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Projects Reviewed By Board

Project proposals met assorted fates Monday night at the Mooresville Town Board's monthly meeting.

Plans for subdivisions, roads, private clubs and commercial developments were reviewed and ruled on by the board during the session.

One of the agenda items involved the proposed construction of a new club facility off U.S. 21. The Lake Norman Shrine Club is seeking a conditional use permit that would allow the operation of a fraternal club on residential-zoned property.

The Club would like permission to build a facility complete with tennis courts, a jogging/walking trail, a volleyball area and picnic space. The property is zoned R-20 (suburban residential) and the lodge would be a conditional use in that zoning.

The board member agreed to schedule the public hearing, but added that the town would also like to talk to club representatives about securing utility line right-of-way on the property.

In other action involving proposed projects, the board tabled a request for a connector road to serve Developers Market off North Main Street. The request was for a curved connector road from the end of Pine Street

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DICK JONES... before his critical illness

'Down East' Tributes For Jones

The Dick Jones Nursing Scholarship Fund is in place at the Children's Hospital of Eastern North Carolina in Greenville. It was established June 26 as part of Dick Jones Appreciation Night that drew more than 1,000 people to the National Guard Armory in Greenville.

The nursing scholarship is in recognition of Jones' years of untiring contributions to the Children's Miracle Network Telethon that raised \$250,000 for the hospital in early June.

See page 13 of this section for a related story about Jones, with emphasis on his work with the telethon.

Among those paying tribute to Dick Jones were race drivers Richard Petty, Derricke Cope and Dick Trickle. They were joined by other sports celebrities and by government, civic and communications leaders from all over, with a concentration on

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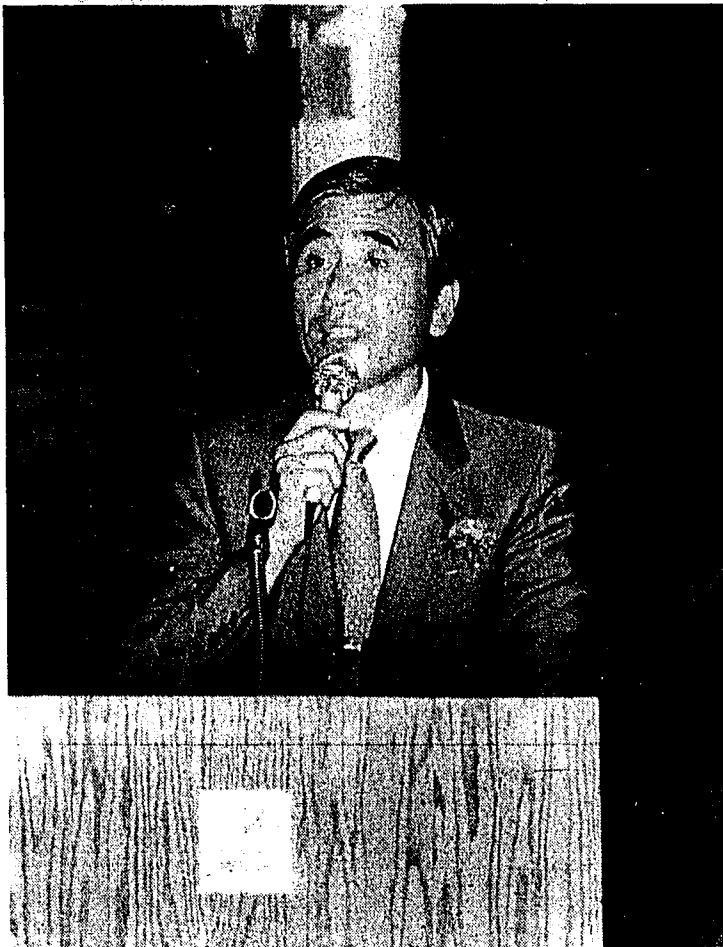
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Sakai, NGK president, speaks during dedication

Kiln Means New Jobs, Doubled Annual Output

NGK Ceramics, the South Iredell Industrial Park tenant that makes ceramic filters found in catalytic converters, has added a second kiln to its Mooresville plant, doubling the plant's capacity and adding about 10 new jobs.

The added kiln will increase

Moors Win Game Five, Take Series

Next! Mooresville's Post 66 Moors found new life in the Southern Division of Area III American Legion baseball playoffs Monday night, starting off elimination with an 8-3 triumph over host Stanley County to win the opening round, best-of-five game series, three games to two.

The two clubs, which finished tied for fourth in the regular-season standings — both at 8-8 in the league — had evenly split the series' first four games to force a fifth a decisive contest in Albemarle Monday night.

