

•McCANDLESS TOWN CRIER•

TOWN OF McCANDLESS

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Council Highlights—1980

JUNE 23—Adopted Ordinance establishing Parkfel Avenue and Ridgefell Avenue Water District.

JULY 28—Edith Liquori appointed Assistant Town Secretary. Approval of partial concept plan for FRA Associates proposed shopping center complex along Ingomar Road. Ingomar Street Light Assessment District discontinued.

AUGUST 25—Resolution No. 11 adopted increasing various Town of McCandless permit fees.

Adopted Ordinance No. 801 rezoning property of LeDonne Brothers on Babcock Blvd. from Townhouse and Garden Apartments to Highway Commercial.

Adopted Ordinance No. 802 establishing 25 MPH speed limit on Harmony Drive from Ingomar Road to Highland Road.

SEPTEMBER 22—Police Mutual Aid Agreement amended to include Borough of Millvale. Fourteen communities are now involved. Agreement with State of Pennsylvania for ice and snow removal from certain Town roads.

OCTOBER 27—Adopted Ordinance No. 804 requiring developers to install sidewalks on County and State roads to County and State specifications.

NOVEMBER 24—Council approved agreement for installation of Burglar Alarm System in Police Station by Master Guard of Pennsylvania. System will permit residents to tie-in with Police Desk.

Adopted Ordinance No. 806 accepting Brilikim Drive as a Town road.

DECEMBER 22—Council considered action on following items: Adopting 1981 Budget; appointments to various Boards and Commissions; and, establishing fire lanes in Royal Manor Apartment complex.



Review Year for Planning Commission

Charles Ehrmann, Chairman, is anticipating minimal land development in 1981 because of depressed conditions in new construction. The Planning Commission intends to continue its current study of all existing zoning and sub-division ordinances. A consultant may be retained by the Commission for advice on the impact of future developments including long-range planning and revised ordinances. On advice of the Town Attorney, the Commission must develop a Mobile Homes Ordinance for passage as required by state law.

Mr. Ehrmann reminds residents that they are welcome to attend Planning Commission meetings to comment on all ordinances in effect or planned. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, monthly.

Board or Commission for You?

Members of various Town Boards and Commissions are residents who serve voluntarily. Appointed by Council, their terms are generally four years. Following are briefly stated responsibilities of Boards and Commissions. Residents whose backgrounds or interests suggest membership are urged to send resumes to R. L. Von Hofen, Town Manager.

PLANNING COMMISSION—Reviews land-use proposals and makes recommendations to council.

ZONING HEARING BOARD—

Grants or rejects requests for variances from zoning laws. Their decisions are final.

TOWN OF McCANDLESS SANITARY AUTHORITY—Governing body for sanitary authority which constructs, operates and maintains sanitary sewer system in municipal service area.

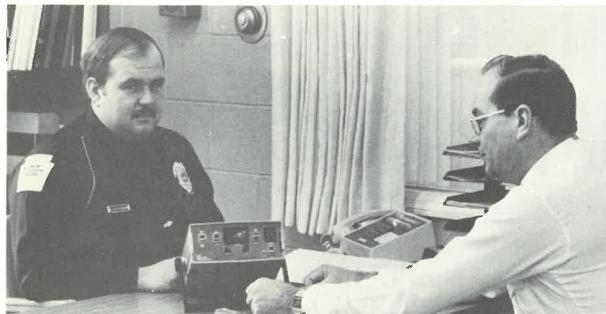
PERSONNEL BOARD—Screens police officer candidates, schedules civil service tests, interviews top scorers and makes recommendations to council. Also has power to conduct disciplinary hearings.

McCANDLESS-FRANKLIN PARK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY—Oversees operations of ambulance authority which provides emergency medical service to residents on subscription basis.

NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY—Administers recently completed construction program and oversees four-community library operation.

TOWN OF McCANDLESS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY—Fosters good community growth through financial support in obtaining low-cost loans when feasible. Does not meet on regular basis.

POLICE REPORT



Chief McCabe (right) reviewing ESP monitor with Officer William Stevenson.

The employment of ESP (Excessive Speed Preventer) has been highly effective, according to Police Chief McCabe. The device determines the speed of vehicles within a very short distance. It has been placed in problem areas, where vehicles exceeding posted speed limits present a potentially dangerous situation and places where acci-

dent rates indicate the need.

"A good neighbor is a watchful neighbor," says Chief McCabe. "Crime prevention can be dramatically increased by residents reporting suspicious situations promptly. Strangers seen repetitiously or lingering in the neighborhood should be reported. Cars driving in the same area an unusual amount of time should also be investigated. All calls to

the Police Desk are acted upon promptly and, all calls are kept confidential." Chief McCabe concludes, "Be a good neighbor for everyone's safety, including your own."

