

Ogdensburg Tax Rate Up \$4.41

Supervisors Approve \$22.6-Million Budget

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Editor

After more than 27 hours of deliberation during the past week, the St. Lawrence County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the \$22.6-million 1972 budget Saturday afternoon.

Two Supervisors, Bruce Pemberton of Waddington and Harold Buck of Colton, were not present.

The supervisors decreased the proposed budget submitted by the Board's Finance Committee last Monday by \$300,645.00, and at the same time came up with \$660,000.00 in additional revenues in the budget.

Supervisor Allen J. Rishe, Third Ward, Ogdensburg, moved a resolution at Saturday's Board meeting asking that there be an suspension of the rules to allow resolutions to be voted upon

without the normal three day waiting period. It was approved unanimously.

Supervisor Donald Livingston, Town of Oswegatchie, Chairman of the Board's Finance Committee, moved the transfer of \$500,000 from the Capital Fund to reduce real property tax levy. Livingston also moved to have the County Clerk's 1255 revenue account increased by \$160,000.00.

Alters Budget

The total cuts of \$300,645.00 from the proposed budget, and the increase of revenues for the budget of \$660,000, altered the total budget by approximately \$960,645.00. With the cutbacks of \$300,000 the 1972 budget is still an increase of \$1.5-million over the 1971 budget.

The total portion to be raised in St. Lawrence County is

\$3,857,856. The Board voted to reduce this amount by anticipated sales tax revenues of \$2,410,000. The net amount to be raised by real estate taxes in the county is \$1,447,856. Ogdensburg's share of this amount is \$285,322.46. That portion to be raised outside of Ogdensburg is \$1,162,533.54.

Tax Credits

Charles V. Fox, Budget officer, said that the 32 towns in the county had a surplus of tax credits from 1970 sales tax revenues totaling \$271,026.33. This amount subtracted from the \$1,162,533.54 leaves \$891,507.21 to be raised from real estate taxes in the county, but outside of the city of Ogdensburg.

Ogdensburg's county tax rate will jump from \$5.65 per thousand to about \$10.06, for a \$4.41 increase per \$1,000 of assessed evaluation. Ogdensburg does not benefit from the sales tax credits because the city of Ogdensburg collects its sales tax share in cash. Ogdensburg's share is one-half of the 3 percent county sales tax collected within the city of Ogdensburg.

County Tax Rate

Fox said that the County's tax rate would be \$4.93 per \$1,000 of assessed evaluation. It is \$1.88 per hundred of full value. In figuring the city or individual town tax rates, the equalization rate must be taken into consideration.

Because of the changes made in many of the budget accounts, the whole budget will have to be rewritten and final details of it won't be known for several days. One clerk typist position in the Civil Defense Department that is now fill has been eliminated. All other positions that have been eliminated are vacate at this time.

No Hiring

The Board also unanimously approved a motion for a moratorium on hiring. The only exception for budget purposes was in the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Ceylon Allen is currently reducing the work week to 40 hours in that department in accordance with the CSEA contract and it will be necessary to hire several patrolmen. Poverty programs which are not funded by the county were also exempt from the freeze.

Two positions that the Supervisors had eliminated from the budget earlier, have been restored. Second Assistant District Attorney at \$8,000 and a clerk typist in the personnel office at an annual salary of \$4,665.

Supervisor Maynard Miller, Chairman of the Board, said that all the supervisors were not happy with all the cuts, but every budget had been reviewed, item by item, and that the supervisors had worked hard to arrive at the 1972 budget figure.

The budget cuts include:

—Elimination of all equipment accounts in the general fund, and an increase in the contingency fund of 40 per cent. This would amount to a savings of \$79,780. The Board will have to approve and appropriate, under the changes, all expenditures for all equipment purchases.

—Decrease the salary of the Assistant County attorney from \$5,000 to \$100 and the elimination of a part-time secretary to the Assistant County attorney for a total saving of \$6,700.

—Cut appropriation for extra help in the Board of Elections office from \$10,000 to \$5,000, saving \$5,000.

—Eliminate the position in the Civil Defense Department of Shelter Officer \$6,824, and the position of typist, \$4,886. Cut the contractual expense from \$12,490 to \$6,245. Total savings, \$17,955.

—Reduce appropriation of Extension Services to the same amount appropriated this year, saving \$25,919.

—Eliminate appropriation for Planned Parenthood, saving \$12,000. The Planned Parenthood amount has been placed in the contingency fund.

—Eliminate library appropriations, saving \$28,037.

—Eliminate Educational Television appropriation, saving \$15,000.

—Reduce publicity appropriation from \$33,750 to \$250, saving \$33,500.

—Reduce appropriation for Planner and Associate Planner to 6-month salary each. Planner from \$6,824 to \$3,412, and Associate planner from \$9,629 to \$4,814. Positions will be eliminated after federal funding for the two positions ends in June. Total savings to county, \$8,226.

—Personnel Contractual Account reduced from \$6,000 to \$4,700. Savings \$1,300.

—Veterans Contractual Account reduced from \$6,800 to \$4,000. Savings \$2,800.

