

## Continued: Squabble Over Water Plant

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Water, water everywhere, and who says it isn't a political issue?

At a public meeting held Monday night in the Civic Center on the use of ozone to treat Potsdam's Raquette River water, both the scientific and the political waters were well muddled after nearly three hours of explanations, discussion, questions and debate.

Presenting the case for the use of ozone were representatives of Rist-Frost Associates, the Glens Falls firm hired by the village to design a new water treatment plant.

Raising questions on the use of ozone were several village residents, including a chemist, members of the engineering faculty at Clarkson and others, as well as at least two speakers who live outside the village.

Not present was Dr. James Edzwald of Clarkson, whose questions on ozone at a November 1979 public hearing prompted this second meeting on the topic.

**Question Process**  
At issue seems to be the use of a process known as ozonation to treat Potsdam's raw river water.

In the proposed water treatment plant designed by Rist-Frost, ozonation would be used early in the treatment process to disinfect the raw water. According to Rist-Frost staff personnel, ozonation also improves taste, color and odor of the water and improves flocculation (mixing).

Ozonation is only part of the treatment process. Rist-Frost staffers said, coagulation, sedimentation and the addition of chlorine late in the treatment process are also in the Rist-Frost design.

In November, Edzwald raised questions on the use of ozonation, saying that it is an unproven technology in this country although widely used in Europe, and saying that ozonation might not enable the water treatment plant to meet new federal standards for trihalomethanes (compounds that are potentially cancer-causing).

Some evidence suggests, according to Edzwald, that ozonation, which is supposed to break up organic materials in raw water, does not in fact, remove all the organics. The remaining organics combine with chlorine to form trihalomethanes. Potsdam's water source, the Raquette River, is high in organic content.

Joseph DePinto, Route 2, Potsdam and Michael Switzenbaum, 13 Missouri Ave., both Clarkson faculty members, argued along the same lines Monday night.

Switzenbaum asked those present if ozonation "is really a thing we want to get into—a new, unproven technology?"

Rist-Frost personnel countered by saying that ozonation has been in Europe for 80 years; Switzenbaum and

others pointed out that Europe's standards for safe drinking water are different in than those of the U.S., as is the water itself.

Rist-Frost pointed to several existing plants in the U.S. that use ozonation and noted that there are 25 such plants in Canada.

**Scientific Jargon**  
The scientific jargon flew thick and fast as the paid consultants and the academics argued and traded opinions back and forth, leaving lay persons and reporters far behind.

The water treatment plant itself doesn't seem to be a hot political issue yet, but with two announced Republican trustee candidates and two likely incumbent Democratic candidates, the full-blown political rhetoric can't be far behind.

No announced candidates spoke at Monday night's meeting, although among the 30-odd spectators there were enough to make up a Republican Committee meeting.

It isn't clear from comments made either by the politicians or the scientists just what the objections are. Both those for ozonation and those opposed said that there is evidence to support both its use and the use of conventional methods.

Several persons were heard to say that the treatment plant itself is needed, and at the November hearing a representative from the State Health Department stated that the village could be liable for fines of up to \$5,000 per day if progress is not made in designing and building a new plant.

Ozonation is more expensive; Dr. F. J. Fina of Rist-Frost said it will add \$300,000 to the total plant cost of \$5 million and will cost \$43,000 more to operate per year.

Electricity to produce the ozone is planned to be generated at the village's hydro-generating facility, which is to be revitalized along with the construction of the treatment plant. Some \$4,400 worth of electricity would be needed a year.

## GOP Wants Input Before Finalizing Party Platform

Potsdam's Republican Committee is calling on local citizens to provide input into its campaign platform for the March 18 village elections in Norwood and Potsdam.

Accordingly, they have scheduled an open meeting to discuss the issues prior to finalizing their party positions. The meeting is slated for 8 p.m. Feb. 5 in the meeting room of the Marine Midland Bank at the rear of the building on Elm St., Potsdam.

year to make the ozone at a rate of four cents per kilowatt hour, more than village residents now pay, and more than is predicted when the hydro plant is in operation.

Some cited the delays, the cost of the consulting firm—some \$200,000 since 1976.

**New Study**  
Almost as an aside, the consultants noted that the village has requested a new study on trihalomethanes, to be performed by Rist-Frost at a maximum cost of \$25,000. No formal authorization for that study has yet been given by the trustees.

