Green, that we pay for the dinners of the Andover students at the National Honor Society dinner to be held in the Spring.

Letter was filed with the minutes from the family of Mrs. Cecilia Walker regarding a book that was placed in the library in her name.

The date of the Annual Meeting



Letter To The Editor

Andover, N. Y. 14806
February 18, 1977

Editor
Andover News
Andover, N. Y. 14806

Dear Sir:

Approximately two (2) weeks ago, a meeting was held in the Grange Hall in Andover to discuss the Highway Tax which was levied on Town Residents. In spite of the inclement weather, the turnout was quite good and I was among those present.

My wife and I recently retired to our new home on East Valley Road, and are on reduced fixed income. Therefore, we are very much concerned about the tax situation and whatever goes on in the Town of Andover.

At this meeting, Supervisor Howard Burdick was invited to explain to those in attendance about the reason for the Highway Tax.

I personally was not satisfied with the explanation and after discussing it with others who were there during the explanation and after the meeting, I know that they were dissatisfied also.

At the meeting we asked Supervisor Burdick why decisions were made by the Town Board without consulting the people affected by those decisions. He said that the Town Board met at 1:00 in the afternoon and no one showed up at these meetings in spite of the fact that they were open to the public.

It was suggested that the meetings be held in the early evening about 7:30 p. m., so that those people who work during the daytime could attend and be heard. I'm sure that would give the Town Board and Supervisor a larger scope for understanding the people whom they represent and give the people a better understanding of their government.

Mr. Burdick said that he was only one member of the Town Board, but he would bring it up at the next meeting.

I personally talked with the Editor of this newspaper, and he told me that the Town Board and Supervisor refused to hold the meetings in the evenings. So, in essence "You pay the taxes and we'll run the Town affairs as we see fit."

Such being the case I urge the Townspeople to write to the Editor and to the Board or Supervisor that the taxpayers should be heard. After all, the government is supposed to be "of the people, by the people and for the people" and not only for the Town Board.

Remember, just a handful of taxpayers can't do this alone. Let's unite so we can be heard!

Sincerely yours,
ANTHONY NUCCIE
R.D. 1 East Valley Rd.
Andover, N. Y. 14806

Tuesday

Dear Editor,

Just wanted to express appreciation to the Cheerleaders and the Basketball Team for the very enjoyable "Parents' Recognition Night" held at last Friday evening's game.

It certainly was a joy to see those precious young people getting recognition too. It was certainly something to see the immense effort they put forth, even though they didn't win.

The young ladies also did a beautiful job, with their precision pom-pom presentation. You could tell they had spent a lot of time practicing. It was perfectly done.

Again, a big thank you to a great bunch of teenagers for a very enjoyable evening. We really liked you!

May the Lord bless each of you!
Sincerely,
IRENE BURNS

was set for May 3, 1977.

Carl Atwell moved, H. Dale Green seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 P. M. Carried by 4 yes votes.

The Mayor's Column

by "Mike" Brace

Budget time at the state level always has terrific ramifications for municipal budgets. At the present time, there are a number of proposed cuts in Governor Carey's Budget proposal that have a great impact on the Village budget.

The New York State Division of Youth is slated for an approximate 30% reduction. In order to maintain our current Youth Program, that sector of the budget would have to be increased accordingly. Obviously, the other alternative is to reduce the program.

The Federal Revenue Sharing reduction would in all probability affect the Streets program. In the past few years, the Village has used these monies in the Street program, and although this is a yearly decision, since we have incorporated this into our capital improvements we have become dependent upon this source.

The State Aid Per Capita is again being threatened. This assistance is used throughout the General Budget.

This is a bleak commentary. The choice is really quite simple, although inherently painful. If these, and other sources of State and Federal monies are cut from our local budget, then either the deficit will have to be picked up in additional tax levy or goods and services will have to be cut. This will be a difficult decision for your Trustees to make, and the more input we have from the citizenry, the easier it will be to make the decisions.

With this in mind, I would like to announce that two public work sessions are scheduled for the month of February. These will be held at the Village Hall from 7:00 - 9:00 p. m., on February 21st and 28th. The public is cordially invited to attend and observe the Trustees in action as they begin the preparation of the Tentative Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

A reminder, the Republican and Democratic parties have scheduled their caucus. Make sure that you attend and become involved in this democratic process. So many people miss the significance of the caucus. This is where the candidates are selected. It is very important. Please do attend.

Those individuals that are living in flood prone areas should seriously consider purchasing flood insurance if they have not done so. Unusually flooding has been predicted, and this financial protection could be well worth the small investment. Do consider this. If you have any questions, call the Village Office for directions.

NOTICE

The United States Postal Service announces an examination for SUBSTITUTE RURAL CARRIER OF RECORD at the Andover, New York Post Office. The examination will be given at Elmira, New York. Applications may be picked up at the Andover Post Office until February 25, 1977, which is the closing date.

Republican Caucus

TAKE NOTICE, the Caucus of the registered Republican Voters of the Village of Andover will be held at the Cafeteria of the Andover Central School on Saturday February 19, 1977, at 8:00 P. M. for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Two Trustees of the Republican Ticket and for the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before the said Caucus.
Republican Village Committee

Golden Age Club News

The Andover Golden Age Club will meet Monday, February 21 at the Grange Hall. Birthdays and Anniversaries will be honored at this time.

Committee: Frances Burdick Marie Clark, Martha Bowers, Cate will be furnished by Committee and Ice Cream by Loblaw's in Wellsville.