—Burial Account reduced from \$20,000 to \$12,000. Savings \$8,000.

Social Services Administration contractual expense reduced from \$334,346 in the proposed budget to 1971 amount, \$273,598.00. Savings \$62,428.

Social Services, Services for Recipients account reduced from \$33,180.00 in the proposed budget to the 1971 amount, \$31,500.00. Savings \$1,680.

Total cuts: \$300,645.00.

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Former City Residents' Dog Burned

Editor's Note: During this past week, we received a newspaper story from Mrs. Vincent J. Brown of Cheektowaga, N. Y., who is a subscriber to our Sunday Advance-News. The news article sent us concerns setting fire to a dog in what may have been a Halloween prank. The dog is owned by a former Ogdensburg resident, Charles Richard Gorrow, and his family.

Reportedly, Mr. Gorrow's father, the late Charles Gorrow, formerly operated a service station and store on outer Canton Street. After he retired he and his wife, Iva, moved to Buffalo to be near their son who operates the Castle Real Estate Co., 143 Pine Ridge Road, Buffalo. Mrs. Gorrow still resides at Buffalo.

BUFFALO—Two youths accused of burning a dog on Porter Ave. in what may have been meant as a Halloween prank, were ordered held on \$500 bail for trial Nov. 9 when arraigned today before City Judge Joseph J. Sedita.

David E. Wolff, 17, and Steven Vincent Beebe, 17, were arrested after the dog's owner, Charles R. Gorrow, 369 Porter Ave., spent hours searching the neighborhood for clues to the perpetrators. The defendants, listed as living at 4 Vermont St., were committed to County Jail in default of the bail by Judge Sedita. He didn't enter a plea on their behalf, assigning the public defender office to represent them on the charges of criminal mischief, third degree.

Patrolmen David L. Battaglia and Jacob J. Ulewski said the incident happened on Porter Ave. near the Gorrow home about 9 p.m.

Complaints filed in court alleged that the Beebe youth held the dog while Wolff soaked it with lighter fluid and then set fire to it with a cigarette lighter.

The dog dashed about the neighborhood and then ran into the backyard of the Gorrow home. Children who were at the front door on "trick or treat" visits told the family, and Mr. Gorrow investigated. The animal, a male terrier-type mongrel with the name of "P. V.," was so badly burned neither he or other members of the family recognized it as their pet at first.

According to members of the family the dog was extremely friendly and well liked in the neighborhood. One of the Gorrow children had brought it home about a year ago.

Mrs. Gorrow said the dog is in very bad condition in the Harris Hill Animal Hospital. She said the family believes it may have been an attempt at a Halloween prank.

Hockey Practices Scheduled Today At Cardinal Rink

The Minor Hockey Association announces the following practice schedule at the Cardinal Ice Arena today. Bantams and Pee Wees from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Mites and Mosquitoes 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., and Squirts 12 noon - 1 p.m.

Players should bring sticks and pucks and wear all protective equipment desired. Players must wear helmet and cup supporter. Parents are responsible for transportation.

Discounted toll tickets will be available at 307 Mansion anytime prior to Nov. 14.

OTTAWA WOMAN INJURED HERE

An Ottawa woman, Elizabeth Beth Martin, 58, reported to police Saturday evening that while she was walking on a raised section of sidewalk, causing her to fall and injure her knees and face.

She reported that she was treated at A. Barton Hepburn hospital and released.

Pt. Burwell inspected the area and reported it was in hazardous condition.

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ARRIVES FROM DENMARK—Lt. Col. J. Andersen, second in command of The Salvation Army in Denmark, arrived at the Ogdensburg airport yesterday afternoon, to visit the local Salvation Army facility and observe the SAGA (Salvation Army Girls Association) program.

Left to right, exchanging greetings at the airport, are Capt. E. A. Forster, Mayor John F. Byrnes, Col. Andersen, Leland E. Priest and Major John Hansen. A program in the evening explained the SAGA story and a silver tea reception followed. (Howland Photo)

Boys' Club Candy Sale Is Today In Two City Wards

Mrs. Ann Marie Girard, committee chairman for the annual candy sale sponsored by the Ogdensburg Boys' Club said Saturday, "the sale of candy will continue today in the 2nd ward, 3rd ward and Riverside Drive."

Mrs. Girard is very pleased with the number of volunteer workers.

Today, 25 adults will be on hand to drive the members of the Boys' Club around the city. Members are asked to be at the Boys' Club at 1:30 p.m.

Tom Luckie, executive director of the Boys' Club said, "the response to the sale has been terrific to date and it is hoped that the people contacted today will welcome the members when they come to the door."

Mr. Luckie wishes to thank Mrs. Girard for the time and effort she is putting into the sale and also the volunteers who are donating their time to take the members around the city.

"The members themselves are doing a real good selling job and are enthused about helping their club," Luckie, said. He would like to make a plea to all fathers who will be watching the Atlanta-Giant game today, to be cordial to the boys when they come to the door.

Mrs. Girard said, "the sale will continue in the 4th ward on Monday evening, and if the response is as good as it's been, we should be finished by Monday night."