If there is some political hay to be made from all this, it probably lies in the fact that the plant is still in the design stages, with no funding in sight.

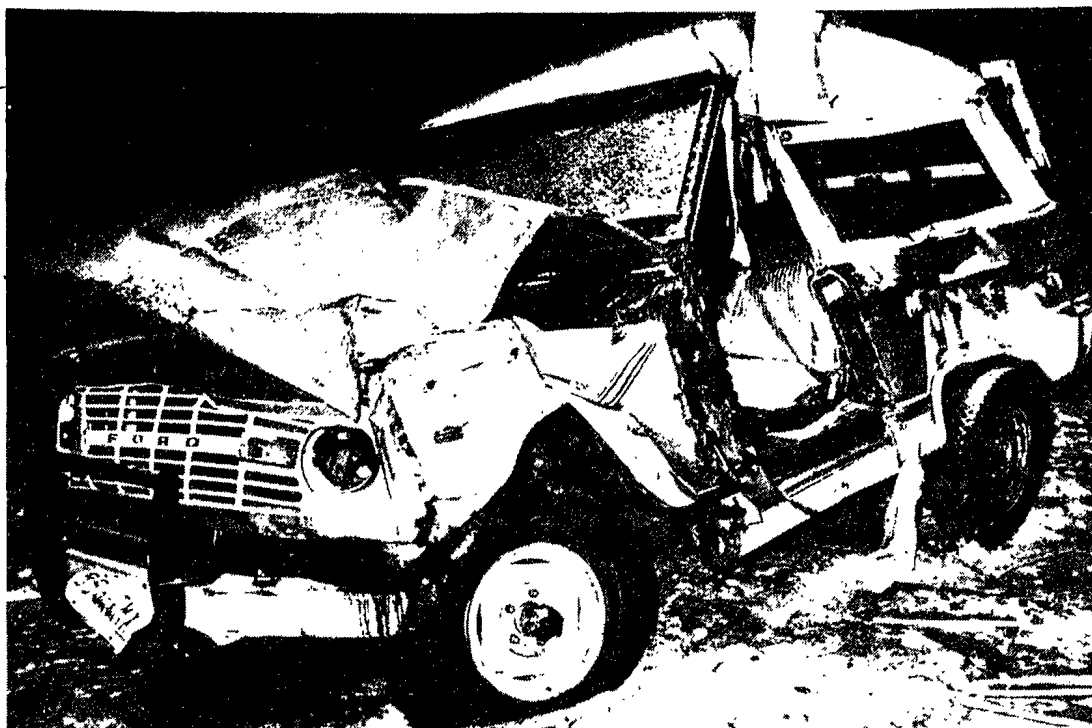
The consultants said Monday night that there are no federal funding packages on the horizon at present. The Farmers Home Administration has a low interest loan program, but only communities with population levels under 10,000 are eligible for that program.

Other suggestions made last night included moving the plant across Raymond Street to the municipal parking lot and seeking the advice of a second consulting firm on the plant.

Rist-Frost has already had to make some design changes because the water treatment plant building on Raymond Street is in the Historic District. During recent repairs to the Raymond Street side of the building, an official from the Historic Preservation Office told Rist-Frost that the building's front or face does not face Raymond Street, but faces east toward the Wine Sellar store.

According to Fina, the water treatment plant design must not interfere with that facade or the village could face a cutoff of all state and federal funds including Revenue Sharing funds.

Design changes\* have moved the building slightly back and to the side to avoid the historic facade.



FATAL CRASH — Mark J. Grady, 22, Norfolk, was killed in a one-car accident at 2:55 a.m. Monday on Route 56 in front of the Allied Chemical Barrett Division gravel pit in the Town of Norfolk. A second occupant of the car, Ronald E. Halverson, 22, Norfolk, was critically injured. The vehicle apparently went off the left side of the road, struck a guard rail, and careened into the bucket of a parked payload in the Barrett parking lot. (Hal Stokes photo)

## Winter Carnival Starts Wednesday

With a proclamation from Mayor Ruth Garner, Potsdam's Ice Carnival Week will get under way Wednesday, with one major change and plenty of activities for everyone.

The change may come as a disappointment to some. The students of State University College at Potsdam and Clarkson College, this year celebrating their 50th annual carnival, have cancelled the ice statue competition because of the lack of snow.

