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Sewer Hearing Delayed For North Side

A public hearing on sewer and water assessments in most of the North Side annexed areas won't be held until fall, according to present thinking of the Stevens Point Common Council.

Previously, the hearing had been scheduled for Monday, May 11. Property owners in the area will have a chance to be heard that night, said Mayor Paul Borham, but the official hearing will come later, after the mains have been installed.

The Council held an information session at the County-City Building Wednesday night and discussed the special assessment procedure, which involves some technical changes from past practice.

The only areas for which a public hearing will be held May 11 are on Reserve Street N. and part of North Point Drive, where sewers have already been laid.

With some generally minor exceptions, the special assessments throughout the North Side annexed areas will probably be as follows:

Sanitary sewer, including roadway reconstruction, \$11.25 a front foot; area assessment for interceptor sewers, one-half cent per square foot; and water, \$3.20 a front foot.

William Ottensmann, consulting engineer on the project, said the sewer assessments are "cushioned" to allow for possible rock excavation. With luck, he said, the cost may be less.

Some aldermen objected last night to holding the public hearing in fall. The reason for the delay, said Ottensmann, is that the sewer construction costs, including rock excavation, will be more accurately known then.

The big interceptor sewers are designed to serve an area much larger than the territory now within the city limits. If these areas are ever annexed, they will be assessed, too, but in the meantime the city as a whole is picking up this share, which amounts to about 42 percent of the estimated \$829,000 sewer cost.

This brought protests, particularly from Aldermen Marie Konopacky, 9th Ward, and Paul Stassel, 10th Ward. They said the area outside the city may never be fully served by sewer and that taxpayers in the city will have to pick up the tab.

The cost of putting in larger pipe to serve the outside area is relatively small, contended Ottensmann, and he said it is good long-range planning to put in bigger sewers now rather than increase the capacity later.

He compared it with building a sewage treatment plant larger than needed to allow for growth.

The area assessment procedure is new in Stevens Point, and Ottensmann pointed out that once started, it will be hard to reverse. For example, he said the Council may have to levy an area assessment for a planned interceptor sewer running through the middle of town to the treatment plant on the South Side.

A huge area in the heart of the city might have to pay under the area assessment policy, he noted.

Another County Member Likely On VTA Board

Portage County Board objections to lack of representation on the District 14 Vocational, Technical and Adult Education Board may be eased by the resignation of Wesley Snyder, Wisconsin Rapids.

It apparently clears the way for the appointment of a second Portage County member to the seven-man board.

Clarence Greiber, Madison, director of the state VTA Board, confirmed the resignation of Snyder, a Preway Corp. vice president, in a letter to Harold Mehne, chairman of the Portage County Board.

Greiber said the county board chairman in District 14 will meet Tuesday, May 19, and elect a successor for a two-year term. Apparently, said Greiber, the new member will be from Portage County.

On April 21, the Portage County Board passed a resolution recommending action to get at least one more representative on the District 14 Board. Currently, the only member from this county is John Korda, Whiting. All the others are from Wood County.

Part of Portage County is in District 14 and most of the rest, including the Stevens Point area, will go in July 1.



OCCUPY BUILDING HERE

Protesters jam themselves into a hallway at Nelson Hall on the Stevens Point State University campus this morning in a continuing antiwar protest. (Staff Photo)

Protesters Stage Antiwar Sit-In

More than 200 protesters occupied Nelson Hall, which houses ROTC classes at Stevens Point State University, in a continuing protest and student strike against the Indochina war and the killing of four Kent State University students in Ohio.

Tuesday night, a crowd estimated at anywhere between 600 and more than 1,000 students marched on Nelson Hall. Portage County sheriff Nick Check termed it "generally peaceful" but "quite tense for about 10 minutes."

That march followed a candlelight prayer vigil in front of the University Center, where students have pitched tents as part of a boycott against university facilities.

University President Lee Sherman Dreyfus participated in the prayer vigil but not the march on Nelson Hall.

Dreyfus issued a memo to faculty members urging faculty members "to look into" the student-led "program to discuss the issues surrounding the Cambodian situation and the Kent State tragedy."

He asked teachers to consider the value of the program as an "alternate educational experience" and said that faculty members must "meet their educational responsibilities" and should determine for themselves whether these responsibilities are being met.

He also urged teachers "not to coerce students through threat of grades or reprisal to act against their conscience in attending or non-attendance" of classes.

