

Daleville Town Board meets unofficially

by Nancy Searfoss

Members of Daleville's first town board met unofficially November 22 at Salem Township Volunteer Fire Department. The board will not act officially until January 1, 1983.

In their unofficial capacity, the group elected Don Chambers as interim president and set official meeting dates on the first and third Mondays monthly.

The five-member board decided to be installed December 23, the earliest date possible according to clerk-treasurer elect, Ellen Nixon.

Concerns including a proposed salvage yard, street lights, police and fire protection, weed control and snow removal were discussed. The new group aims to hire an attorney as soon as possible.

Jim Schlegel, board member elect, recommended Richard Reed, Muncie attorney, who represented the incorporation committee. Schlegel said Reed has expressed interest in the position.

Fire chief and township trustee, James Pugsley, told the group the town would have to contract with the fire department for fire protection before setting their 1984 budget.

Since the town has no operating funds for 1983, both the fire department and county police protection will continue in the town until 1984. Pugsley was not sure if snow removal would be furnished by the county this winter.

Pugsley also advised the board to set a tax levy sufficient to cover town expenses. "You won't be very popular in town if you set the levy at what it will take to start the town.

Your levy could be \$2.50. It's going to be a painful two or three years," said Pugsley. He informed the group the levy can be raised only 2 percent annually after it is set.

Pugsley estimated town residents might pay as much as \$8.68 total levy, including township, town and school taxes. He said the rate could be lowered once grant monies become available and the town receives its share of alcohol and tobacco and revenue sharing funds.

Board member to-be, Norm Levell, discussed the issue concerning bus service to Daleville by the Anderson Transit System. He said he attended a meeting but no one could give him an estimate of how much revenue Daleville would receive for the service. "The town can apply for federal funding for letting Anderson run buses to Daleville," Levell said.

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Daleville Board Seeks Answers to Money Woes

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DALEVILLE — Although they can't do anything official until next year, town board members began laying the groundwork for their newly incorporated town.

Board members met informally Monday and talked about what the town may need — police and fire protection, street lights, a junkyard and zoning laws.

They also discussed how to pay for the proposed services — with taxes.

Salem Township Trustee and volunteer fire chief Jim Pugsley said the board will have to set a tax levy high enough to cover the new town's new expenses.

"Your rate could be \$2.88 (per \$100 of assessed valuation). It's going to be a painful two or three years," Pugsley said.

He estimated town residents could pay as much as \$8.68 in town, county and school tax rates annually.

Pugsley said once a tax levy is established, it can be raised only 2 percent annually.

Since the town has no operating funds for next year, Salem Township volunteer fire department services and Delaware County police protection will continue at no extra fee until January 1984.

Several board members agreed to visit Indianapolis after Thanksgiving to talk with tax commissioners and the state chamber of commerce to find out about grant applications.

In their unofficial capacity, board members elected Don Chambers president and set the first and third Mondays as regular meeting nights.

Members-elect agreed to hire a town attorney as soon as possible. Muncie lawyer Richard Reed previously voiced a desire for the position to Jim Schlegel. Reed served as attorney for the incorporation committee.

DALEVILLE

1st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION *in* '83

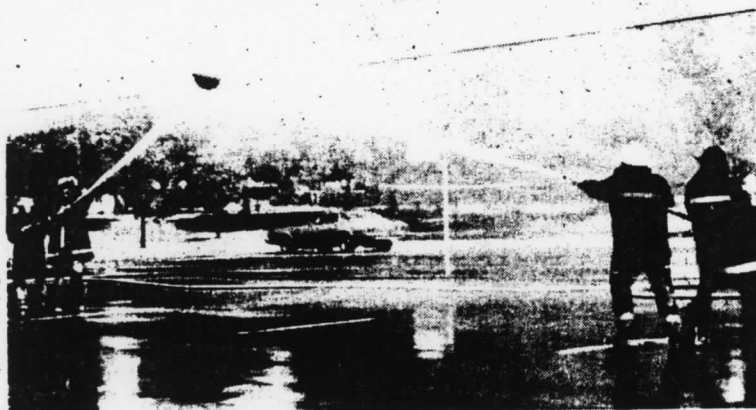


Girl Scout Troop 404, Daleville made their own version of a birthday cake for the festival parade. Pictured from left are Renee Toller, Alicia Paulus, leader Chris Wearly and Molly Wearly. In front is Kasey Renaud.

Trilla Noland photo



Beating the heat at Saturday's festival, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Schlegel and Ida Mae Richman shelter under umbrellas.



Members of three fire departments battled it out in a water-ball contest at the Daleville Birthday festival. Winner was Team 1 from Liberty Township.



The Lions Club Lion pedalled his way through Daleville's festival parade and didn't roar once. He was a favorite with parade-watching children.