Dates for the carnival are Jan. 30-Feb. 9.

Following a meeting last Thursday night, Don Nims, a Clarkson student and co-chairman of the carnival, issued the following statement: "Due to the lack of snow the ice carnival committee met Thursday night and decided to cancel the ice statue competition this year. Even without the popular ice statue event, we expect the ice carnival will be a success." The Cavalcade, parade, window paintings, oil cloth competition will all continue as planned.

Even though the Snowman doesn't seem to be cooperating too much, there is to be enough cooperation between the students and the Potsdam community to make the week a success.

Increased support is coming this year from the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce, which is planning a major promotional effort for businesses throughout the week. A coupon book will be published that will contain discounts good in participating merchants' stores. At the end of the week, there will be a drawing from the participating merchants' stores. The prize winner will receive an Olympic tour package for two, valued at \$150, for the Lake Placid Games which will begin the following week.

## Village Officials Examine New Senior Housing Plans

With a new name—Midtown Apartments—and a new design scheme for their apartment project, the Potsdam Sandstone Senior Citizens are hopeful that construction on the 65-unit project can begin in the spring.

Project architect Quentin Reuthershan and representatives of the Senior Citizens met with members of the Potsdam Village Planning Board, Urban Renewal Agency and Board of Trustees last Wednesday to outline plans for the apartment complex to be built at the end of Munson Street in the village.

Plans originally called for a five story mid-rise complex, but bids came in some \$300,000 higher than the \$2.47 million in federally-approved loan guarantees and the senior citizens' request for \$300,000 more in guarantees was denied.

The senior citizens had intended to call the project Downtown Midrise Apartments.

Reuthershan said Wednesday that he feels the project can be built within the \$2.47 million in loans guaranteed by the federal Farmers Home Administration, and he said he is "fairly certain" that general contractor Joseph Visconti of Syracuse will sign a letter stating he will build the project within budget.

**Problems**  
There are some problems with the Munson Street site, including the fact that the Potsdam Urban Renewal Agency has had Munson Street paved as part of its site improvement work.

**Variance Requests On Zoning Board Agenda**  
The Potsdam Village Zoning Board of Appeals is expected to act on two variance requests and a special permit request when it meets Jan. 30.

On the agenda is a variance request from Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, 74 Elm St. to build a 28 by 40 foot addition to the rear of the house for a recreation room on the first floor and bedrooms on the second floor.

Last October the village planning board recommended that the fraternity's request be denied, based on section 30.29 B. 1 of the village's zoning regulations. That section provides that nonconforming structures shall not be added to or enlarged in any way that will extend the nonconforming features.

The fraternity is in an R-1 (single family residential) zone on Elm Street, and the building's use as a fraternity predates the 1977 adoption of the zoning code.

**Chris Fay's**  
The second variance request and a special permit request are from Chris Fay to build a 30 by 40 foot addition to the front of his restaurant on Market Street, 25 feet from the existing right of way (40 feet is required).

A college dance at Potsdam College Jan. 30 will lead off the carnival events.

Then on Friday, Feb. 1, the carnival is expected to move into high gear. That evening, from 4 to 7 p.m., the chamber of commerce will sponsor sleigh rides in Ives Park. Also that evening the Crane College Music Band, the musicians who will be playing at the Winter Olympic Games, will perform for the public in the park. Plans are underway for food and beverage concessions to be operated during that time.

The Cavalcade, which consists of various one-act plays and skits, will be presented Feb. 1 and 2.

**Parade**  
The Ice Carnival Parade will be held in downtown Potsdam on Sunday, Feb. 3. The route will cover parts of both campuses as well as the Market Street business district. Public or private groups are invited to enter floats in the parade.

The parade starts at 1:30 p.m.

On Feb. 4 there will be an "open rehearsal" of music especially composed and arranged for the 1980 Olympic Winter Games. The informal rehearsal, to which the public is invited, will be held in Hosmer Hall on the Potsdam State campus from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Featured will be the Crane Olympic Chorus, and the Crane Olympic Orchestra conducted, respectively, by Brock McElheran and Richard Stephan. Those attending the rehearsal are then invited to attend the 8:00 p.m. game in Macey Hall between Potsdam State's nationally ranked basketball team and Hartwick College.