Organizations and civic groups are welcome to tour the Police Department and to have police personnel speak at their meetings. Requests must be made

at least one week in advance. Speakers are available for presentations on crime prevention, alcohol and drug abuse plus other topics of interest. Subject matter desired should be stated when requests are made.

Police personnel news includes the appointment of two new officers, Joseph Kline and Tom Neibel who replaced Jack Ley (resigned) and James Osborne (disabled). All officers are encouraged to continue education towards their college degrees. One more has just received his Bachelor Degree in Administration of Justice at Pitt. Seventy-two percent of McCandless officers now hold degrees. Fifty-two percent of the department have 2-year degrees (Associate) or more; twenty percent have 4-year degrees (Bachelor).

Open Burning Ban

Prompted by increasing complaints, the Allegheny County Health Department has issued a warning that burning trash and other materials outdoors is a violation of the County air pollution control law. The law bans burning that emits smoke directly into the open air and covers burning wood, paper, cardboard, leaves, rubbish and debris.

Last year, Department air pollution control officials filed 31 complaints in Magistrate's Court; most of them involving open burning. Violators paid \$18,100 in fines.

Under the County air codes, violators can be fined up to \$1,000 for each offense.

WORK FOR BUSY HANDS

Cumberland School for Exceptional Children is seeking various types of jobs for its program. Things such as: affixing labels, stuffing envelopes or folding formletters and circulars will be done at a minimal charge. Organizations, civic groups and companies are requested to contact the school concerning projects which can be performed by students.

New Refuse Collection Contract

A new contract with Vogel Disposal Service, effective January 1, 1981, increases rates for curb pick-up to \$5.00 a month. Rear-yard service costs an additional \$2.00 a month payable in advance for a full year (total \$24.00). Some information of interest to residents is:

1. Vogel trucks pick-up 6 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays.
2. A late-payment charge of \$1.00 is imposed on bills paid later than 30 days after due-date.
3. Maximum distance for rear-yard service is 150 feet. If the distance is longer, Vogel will negotiate an extra fee with resident.
4. Container size of 32 gallons or equivalent plastic bags are acceptable for pick-up.
5. Furniture or large items placed at curb need not be bundled or packaged.
6. Acceptable refuse includes: Rubbish, refuse, ashes, all items normally found in a household (furniture, appliance, newspapers and magazines tied in bundles, paint cans, grass, weeds, brush, leaves and trees). Trees and brush cannot exceed 6 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length and must be bundled or containerized.
7. Unacceptable refuse includes: Remodeling or construction materials such as concrete, paving materials, cement, sand, dirt or stones; concrete wash tubs, automobile parts except tires and batteries, flammable liquids, metal 55 gallon drums, metal grease drums and sod. (Residents can negotiate with collector for pick-up of excluded items.)

Vogel Disposal service can be contacted at 931-1078 or 625-1511 from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FIREPLACE CARE

Bill Nolan of the Planning and Zoning Department urges all residents to exercise care when using fireplaces. Included in his advice are: (1) Examine chimneys for obstructions such as bird and insect nests. (2) Do not burn garbage or treated wood as both create hazardous, highly flammable creosote deposits in chimneys. (3) Prior to installing glass screens on a pre-fabricated fireplace check manufacturer's specifications to determine if those screens can be installed safely. Installation of glass screens not meeting manufacturer's specifications can cause overheating because of incorrect ventilation.

Cable TV Expanded

Centre Video provides cable television service to the Town of McCandless. Services and rates are in accordance with their contract with the Town. As of September 1, 1979 the contract's provisions include:

1. Centre Video guarantees to carry a minimum of 12 channels (2-4-6-7-9-11-13-16-22-40-53-New York 2 and 9—Cleveland 43).
2. Provide free time to non-profit organizations for messages on time and weather channel.
3. Charge \$15.00 for installation with no limit on number of outlets. Monthly charge of \$6.25 plus \$1.25 for each additional outlet.
4. Charge \$5.00 per outlet for relocation or rearrangement after initial installation.
5. No charge for disconnecting if service is terminated.
6. Rates will be increased on June 1, 1981.

For additional information residents can call Centre Video at 931-0300 during business hours.

NORTH HILLS MAPS AVAILABLE

North Hills Chamber of Commerce has produced detailed maps of the Northern quadrant of Allegheny County. Checked for accuracy by all communities, the maps show streets, churches, schools and many points-of-interest. Maps are available at the Town Hall for \$2.00 each.

