

Woodridge First NEWS

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PAVING OF 71st & JANES

WHO IS FOOLING WHOM ??

The undated, unsigned handbill recently distributed in some sections of the Village by the Unity Party states "At the present time, there is an attempt to confuse, mislead, and befuddle the residents with regard to the 71st. & Janes paving project proposed by the Lisle Township Road Commissioner." (cont.).

"A project such as this, should not become a political football. It is too important to Woodridge!!!!" (End of quote)

Later in that same sheet we read "Learn why a priority is to be given to a traffic signal * (the asterisk referred to the 10/23 issue of the "Suburban Life"-- see the enclosed reprint of that article) at 75th & Janes, when the administration does not agree that the road it would serve, should be paved." (End of quote--and in what local "opinion column" have we seen all those commas before??).

The reference in question to the paving problem contained in that

issue of the "Life" was a "Letter to the Editor" signed by a Mr. Harry Collins, an ex-Trustee in the previous Unity Administration defeated in the April, 1969 election, a member of the Unity Party Board of Directors, and a member of the "Citizens Committee to Pave 71st. & Janes."

Now let's examine in detail this Unity Party backed proposal, recalling that the previous administration (1965-1969) was a Unity Administration, and consider the following statements and facts in that light!

Have you begun to wonder why none of these suddenly "civic minded" citizens--these same Unity Party members and ex-Village Administration members who are now pushing so hard for the paving of these (2) streets--did not come forth with these petitions during the years of the previous administrations??

THE CITIZENS PAVING COMMITTEE

Note the roster of this "Citizens Paving Committee (in addition to Harry Collins):

Mr. Theodore Doufexis--ex-publisher of the Unity Newsletter, co-editor of the Unity Newsletter, one of the members of the Board of Directors of the Unity Party, and one of the editors of the allegedly "non-partisan" local newsletter known as the "Woodridge Progress", actually the blatant voice of Unity Party.

Mr. George Alexander--ex-trustee in the previous Unity Administration (defeated in the April, 1969 election).

Mr. William Woody--Chairman of the Citizens Committee for The Paving, etc., for a time the Chairman of the Unity Party, ex-campaign manager of the Unity Party, and one of the Board of Directors of Unity Party.

Keep these facts in mind as we continue to re-examine this paving question.

Consider the following facts also:

ITEM A) The 1965-1969 Unity Administration was quite aware of the number of homes completed, under construction, and to be constructed in the four units of the Winston Hills section of the Village, and could easily estimate the population of the area, and the traffic patterns which would develop.

ITEM B) Once again we must remind the residents that NO PETITIONS WERE CIRCULATED IN THIS AREA DURING THE PAST (4) YEARS OF THE UNITY ADMINISTRATION!

ITEM C) A group from outside the Village decided to build a bank on the property owned by one of these members of the "Citizens Committee" (the Barr-Doufexis property on the corner of 75th. & Woodward).

WE SUBMIT THAT THE PRIMARY REASON FOR UNITY'S INITIATION OF THIS PROJECT--yes, we state "INITIATION" because if it was not an official act of the Unity Party, it was at least an act of the Unity Party officials-- IS THAT THE PAVING OF THESE STREETS WILL BENEFIT THE DOUPEXIS PROJECT DIRECTLY!

WE ALSO SUBMIT THAT NEITHER THE WOODRIDGE FIRST PARTY, NOR THE MAYOR, NOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS EVER, repeat, EVER STATED THAT THEY WERE AGAINST THE PAVING OF THESE STREETS (note the comments of the "Suburban Life" Editor following the Collins letter, which explains the position of the Mayor and the Trustees).

Everyone realizes that these streets need to be paved, but to call any other consideration a Woodridge First Party "monument" (referring to the claim in the Unity handout) smacks of an attempt to confuse the public.

Is it not more important to attempt to provide for the safety and welfare of the school kids in the Village, and for that matter, all of the residents, by installing traffic control lights, than to assist the few who will benefit directly from the construction of a bank and an apartment complex?

THIS IS NO POLITICAL FOOTBALL--THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DECISION AFFECTING THE ENTIRE VILLAGE!

The Administration must decide the priorities--not a small self-seeking minority who have been trying to mislead the Village residents as to the value of these priorities.

As to the 1500 signatures on those petitions, even a cursory examination will reveal that a goodly percentage of them were those of Woodridge First Party members (including mine--Nick Haviland, your editor).