Two city squad cars were

damaged by rocks as the marchers went down Reserve Street in the campus area at about 10:15 Wednesday night. When the group returned to their tent in a continuing protest and student strike against the Indochina war and the killing of four Kent State University students in Ohio.

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Students today said that tension developed outside Nelson Hall for about 10 minutes. He said additional law enforcement authorities were on alert for any trouble, but were not needed as the group dispersed from the area on their own.

Before students entered Nelson Hall this morning for an intended day-long sit-in, campus police told them they were in violation of campus rules.

Late this morning, students continued to occupy the building and authorities had made no forcible moves to evict them.

The students were prevented from entering the section of the building where ROTC classes are held, but they massed in the hall leading to that section and blocked exits at fire escapes.

No classes appeared to be in session in the ROTC section, which was occupied by ROTC instructors and Dean of Student Affairs Leonard L. Gibb.

Demonstrators plan to continue their occupation until forcibly evicted.

One ROTC official tried to leave the building, but, when confronted by students packed tightly at the exit, turned back.

A rally is scheduled for 7 o'clock tonight, to be followed by a mass march to a faculty meeting at the Classroom Center.

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Warren Decries Violent Protest

MADISON (AP)—Atty. Gen. Robert Warren says America should "restore some of our heroes to the textbooks" and return to the idea that "schools are for learning... rather than the current philosophy that schools are for burning."

Warren spoke Wednesday at the Attorney General's Conference on Law Enforcement which he said was held at "perhaps the century's worst possible time."

Attendance by state law enforcement officials was held down by antiwar demonstrations and violence in a number of areas, including the University of Wisconsin campus only a short distance from the conference room.

Describing disorders in general Warren said there were persons "running around evoking their constitutional rights, carrying a brick in one hand while trying to tear down constitutional government. I think if we can keep our Constitution intact long enough, maybe we'll prevail with God's help."

He said doctors and medical aid will be available around the clock. About three times as much water as was used

Campus Groups Keep War Protests Going

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Firebombs damaged buildings at four college campuses in the nation today as students continued protest against the war in Indochina and the killing of four Kent State University students in Ohio.

Blazes of suspicious origin hit seven other schools, including the ROTC buildings at Case Western Reserve in Ohio.

More than 80 colleges and universities were officially closed and the National Student Information Center at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., said students at 337 institutions have left classes to join the antiwar strike.

In other incidents, demonstrators blocked traffic, entrances to school buildings, held campus campouts and burned effigies of President Nixon.

Support was registered in

some quarters for Nixon's use of American troops in Cambodia and criticism was leveled by Young Republicans in Massachusetts at what they called "the actions of radical leftist students."

The Rev. Billy Graham described the nation's crisis today as the "most critical period since the Civil War." The evangelist condemned both student violence and use of live ammunition on the campus.

National Guardsmen shot and killed four students at Kent Monday after several days of disorders and antiwar protest on the campus there.

Three firebombs were thrown early this morning at the ROTC building at the University of Nevada in Reno, but damage was slight. Other schools where firebombs were set off included the University of San Francisco, Colorado College at Colorado Springs and Ohio University at Athens.

Young people blocked traffic at a few locations in New York City during the morning rush period to pass out antiwar literature.

At Florida's Miami University, about 300 students stood shoulder to shoulder to block entry of faculty members to the administration building.

Students pitched tents and camped out on the grass at the University of Akron in Ohio where they had been ordered to go home for the rest of the week. They vowed to stay there until Sunday.

Another firebomb incident occurred at New York University where student marshals thwarted an attempt to set off a gasoline bomb near a \$6 million Atomic Energy Commission computer. Demonstrators had seized the computer two days ago in an unsuccessful attempt to demand the university post \$100,000 bail for a Black Pan-

ther accused of bomb conspiracy.

NYU President James Hester called their demand "an act of extortion... clearly out of the question."

The marshals stamped out the fuse of the gasoline bomb after the demonstrators left.

Meanwhile, a group of about 40 students at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., calling themselves "Strike Back" called for resumption of classes which had been called off for the week. Charles Smith, a freshman, said "closing down the college and placing it in favor of a particular viewpoint damages the integrity" of the Ivy League school.

David Keene, chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom, said in a television appearance that "idealistic" students were being used by radical leaders.

"You don't see any of the Weathermen being shot," he said. "They know enough to get out... The New Left monopolizes the campus."

Keene spoke on the WNBC-TV "Today Show."

Most other activities were peaceful Wednesday and today but there were incidents of violence that brought National Guardsmen to schools in Kentucky and Illinois and new (See PROTESTS page 2)

Rock Festival Here May Attract 30,000

Promoters of a three-day rock festival in Portage County hope to attract more than 30,000 young people here June 26, 27 and 28.