ROAD INFORMATION

Maintenance of many roads within the Town are the responsibility of PennDOT and Allegheny County. **State roads are:** Arcadia Drive (Route 19 to McKnight Road), Cumberland Road, Rochester Road, Sample Road, Sloop Road, Ferguson Road, Perrymont Road, Pine Creek Road, Reichold Road, Rinaman Road, Richard Road, Grubbs Road, Ingomar Road, McKnight Road, Peebles Road and Perry Highway. **County Roads include:** All roads in North Park, Kummer Road, Thompson Run Road, Highland Road, Babcock Blvd. (McKnight Road to Duncan Avenue) and Duncan Avenue (Ferguson Road to Town line). Any questions or complaints concerning these roads should be directed to PennDOT at 565-2586 or 364-2122; or Allegheny County at 355-5902 or 931-2517.

The Town of McCandless has been contracted by PennDOT for snow and ice control on approximately 11 miles of their roads, including: Cumberland, Perrymont, Arcadia, Richard, Reichold, Grubbs, Sloop, Pine Creek and Rinaman Roads.

Town of McCandless Public Works Department officials request the following from residents:

1. Report hazardous road conditions on town-maintained roads to the Town Hall.
2. Avoid on-street parking during winter months. Department of Public Works' 12 foot snow plows cannot pass two cars parked on opposite sides of streets when in close proximity.
3. When clearing drives or walks—manually, by snowblower or plow—do not push snow onto street. This creates icy, hazardous road conditions.
4. Report road signs that have been destroyed. But, remember, replacement of name (road) signs require 30 to 90 days to be ordered and delivered.
5. Remove snow from around fire-plugs so they are unobstructed and highly visible.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Town of McCandless covers an area of 16.4 square miles with over 96 miles of roads and streets. Officially becoming a "Town" in 1975, McCandless has approximately 8,000 households with an estimated population of 26,000.

Block parties are generally permitted on dead end or cul-de-sac streets. However, the Police and Fire Departments must be notified. Access to street and area cannot be obstructed. Legal/Official Notices and Advertising for Bids are placed in the North Hills

News Record when publication schedule permits; otherwise, they appear in the Pittsburgh Press and/or Post Gazette. Your real estate tax assessment is based upon 25% of market value. The millage for the Town of McCandless is 10 mills. Your 1% wage tax must be reported and paid quarterly. (one-half % goes to the Town and one-half % goes to the School District). By Ordinance, placement of handbills is prohibited on all property within McCandless.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

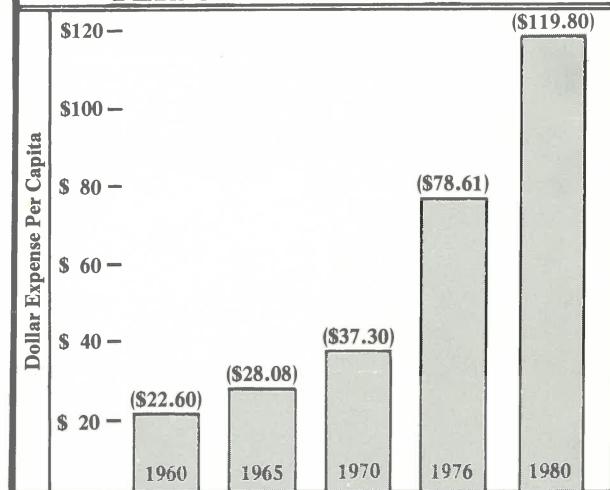
The Public Works Department will pick-up Christmas trees, January 5th through January 9th.

Residents must place trees at curb-side for pick-up.