An ice skating competition will be held at Clarkson's Walker Arena on Thursday, Feb. 5. A pie eating and beer chugging contest will take place Wed-

nesday, Feb. 6 at the Whiskey One Tavern on Market Street. A concert featuring the Atlanta Rhythm Section will be held at Clarkson's Alumni Gym on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Friday, Feb. 8 is the Ice Carnival Hockey Game. This year traditional Empire Division rivals Clarkson and RPI will square off in what promises to be an exciting matchup.

Saturday, Feb. 9 will see a flurry of activities as the winter festival week comes to a close.

There will be an oldtimers hockey game between the Potsdam Potbellies and the Cornwall Oldtimers at 8:15 p.m. at the Pine Street Arena.

Saturday will also be the day of the sixth annual Potsdam Langlauf cross-country ski race, open to persons of all ages and abilities on the ski trails behind the Clarkson Science Center off Clarkson Avenue. All race proceeds in excess of expenses will be donated to the Heart Association of Northern New York. The distance events will be 3.5, 10 and 15 kilometers. The entry fee is \$1 for children under 11 years and \$3 for all others with a \$8 family maximum. Registration deadline is 10:30 a.m. of the race day. Race time is 11 a.m. Awards will be made to the first, second and third places in each race class. For further information contact, Potsdam Langlauf, 10 Leroy St., 265-8200. The race will be run unless there is no snow on the course on race day.

The day will close with the Ice Carnival Ball, at which time the Carnival King and Queen will be chosen.

Still to be announced are the dates for the volleyball and foul shooting competitions at Clarkson College.

Regarding the carnival theme, the choice of cities is both interesting and diverse and should make for some fascinating displays. American cities include Hollywood, Las Vegas, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco. On the international scene, groups will portray such cities as Moscow, London, Rome and Cairo. Several mythical cities will also be represented, such as Camelot and Shangri-La. And of course there will be Potsdam.

## Firemen Credited With Good Save

Five persons were forced to flee from their home at 91 Market Street when fire erupted at 1:04 a.m. Saturday on the structure's third floor.

According to Potsdam fire officials, fire caused extensive damage to the third floor of the Harold Baker residence, 91 Market St.

Potsdam fire officials said the fire started near a woodstove on the third floor of the house.

Officials said that Kate Baker, 11, was sleeping near the woodstove when she heard a crackling sound.

Miss Baker and her brother Steven and their father, Harold, were forced to escape the third floor via a passage way leading to the structure's second floor, as fire blocked the third floor entrance-way.

The children's mother, Betsy Baker, called the Potsdam Fire Department from the second floor and she and a tenant who rents the first floor were also forced to flee the structure.

According to fire officials, the third floor sustained heavy fire damage while the second floor of the home sustained smoke and water damage.

Responding to the scene were the Potsdam Volunteer Fire Department and the Norwood Volunteer Fire Department ladder truck.

Patrick Verschneider, county emergency service coordinator, called the firefighters' efforts in containing the blaze a good save.

Firemen from Potsdam were recalled to the Baker home at 7:50 a.m. and were there until 8 a.m.

As they headed back to the station house following that recall, firemen received another call to a chimney fire at the home of Karen Bernard, 79 Lower Pine St. They were there from 8:06 until 8:56 and there was little damage.

Firemen were called to put out another chimney fire at 1:31 p.m. Saturday at a house owned by Garner Walsh at 54 Bay Street.



MARK TEBO

## Mark Tebo Is GOP Candidate In Norwood

NORWOOD — Republicans in the village of Norwood have chosen Mark Tebo, owner and operator of the Tebo Insurance Agency, as their candidate to run for the Village Board of Trustees in March.

Tebo, the first Republican to run for the Norwood board in two years, was selected at a Republican caucus held last Tuesday night.

There will be two vacancies to be filled in voting on March 18. The seats are currently held by Democrats Rollin Beattie and Louis LaRose. Although the Democrats will not caucus until Jan. 31, both Beattie and LaRose have stated that they will seek re-election.

Tebo, commenting on his candidacy Wednesday, said, "At least now the voters will have a choice." He continued, "I think there are a number of people who feel there have been some small complaints; they don't always feel the board has been acting on them as they should."

The Town of Potsdam Republican Committee will be meeting shortly to formalize a platform for the election campaign, according to Robert Dinello, chairman.

Tebo ran unsuccessfully for the post of Town Justice on the Republican ticket last November.