The festival, called the "People's Fair Under the Sign of Cancer" is being organized by Earth's Enterprises with financial backing from unidentified local businessmen.

Fritz von Buchholtz, Town of Stockton, who deals in off-campus rental housing here and heads Earth's Enterprises, would not reveal the location of the festival yet. "The land has not been sealed so all I can say now is that it's going to be in Portage County."

He expects to sign a contract for the land within the next few days and wants to avoid publicity that may hinder the arrangements.

Many nationally famed rock, blues and folk artists have been lined up for the festival, said von Buchholtz. "We have put money down in advance on contracts," he said. "It's safe to say we have them, however, it's not sealed, but it's as sealed as you're going to get at this stage."

He said the groups have accepted the dates and he is awaiting the return of contracts.

The Steve Miller Band, Buffy St. Marie, Johnny Winter, Taj Mahal, Paul Butterfield, and Buddy Rich are pretty firmly committed, said von Buchholtz.

"There are more national bands, but we're still in the process of talking with a number of them," he added.

Von Buchholtz said plans for sanitary facilities, medical assistance, electric power and water "have already been taken care of."

He said doctors and medical aid will be available around the clock. About three times as much water as was used

at a recent festival near Poyonette will be made available, he reported.

Von Buchholtz said he is bringing together the biggest gathering of national rock talent ever to perform in the Midwest.

Von Buchholtz said 30,000 tickets have been printed. Although von Buchholtz was reluctant to indicate the tentative location of the festival, it is generally known in the community that the site under consideration is in the Town of Sheridon, about 10 miles northeast of Stevens Point.

There has been some dispute between von Buchholtz and an earlier partner in the venture, Ray Goddard, Stevens Point.

Goddard called the Daily Journal and said that von Buchholtz had raised money to pay the bands before he had and then squeezed him out of the deal.

Von Buchholtz said Earth's Enterprises needed to raise \$10,000 immediately to secure the bands and that he gave Goddard ample time to raise the money after he had raised his own share and had to seek other financial backing when Goddard failed to get the funds together.

"We are not in this out of any extreme profit motive," von Buchholtz said. He said he is keeping the price of the tickets well below what they have been for similar events and that most of the revenue will go to pay for the bands, insurance and facilities.

Von Buchholtz this morning said that he had seen Goddard Wednesday evening and offered him another 10 days to buy into the company or buy complete interest in the festival. He said Goddard refused the offer.

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Elect Three To Catholic School Board

Three new members of the Stevens Point Catholic Board of Education were chosen Wednesday evening at a meeting of a special board of electors in the cafeteria at St. Stephen's School. They are:

John A. Larsen, Route 1, Stevens Point, elected for a three-year term; Don T. Ziaja, Route 1, Stevens Point, named for a two-year term, and Gregory Gilkay, 2901 Algoma St., chosen for one year.

The three are members - at large. Larsen will succeed Mrs. Elizabeth De Bot, who has been a member of the board since it was established in June 1967. She did not seek re-election. Ziaja was named for the new position created to increase the membership of the board. Gilkay will serve the remaining year of the term of Bill Worzalla, who resigned recently for reasons of health.

The board of electors was made up of three representatives from each of the four local parishes and from St. Bronislava's at Plover.

Larsen, 35, is director of admissions at Stevens Point State University. He is a doctor of education and has attended La Crosse and Stout State Universities, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Wyoming. The Larsens, parents of five children, are members of St. Bronislava's Parish.

Ziaja, 28, also a member of St. Bronislava's, is a corporate systems specialist at Sentry Insurance. A graduate of Pacelli High School, he has received a bachelor of science degree in secondary education at Stevens Point State University. The Ziajas are the parents of three children.

Gilkay, 41, a lifetime resident of Stevens Point, has been an employee at the Wisconsin River Division of Consolidated Papers, Inc., for the past 13 years. A graduate of P. J. Jacobs High School, he is married and the father of four children.

The new members will take their places on the board at the next meeting on June 1, when a reorganization meeting of the board will be held following the regular session.

The Weather

Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Friday showers and thunderstorms likely west and north. Lows tonight around 50 north and 55 to 60 south. Highs Friday in the upper 70s north and 80 to 85 central and south.

Temperatures (24 hrs. ending this noon)
High, 68.
Low, 37.
Noon today, 67.
Sunset tomorrow, 5:39.
Sunrise tomorrow, 8:11.