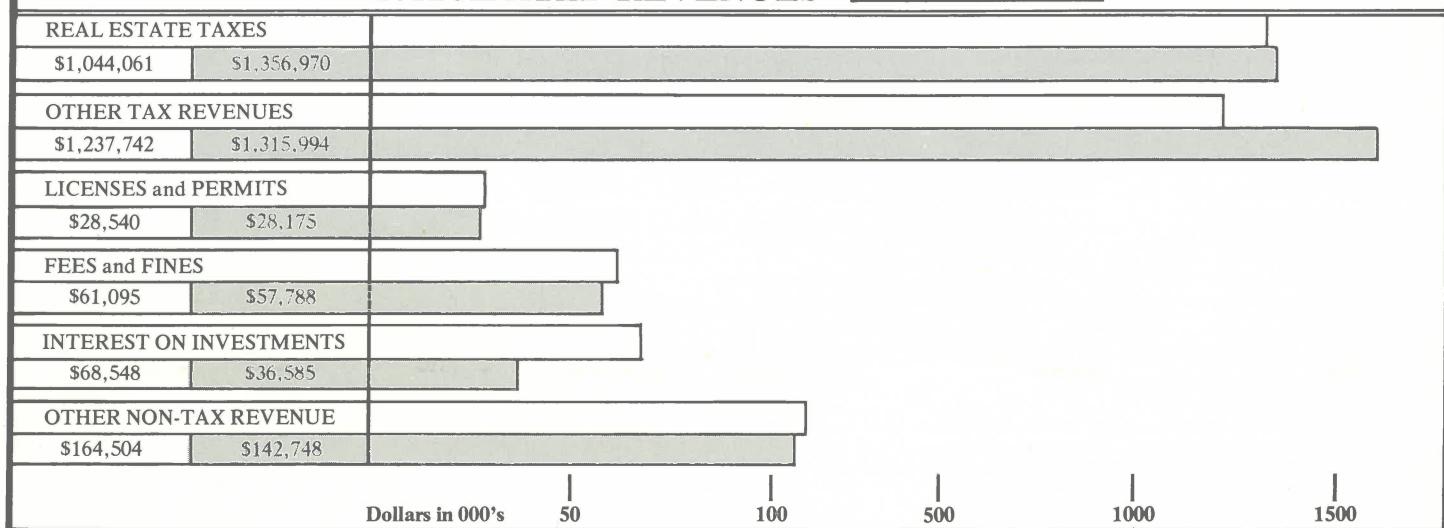
BUDGETED GOVERNMENT COST 1981

COSTS OF GOVERNMENT and SERVICES	DOLLARS	EQUIV. MILLS
Personnel (including benefits)	\$1,605,393	12.10
Library (maintenance & construction)	275,192	2.07
Fire Companies (including new sub-station)	195,154	1.46
Insurance (library, comprehensive & bonds)	100,291	.75
Snow and Ice Control	120,200	.90
Debt Retirement	7,135	.05
Road Construction (contract only)	530,396	4.00
Engineering	30,000	.22
Equipment Replacement	142,800	1.06
Balance for Operation & Maintenance	450,478	3.39
	\$3,457,039	26.00