A Reprint

Letters To The Editor

"SUBURBAN LIFE" 10/23/69

'To Pave Or Not To Pave'

In the summer of the year approximately 1,500 Woodridge residents signed a petition asking for the paving of 71st and the portion of Janes between 71st and 75th.

As a result of this activity, the Lisle Township road commissioner has submitted a proposal to the state for motor fuel tax funds to improve the aforementioned route.

Simultaneously, the commissioner formally requested the Woodridge officials to make a similar request of the state for the paving of that small portion of the route which lies in the village. He stated that unless this were done his proposal would not be accepted by the state.

MAYOR Charles Martin referred the matter to committee over two weeks ago and as yet there has been no report given on the project. Can it be that the mayor is buying time in the hope that the state will reject the township program simply because Woodridge failed to act?

The mayor seems determined to install traffic signals at a

number of locations in the village. A traffic study, conducted a month ago, established these locations did not warrant signals at this time. This means that if they were to be installed the state would not pay any part of the \$160,000 to \$200,000 cost. Woodridge would pay it all.

I personally feel we need these signals, but we should exert every possible effort to secure the funding of their installation.

Recently, the mayor's bulletin carried a story regarding the use of the village's motor fuel tax funds. It was a series of confusing and conflicting "facts."

THE LETTER did not contain the following items:

- Motor fuel tax funds for the last quarter of 1969 are as yet uncommitted for a specific project.

- These funds, due to the recent census, will be double the amount previously anticipated for this final quarter.

- The entire motor fuel tax allowance for Woodridge will be doubled for 1970 due to our population increase.

- The 1970 motor fuel tax funds will almost certainly cover the cost of the village engineer's proposed 1970 program and the village portion of the 71st and Janes project.

Mayor Martin would be well advised to heed his own, oft stated advice, "Let the people of

Woodridge show us the way."

Fifteen hundred residents of Woodridge have expressed the need and their approval of the paving project which can be done now. They would not approve of delaying it until state responsibility for traffic signals can be clarified.

HARRY J. COLLINS
Citizens Committee
To Pave 71st and Janes
Woodridge.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When contacted by The Suburban LIFE, Mayor Martin stated the village has approximately 30 more days before a decision on the paving project must be made by the board and before the village and township must file the proposal with the state.

(He added that he also would like to see the work on 71st and Janes done, but that the village has "only so much money" in the motor fuel tax fund. Mayor Martin said that top priority projects include the sealing of streets in Winston Hills and the installation of traffic lights at Woodridge dr. and Rt. 53, Hobson and Rt. 53, and Janes and 75th.

(Although it is true that the village census figure has doubled, Mayor Martin said, the village engineer is unable to say how much this will benefit Woodridge in motor fuel tax funds because of state borrowing.)

This is the article in question-- the article in which the Unity Party has sought to defame and castigate the Administration and the Woodridge First Party. Note the signer of the letter-- Note also the Editor's Note in its entirety. We feel the Unity Party has attempted a com-

pletely unwarranted attack on the Woodridge First Party, and what's even worse, on the Mayor and Board of Trustees, who have dedicated themselves to the service of the entire Village, and must consider the Village first in any decision that they make.

PROCEDURE FOR PLANNED

DEVELOPMENT

Since the Kadish proposed development is a current topic of conversation in the Village, we feel it would be helpful to explain the procedure in the consideration of any request for rezoning and/or annexation.

This is a procedure that is required by Law.

1) PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL:

- A) Formal application is made to the Village Clerk (accompanied by a \$50.00 fee) who notifies the Mayor and Board of Trustees, and gives the request to the Plan Commission within 48 hours.
- B) Developer makes a formal presentation at next regular Plan Comm. meeting.
- C) Public hearing is scheduled within 35 days after regular Plan Comm. meeting.
- D) Recommendation to Mayor and Board within 25 days after Public Hearing.
- E) Mayor and Board decide by resolution within 45 days to allow or disallow the request. This resolution binds for 6 months.

2) PRELIMINARY PLAT:

- A) Must be presented within 6 months to Clerk with Filing Fee.
- B) Clerk gives to Plan Comm. within 48 hours.
- C) Plan Comm. sends to Mayor and Board within 90 days, and they must act within 60 days.

3) FINAL PLANS AND SPECS.

- A) Copies to Village Clerk, Plan Comm., and Village Engineer
- B) Village Board receives its copy with Final Plat.