Loren George Pritchard

Loren George Pritchard of Long Beach, Calif., died at his home Friday, February 11, 1977.

Born in Bingham Township, Pa. March 20, 1913, he was a son of Bernard and Mabel Shutt Pritchard. He married the former Ida May Howland on March 20, 1946 in Whitesville, N. Y., who survives. About 24 years ago, Mr. Pritchard left from Whitesville to move to California, where he was employed as a construction worker.

He was a member of the American Legion.

Surviving, besides his widow, are two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Vicki Lynn) Hutchings of Long Beach, and Miss Melody Sue Pritchard at home; a son, Loren Pritchard of Long Beach; five brothers, Burnette Pritchard, Lawrence Pritchard and Clarence Pritchard all of Whitesville; Lester Pritchard of Buffalo, and Bruce Pritchard of Alliance, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Carleton Amidon of Revenna, Ohio and Mrs. Elizabeth Slingerland of Whitesville; and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, February 15, 1977 in the Dildane Family Mortuary, Long Beach, California.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Legislator Board Send Request To U. S. Congressmen

Feb. 15, 1977 — The following is a copy of mailgram sent today to Senators Jacob K. Javits and Daniel P. Moynihan and to Congressman Stanley Lundine in regard to the ineligibility of certain Allegany County residents for emergency food stamps. A copy of the mailgram has also been sent to State Senator Jess J. Present and Assemblyman James Emery requesting any help they may be able to give in this matter.

"A number of our county residents work in adjoining counties which were included in the President's Storm Disaster Declaration. Our county was not included in the declaration. The manufacturing plants where these people work were closed for a period of days and the workers have been entitled to food stamps.

This entitlement is restricted, as the food stamp recipient must obtain the stamps in the county of residence, which as in our case is not included in the declaration and therefore the resident is not eligible for the stamps.

I therefore respectfully request that you do all in your power to obtain the same benefits for the residents of Allegany County as those that were granted to the residents of neighboring counties which were designated as major disaster areas."

HARLAND W. HALE, Chairman
Allegany County Board
of Legislators
Belmont, New York



Harold Rice underwent Heart Surgery Monday, February 14, at Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital in Elmira. His address is:

Intensive Care Unit
Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital
Elmira, New York 14905

Mrs. Kent Lewis, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Tuesday.

Shane Sherwood was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Almon Ireland, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Monday.

Presbyterian Church

During the winter months, the Church Services will be at 11:00 A. M. and Sunday School will be at 10:00 A. M.

Town Board Holds Regular Meeting

The Andover Town Board held their regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon, February 10, 1977 at the Andover Town Hall.

All of the elected representatives of the "Concerned Citizens Group" were present, together with several other concerned citizens and were duly introduced to Board Members.

The minutes of the January Board Meeting were read by Town Clerk, Gladys Fox, and approved as read. Supervisor Howard Burdick reported to the Board on his attendance at a meeting of a "Concerned Citizens Group" held at the Andover Grange Hall, and brought their request to have the Town Board Meetings in the evening on the floor for discussion and then conducted a vote on the matter. It was moved by Harry Kemp, seconded by Erwin Lewis, and passed by Town Board Members present at the meeting, to continue to hold Town Board Meetings in the afternoon.

The subject of the large increase in Town Taxes due to items 1, and 1A were brought up and discussed at great length without apparently reaching a satisfactory explanation or conclusion to satisfy the "Concerned Citizens Group". Merle Dibble then had copies made of several documents for this group so they could be taken with them for further study.

Supervisor Burdick then stated that a copy of the Board Meeting would be given to the Andover News, the Official Publication for the Town of Andover, to be printed as a Public Service, Free of Charge to the Taxpayers of the Town. Other business matters were discussed and then the "Concerned Citizens Group" excused themselves before the current bills were audited and approved.

Village Board Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Village Office, January 24, 1977 at 7:30. Those present: J. Michael Brace, Mayor, Avery Mead, Karl Graves, Harold Rice and Elmo Barden, Trustees, and William Argenti, Attorney.

Moved by Karl Graves and seconded by Avery Mead, to adopt resolution for the sale of \$100,000.00 in statutory installment bonds, to the Citizens National Bank at the interest rate of 6%. This will be formalized at the regular meeting in February.

Moved by Avery Mead and seconded by Karl Graves, to adopt a resolution for the sale of statutory bonds in the amount of \$25,000 to the Citizens National Bank at the interest rate of 6% for the purpose of a new storage area for the electric sub-station. This will be finalized at the February meeting.

Moved by Avery Mead and seconded by Karl Graves, to adopt a resolution to institute a civil suit for the collection of unpaid taxes. This will be finalized at the February meeting.

A discussion was held as to the possibility of raising the amount of meter deposits for electric homes. This was tabled until the February meeting.

Moved by Karl Graves and seconded by Elmo Barden, to seek County Civil Service recognition for the status of Police Sergeant for the Village of Andover.

Moved by Harold Rice, and seconded by Karl Graves, to pay the bill of Newel Baker in the amount of \$140.00 for thawing water lines.

Moved by Avery Mead, and seconded by Karl Graves, to grant a Veterans Exemption in the amount of \$650.00 to Syble Billings.

Moved by Avery Mead and seconded by Karl Graves, to advertise for bids on a 1977 Police car, and to open bids at the February 14th meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting was adjourned.
Approved: 2/14/77

JOAN DIBBLE, Clerk