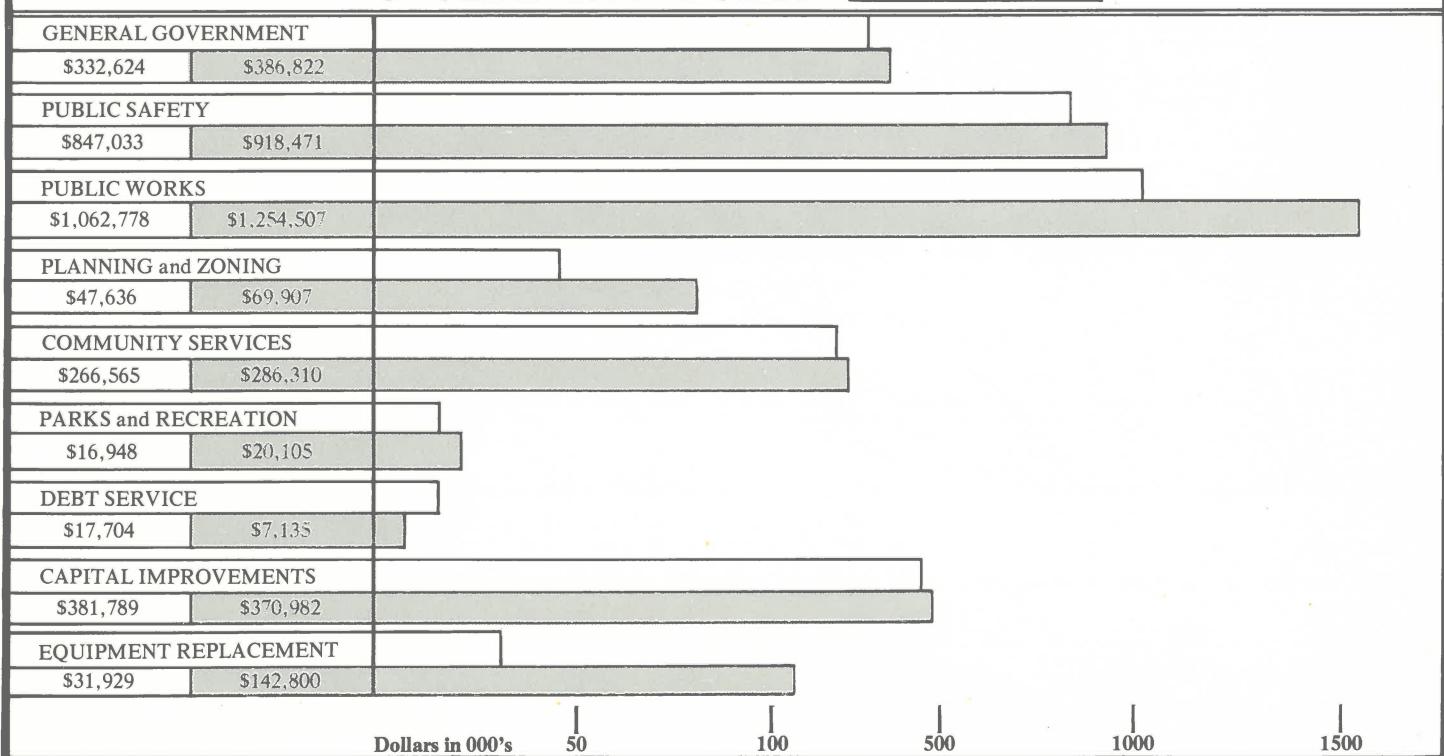
EXPENSE AGAINST PERIODIC CENSUS DATA



ANTICIPATED REVENUES



BUDGET EXPENDITURES



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OFFICE OF THE
TOWN MANAGER

Resident
Town of McCandless
Town Street
North Hills, PA.

Dear Resident,

Costs of providing essential services to you and your neighbors will increase 15% in 1981. This year's Town Budget reflects all current and anticipated increases.

In preparing our 1981 budget, every consideration of cost-cutting and operating efficiency was made. Planned expenditures of each department were critically scrutinized. Specific criteria of each established to determine the need and effect of each contemplated expenditure. And, finally, priorities were established to assure no essential service would suffer.

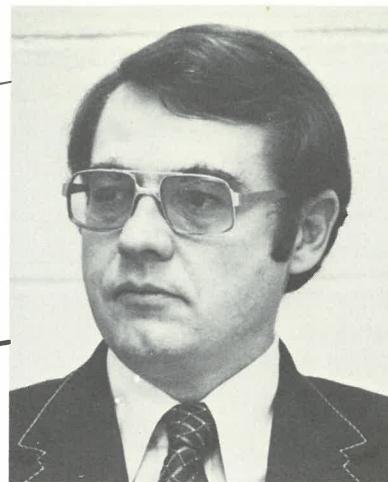
The 1981 Town of McCandless Budget, I believe, is adequate to meet all obligations and continuing facilities and services improvement programs. All departments are conscious of the need for cost-efficiency to operate within budgetary limitations. Tighter organization and improved procedural practices will receive extra attention.

Finally, a tax increase, to meet ever-upward, spiralling costs was totally unavoidable. Because of current economic trends, certain revenues have declined. Development (except for some "commercial") has declined approximately 2/3 of the 1979 pace. Contracts for supplies and specific projects have increased at a rate of 20% to 30%.

Escalating costs and reduced dollar buying power have created a burden on Town government. Additional services can only add to this burden; but, these programs in 1981 will benefit all residents in the long run. Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed and seriously considered in the operations of the Town of McCandless.

Wishing you a good year.

R. L. Von Hofen
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Town Manager



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS—1981

JANUARY

1st —Town Office Closed, Recognized Holiday
5th —Public Safety, Public Works, Services & Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
6th —Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
8th —McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
12th —Zoning & Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
22nd —Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
26th —Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2nd —Public Safety, Public Works, Services & Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
2nd —Earned Income Tax Evening Office Hours, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
3rd —Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
5th —McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
9th —Zoning & Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
16th —Town Office Closed, Recognized Holiday
23rd —Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
26th —Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH

2nd —Public Safety, Public Works, Services & Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
3rd —Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
5th —McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
9th —Zoning & Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
23rd —Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
26th —Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL

2nd —McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
6th —Public Safety, Public Works, Services & Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
7th —Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
13th —Zoning & Finance Committee Meetings, 7:30 p.m.
15th —Earned Income Tax Office Evening Hours, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
17th —Town Offices Closed, Recognized Holiday
23rd —Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
27th —Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
30th —Earned Income Tax Office Evening Hours, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

MAY

4th —Public Safety, Public Works, Services & Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
5th —Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
7th —McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
11th —Zoning & Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
18th —Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
25th —Town Office Closed, Recognized Holiday
28th —Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE

1st —Public Safety, Public Works, Services & Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
2nd —Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
4th —McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
8th —Zoning & Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
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