A Norwood resident, he has owned his own business since 1972. He and his wife, Diana, have two young sons. He graduated from Norwood-Norfolk Central School and received an associate degree in insurance-business from Canton ATC. He presently is the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus 2309.

## Blood Tests On Youths Show Consumption Of Alcohol

CANTON—Blood tests of the four youths who were killed last Sunday morning in a one-car accident on the Madrid-Waddington Road indicate that the four had various levels of alcohol within their bodies at the time of the accident.

Dgt. Sgt. Edward Carpenter, who is heading the investigation into the cause of the accident, said Wednesday that he had received the results of the blood tests from Albany over the phone and the results indicated that all four youths had been drinking prior to the accident.

According to sources, the driver of the car, who the sheriff's department has identified as James Wagner, may have had a higher alcohol concentration in his blood than the other three youths.

Sgt. Carpenter declined further comment.

All four youths, all under the age of 18, were killed when the car they were riding in traveled off the pavement of the Madrid-Waddington Road, striking a cement post.

Killed were the driver, James Wagner, 17, RFD 1, Madrid; Scott L. Cryderman, 17, RFD 1, Madrid; David A. Griffin, 17, RFD 1, Madrid; and Patricia M. Pierce, 15, LaGrasse St. Waddington.

The boys were seniors and Miss Pierce was a sophomore at Madrid-Waddington Central School. All four died from massive head injuries.

## House Purchase, Library Pact Handled By Village Trustees

A deteriorated house at 22 Clough St. will be purchased by the Village of Potsdam and paid for out of Community Development funds following a resolution approved at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees last Wednesday.

The house will be demolished and the property utilized under the village's rehabilitation program. The house is in the rehab target area.

Purchase price of the house is \$2,500. The trustees also voted, after some discussion, to execute agreements with the Town of Potsdam for support of the Potsdam Public Library and the Potsdam Public Museum.

Under the agreements, the Town will pay the village \$3,200 in 1980 for support of the museum and \$8,500 for support of the library. Both figures represent 10 percent of the museum and library budget; the library figure is up \$1,000 over 1979.

Trustee Girard Mulherin, who abstained from voting on the library agreement, argued that both figures were too low, based on the large number of non-village residents who use the library.

And Mayor Ruth Garner indicated

A double service for James E. Wagner, 17, and David A. Griffin, 17, was held in St. John the Baptist Church.

Pallbearers for James Wagner were Kevin Condin, Merrill Sharpe, Roger Sharpe, William Sharpe, Kenneth Doe, and Thomas Rutherford.

For David A. Griffin, pallbearers were Rusty Cota, Robert Ashley, Brian Pryce, Terry Parmeter, Michael Olmsted, and Jeffrey Loomis.

Funeral services for Patricia Pierce, 15, Waddington, were held at the Phillips Memorial Home in Waddington, at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. Betsy Mowry officiating. Burial will be made in the New Brookside Cemetery, Waddington.

Pallbearers were Steven Beldock, Bruce McMillan, Chris Clegg, Scott Fields, Jim McCall, and Tom Parmeter.

Funeral services for Scott Cryderman 17, were held at 1 p.m. at the Faye G. Mann Funeral Home in Madrid, with the Rev. Betsy Mowry and the Rev. Lynda Clements officiating. Burial in the spring will be made in Madrid Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kevin Condin, Joseph Murphy, Russell Johnston, Thomas Mayette, Kirk Mayette, and Brian Pryce.

Detective Sgt. Carpenter did say that he had been able to trace the whereabouts of one of the youths to the Potsdam Depot the night of the accident.

**Amendment**  
Feb. 7 has been set as the date for a public hearing on an amendment to the village's 1979 Small Cities program budget.

Some \$313,000 in Small Cities funds will be available to the village as a result of the \$313,000 surplus from the Potsdam Urban Renewal Agency at the time of its closure.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Center board room.

In other action the trustees: —approved the appointment of Chris LaRose to the provisional position of financial supervisor in the housing rehabilitation office, at a salary of \$11,500 per year, effective Jan. 21, 1980;

—authorized the mayor to submit an application to the New York State Division For Youth for the "hire-a-youth" project. A matching grant of \$6,000 is being requested.

—authorized Potsdam police Lt. Clinton Matott to attend a "law enforcement executive development seminar" Feb. 5, 6 and 7 in Rochester.