Local Woman Pictured In Buffalo News Story

The picture of a former Ogdensburg woman accompanied a front page news story of the Courier Express, Buffalo, Nov. 6. Mrs. David C. Bresett, the former Sharon Cholet, was pictured riffling through stacks of counterfeit bills, that were seized when two Buffalo area men were arrested on charges of possession and sale of \$50,000 in counterfeit \$20 bills.

Mrs. Bresett is a clerk in the office of the Secret Service at Buffalo. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton E. Bresett of 533 Proctor Ave., Ogdensburg, and is a student at the State University of Buffalo. She is the daughter of Mrs. Douglas E. (June T.) Cholet of 809 Lafayette St., Ogdensburg, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sholette of 524 Elizabeth St., Ogdensburg. A 1968 graduate of St. Mary's Academy, Mrs. Bresett was a Seaway Festival Queen in 1967.

The news story follows:

By Jim McAvey
Two 51-year-old Buffalo area men were arraigned Friday (Nov. 5) on charges of possession and sale of \$50,000 in counterfeit \$20 bills.

Arrested in the co-ordinated raid by Secret Service agents, state police and Lackawanna police were Frank J. Cilar, of 1550 Abbott Rd., Lackawanna, and

Frank S. Carbone of 456 Loraine Dr., Angola.

Cilar lives and operates a television sales business known as TV Sales and Home Electronic Discounts at the 1550 Abbott Rd., address.

Daniel P. Hurley Jr., special agent in charge of the Buffalo office of the Secret Service, said about \$50,000 in counterfeit \$20 bills was seized when the two were arrested Thursday night and that the investigation was continuing.

Cilar and Carbone were arraigned before U. S. Magistrate Edmund F. Maxwell and released in \$7,500 personal recognizance bonds.

The men were charged with violations of two sections of Title 18 of the U. S. Code. If convicted, they could be sentenced to 15 years in prison and fined up to \$10,000.

Maxwell set a preliminary hearing for Nov. 23.

Personal

Robert Hentschel of Riverview Towers, was reported in critical condition at A. Barton Hospital late Saturday evening. A hospital spokesman said that Mr. Hentschel, father of Dr. Robert Hentschel, of 1200 State St., remains in a coma after suffering a stroke Friday.

Two Arrested For Two Bomb Scares At OFA

Ogdensburg Chief of Police David Bell reported Saturday that he had made two arrests in connection with the Nov. 4 and Nov. 8 bomb scares at Ogdensburg Free Academy.

Arrested by Chief Bell Saturday morning was Paul Lyle Kinch, 16, of 1002 Ogdensburg St., and a 15-year-old. Kinch was charged with aggravated harassment and falsely reporting an incident, violations of Sections 240.30-1 and 240.50-2 of the New York State Penal Law. Kinch was arraigned Saturday afternoon before City Judge John B. Leonard and asked for an adjournment, which was granted with all proceedings suspended until Nov. 15 at 1:30 p.m. He was released into the custody of his mother.

Also arrested on the same two charges was a 15-year-old youth. His case has been referred to family court.

In the four bomb scares made at OFA since April, all have resulted in arrests.

Ramies Attend CATV Seminar

Donald Ramie of 814 Piekering St. and Paul Ramie of 1528 Greene St., have just attended a special CATV school held in Syracuse.

The school was held for NewChannels Corp., the parent company of Ogdensburg Video.

The instruction conducted over a two-day period covered all phases of cable TV. Special classes were presented in antennas, electronic equipment and cable usage.

The school was sponsored by Jerrold Electronics, the largest manufacturer of cable TV equipment in the world.

Joel Fleming, General Manager of NewChannels, said, "We feel schools like this are very important to our personnel from all over the state because it not only allows them to learn about the latest equipment and techniques of cable TV but also to exchange ideas with each other."

Grammar School Project Halted

The St. Lawrence County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution Saturday afternoon calling for an immediate halt to the Canton Grammar School project.

The resolution, moved by Supervisor Bennett Abrams, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, directed that the architect, Quentin Reutershan of Potsdam, to cease all activity that would add to the County's cost of the project, until further notice.

Although there was no discussion of the motion, Board members did say that it was discussed in the committee meeting. One supervisor said that the contract between Mr. Reutershan and the County, which was signed by Kenneth Giffin, purchasing agent, would be reviewed before any further steps are taken.

Many of the supervisors are con-

cerned about the total cost of the project and a number spoke openly after the meeting Saturday about the cost of the architect for the project. The county has already paid Reutershan more than \$99,000. His fee is 10 percent of the separate stipulated sum contracts, plus expenses. Reutershan, under the contract, can be paid for additional services.

The total cost of the project to the County, according to Reutershan, will be in excess of \$2.2 million.

Many people protested the Grammar School project at the public hearing on the budget Thursday night. Maynard Miller, Board Chairman, agreed to hold a public hearing on the grammar school project before the Board votes to take any further action. The next step would be to accept, or reject the bids. The supervisors will meet again on Nov. 29.