4) FINAL PLAT

- A) 12 copies to Village Clerk-must be submitted within 12 months of Preliminary Plat approval.
- B) Clerk gives to Plan Comm.
- C) Mayor and Board receive copy and have 60 days to act.
- D) Village Clerk records Plat and submits final Plat to Village Engineer or Planner for recording on Base Maps.

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Another important item to be considered is the resurfacing and sealing of the Village streets.

Several questions have been raised regarding the availability of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the remainder of this year and 1970, and in the reprinted article from the "Suburban Life", mention is made of the population doubling and the increased funds which would be made available to the Village because of this growth.

Two points should be made with respect to the alleged "doubling" of funds:

1) The previous Governor of Illinois borrowed funds from the Motor Fuel Tax allocation to cover some of the pressing financial problems facing the State for the past few years, and all of these funds have not yet been released.

2) No one yet knows what funds will be available for 1970, nor even for the rest of 1969.

Note also that the Motor Fuel Tax funds which have been refunded to the Village in the last few years have gone into a resurfacing and road maintenance program, primarily because of lack of foresight on the part of the previous Unity Administration--an Administration which accepted the streets that the present Administration is now responsible for maintaining!

AND THESE ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO ARE PUSHING FOR THE PAVING OF 71st. & JANES!

Teen Dance

The Woodridge First Party has tentatively scheduled a Teen Dance for December 12, at Woodridge School.

13 years old and up, with the tariff being \$1.00 a head.

A brief request for all of you parents whose kids might attend that night--We have experienced some damage at the dances in the past, and we would really appreciate it if you would sit down with the kids and explain that if the damage occurs again, the dances won't.

We appreciate your help.

Membership Call

The Woodridge First Party, a completely non-partisan group, and the Victor in the April, 1969 election is looking for new members.

If you're interested in the growth and well-being of the Village of Woodridge, and want to become active in the dynamic development of this area--PHONE ANYONE ON THE FOLLOWING LIST:

Mr. Al Parlich--968-0347
Chairman
Mr. Ron Zarn--971-0826
Secretary
Mr. Tom Sweeney--968-1458
Vice Chairman
Mr. Bill Wiley--968-1475
Treasurer

THE ADMINISTRATION KEEPS

ITS PROMISE

During the recent Village elections, one of the campaign statements made by the Woodridge First Party, and the present Mayor and Trustees, was that the Village would be kept informed of items on the agenda of each Board meeting by way of the Mayor's "Bulletin".

We think everyone in the Village will agree that the Mayor and the Village Clerk have done an excellent job of writing, editing, and publishing the "Bulletin", and, in spite of Post Office and mail problems, getting the information into the homes in the Village!

With the advent of the Mayor's "Bulletin", the attendance at Board meetings has increased tremendously, the participation has increased, and the knowledge on both sides of the table has also increased tremendously.

The Administration will not merely rest on its laurels, but will continue to strive to bring more residents into an active role in the affairs of the Village, and will continue to issue the "Bulletin", an informative, helpful statement of what is happening in the area, something that the previous Unity Administration either did not want to do or did not feel was necessary.

Al Parlich-Chairman
Woodridge First Party.

Mr. Nick Haviland--969-0334
Newsletter Editor
JOIN THE WINNER--BECOME A
MEMBER OF THE DYNAMIC WOOD-
RIDGE FIRST PARTY!

PARK DISTRICT REFERENDUM PASSES

As the Village residents and the residents residing in the outlying areas are aware, the recent Park District Referendum was passed.

The five Commissioners elected on October 18th, with the terms they subsequently drew by lot are as follows: Mrs. Nancy Noyes and Mr. John Kujawa (Sec.-Treasurer)-6 years; Mr. Royal Dean and Mr. Don Rossman(Vice Pres.)-4 years; Mr. John Cates(President)-2 years.

The Woodridge First Party would like to wish the District Commissioners well in their efforts to bring a functional, effective District to the area.

The Woodridge First Party, which has worked for the formation of a Park District since the Party's inception, would also like to thank all of those people who worked so hard, and those who voted for, the passage of the Referendum.

SCHOOL DISTRICT#68 BOND ISSUE

WILL COME BEFORE THE PEOPLE

SOON--CONSULT YOUR SCHOOL

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND

YOUR NEWSPAPER FOR FURTHER DE-

TAILS.

BECOME INFORMED AND VOTE ACCORD-

INGLY.