

Old foot bridge at Mentzer Park to be replaced

The Mentone Town Board met in regular session on July 10 at the town hall with all members present. Minutes from the last meeting, June 5, were read by Clerk-Treasurer Kate Whetstone and were approved as read.

Board president, Frank Hardes-ty, opened the discussion of old business regarding the purchase of a truck to replace the one damaged in an accident. He has found two, one a 1972 Ford, the other a 1973 GMC, that he feels the Board should look into. Both are smaller than the old truck, but it was agreed that the extra equipment from the old would fit either of these two. Asking price for the Ford is \$4,000 and for the GMC is \$4,300. Board members will look into this further.

In other old business, trustee Wayne Tombaugh reported that NIPSCO has recommended that five new street lights be put up in town, instead of the requested four. The Board last month requested 3 at the east end of town and 1 at the west end. However, after looking at NIPSCO's recommendation, it was agreed that 3 be installed on the east end, and 2 be installed at the west edge. Tombaugh stated that NIPSCO assured him work should begin by mid-July. There is no charge for the installation.

In new business, an area resident requested that gravel be put in the alley behind his home, as he uses it to get to his garage and in the spring it is full of mud. No gravel is available at this

time, but the Board advised Water Dept. Superintendent, Harry Sullivan, to check into it.

A representative from Larry Construction Co., that did emergency work on the water tank last winter, was present to explain why he feels the water tank on N. Yale St. should be completely cleaned and repainted. It has been eleven years since the tank was cleaned and painted, and pictures of the rust and mud inside were shown to the Board.

He gave them figures on the cost of the work, and told the Board if they signed a contract then that they would save at least \$250. The cost of repairs was not known, because structural damage can't be seen until cleaning is finished.

The Board declined to sign the contract because of financial restrictions, and decided that when the job is undertaken bids will probably be requested.

In other action:

* Dick Gross requested that the alleys north and east of his place of business be not used by the public. The alleys, however, are public property, and the trustees asked town Marshal Earl Beattie to notify Gross of this fact.

* Residents are reminded that they may burn trash in town; businessmen may not.

* Robert Whetstone, chairman of the Park Board, was given the okay to replace the old foot



The dangerous old footbridge in Mentzer Park, Mentone, will soon be replaced according to town officials.

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