There and then, Post 66, the lower seed, backed the complete-game pitching of Mooresville Senior High product Rod Bowers with a four-run fourth inning, giving it a lead it would never relinquish, pushing the Moors into second-round series play beginning this week.

It marked Mooresville's second win in three tries on host Stanley County's field in the series, this after losing both ends of the home-and-home, regular-season meetings with the fellow SD-Area III member.

For the season, Mooresville wound up with a 3-4 mark against

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Town Adopts Motel Tax To Benefit Promotions

The Chamber and the Downtown Commission endorsed it, the General Assembly approved it, and the Town Board adopted it. As a result, the local occupancy tax is now a direct revenue source for community promotional events as well as municipal activities.

Monday night, the Mooresville Town Board unanimously approved adoption of a local tax on hotel, motel and inn room rates. The two-percent tax will generate funds for the town's Travel and Visitors Council, an agency created to promote the Mooresville/Lake Norman area as a vacation and recreation spot.

According to the rules of the

NGK's yearly production capacity from 3 million units a year to 6 million a year, said Ted Sakai, NGK's president, during a July 1 dedication of the new kiln.

The addition, which marks the completion of NGK's Phase 2 expansion, also will mean more jobs, said NGK's manager of administration Scott Hirata this morning.

Hirata said NGK was largely prepared for the addition of the kiln before it was fired July 1. But, the company soon will hire about 10 new workers. NGK now employs 120 people at its Mooresville plant.

NGK will ship 2.7 million units this year. Their goal for next year is 4 million units, two-thirds its full-load capacity.

The plant's yearly capacity will increase as NGK finds new customers for its products, Hirata said.

During the dedication, which included several area business and political leaders, Mayor Joe Knox applauded NGK for its role as corporate citizen in Mooresville and for its success in the face of a recession-tainted economy.

"Since NGK has occupied this physical plant, we have found that they are not only good businessmen, they are good corporate citizens," Knox said.

"While plants across the state are shutting down or curtailing their production, it is gratifying that we can come to a plant expansion in Mooresville."

NGK began production in its Mooresville plant, on Mazeppa Road off N.C. 115, in January, 1990.

The company's first kiln was fired in late 1989. The two kilns, which harden the ceramic after it has been shaped, reaches a maximum temperature of 2,800 degrees Fahrenheit.

NGK has similar ceramics plants in Belgium and Japan.

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Town Takes Wait And See Approach On 1991 Budget

The waiting period for Mooresville's 1991-92 budget continues.

With eyes and ears turned toward Raleigh, the Mooresville Town Board voted Monday night to postpone adoption of a final budget package — and tax rate — until it becomes clear what deficit-cutting steps the North Carolina General Assembly will take.

Until those decisions are made in Raleigh, the town will operate under an interim budget adopted at the board's June meeting.

The holdup is directly linked to the uncertain future of state reimbursements to municipalities. If sales and inventory tax reimbursements are cut or eliminated, the town will have to raise taxes and/or cut services to make ends meet.

So the town is waiting because once it adopts a budget and a tax rate for the fiscal year, the tax rate can't be changed until the next fiscal year.

The board is currently holding a budget proposal that assumes state reimbursements will remain. The budget package prepared by Town Manager Rick McLean was presented to the board at its June 3 meeting.

McLean's "no frills, corner-cutting" proposal maintains the current tax rate of 64 cents per \$100 valuation, but that is bound to change if the General Assembly decides to reduce municipal reimbursements.

McLean and Mayor Joe Knox spent several days in Raleigh last week trying to get a handle on the various deficit-cutting plans. At Monday's meeting, Knox said towns and cities are working hard to protect the reimbursements, but he added that the funds are seriously threatened.

"I've talked to a lot of people the past few days," Knox said. "I know the League of Municipalities' attorneys are lobbying hard to keep the reimbursements in place, but the Senate

seems determined to avoid a sales tax increase.

"Without that increase," he continued, "I think it's pretty obvious that allocations to towns will come up short of expectations. If that happens, we'll have to do something locally to make up the difference."

After explaining the current situation, Knox suggested to the board that the interim budget plan continue until a final budget

ruling is made in the General Assembly. He also added that, right now, there's no way to know when that will be.

"We're in a tough spot," he said, "and so are a lot of other towns and counties. Many of them have taken this same step and I think it's the only option we have. If we go ahead and set a budget, we could dig ourselves a hole. The best thing to do is wait and see what happens."

Public Hearing Scheduled On Curb, Gutter Changes

On Aug. 5, curb and gutter requirements for new Mooresville developments will return. The form those requirements will take is not yet certain, but they will be back.

Monday night, the Mooresville Town Board voted to schedule a public hearing at its Aug. 5 meeting to discuss proposed changes in the town's subdivision ordinance relating to curb and gutter and street width standards.

And the board members made it clear that after that public hearing, they expect changes to be made.

Curb and gutter requirements and street width standards were lessened in May of 1987 as a way to help attract more homebuilders to the Mooresville area. It worked, but now drainage problems have surfaced in several of the developments that were built under those relaxed standards.

Last month, board members admitted they had made a mistake and instructed the planning board to take a look at the situation and recommend a new set of subdivision guidelines. Those suggestions were presented to the board Monday night and will be reviewed, along with other pos-

sible recommendations, at the Aug. 5 meeting.

The proposals for curb and gutter regulations include:

1) Require curb and gutter (either standard curb or valley curb) on all subdivisions within the corporate limits.

2) Require curb and gutter in any subdivision containing streets with grades of 2.5 percent or greater.

3) Require curb and gutter in any subdivision which is connected with either town water or sewer.

At Monday's meeting, board members briefly reviewed the proposals and moved quickly to schedule the public hearing. The commissioners and Mayor Joe Knox also emphasized their determination to correct the situation.

"I think we all realize we got caught in our own game," Knox said. "We tried to do something to help out the developers and now the developers have passed the problems on to the homeowners."

Commissioner Bob Randall was even more direct in stating his desire to reverse the board's

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Supt., Interim Board In Place

What consolidation has joined together let no educational difference put asunder — for 11 months.

The Statesville Board of Education and the Iredell County Board of Education became one Tuesday night early in the last of the series of "joint meetings" they have held over the past two years.

The seven county members and Statesville's six members were sworn into office as the interim Iredell/Statesville Board of Education. Their July 1 merger coincided with that of their school systems.

Alan Hix of the county board was elected to chair the new 13-member policy-making body that will guide the 13,000-student system through its first year of operation. Edie Holland of Statesville was chosen vice chair.

Other members of the new board: Jimmy White, Dorothy Reep, Richard Feimster, Chuck

Saunders, Steve Austin and Morris Roseman, formerly of the county board; James Ashburn, Rudolph Click, Kathy Gaines, James Howell and Forrest Combs, who were on the Statesville board.

Among early items on the new board's agenda during the meeting in the Iredell County Government Center in Statesville was the swearing-in or Dr. Jesse Register as the new system's superintendent. The board awarded him a four-year contract that calls for a salary of \$85,000 and such perks as an automobile for work-related use, life insurance, dues for clubs and professional organizations.

The interim board will serve until June 30, 1992, at which time everyone's term expires. On July 1, 1992, a seven-member board elected from as many districts will take office.

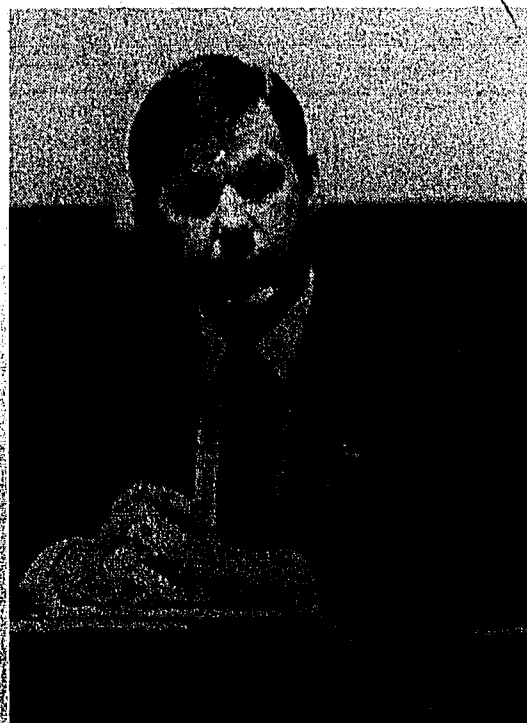
The districts, whose popula-

tions must be as equal as possible, have been determined, based on preliminary information from the 1990 census. They are subject to change slightly, but definitive districts will be identified this year.

School board candidates will file next year to represent a specific district. The school board will be elected during the May 1992 primary.

The districts will be numbered one through seven. Prior to the start of the filing period, a coin flip will determine whether odd-numbered or even-numbered districts will get four-year terms. Board members then will be elected for these terms.

Subsequently, voters within the school district will elect four members to four-year terms every two years. Under terms of the consolidation agreement, members are limited to two consecutive terms.



Chairman Hix takes the helm



Supt. Register takes the oath