Nowka defends, amends letter

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But Nowka fears the township may be too optimistic about anticipated 1992 revenues.

"I believe very strongly revenues are overstated, from the state and possibly the building department," he said. We have to know what the revenues are going to be (from state sources).

"It's a hopeful budget and a little scary," he said. "If (expected) revenues don't come, we've got a real problem.

That real problem does not include township personnel layoffs. Nowka

"I absolutely hope not; (that) hasn't been considered," he said.

Nowka also worried about an "erosion" in the township's virtually nonexistent fund balance. The crumbling of the fund balance owes to the purchase of additional police department expenditures and the costly Haller Library plan, he said.

"We were pressed; it happened too quick." Nowka said of the Haller plan, which cost the township slightly

fees. "We weren't designed to handle this type of situation."

Nowka still bemoans the loss of the 72 acres of Haller property, and said the land could have benefited the township. But the township must face the failure - and loss of \$100,000 — that resulted when voters rejected the \$7 million library plan, he said.

"Looking back . . . because this did not occur, obviously it was a waste, was unproductive, he said.

Nowka said he was surprised by furor surrounding the selection of Betty Lennox as Township supervisor. The township asked for resumes. "held interviews and made a selection," he said.

Nowka, who voted for Lennox, led the push to select the supervisor on the night interviews were held, even though the township board's publicly stated process reserved the selection for the following Thursday.

Asked if he knew prior to the interviews that the selection would be made on Monday. Nowka said: "I knew I wasn't going to be there

more than \$100,000 in architectural Thursday. I went in hoping to have the (second) meeting Friday or Saturday. I said Friday night or Saturday I would be back. In fact, I'm certain of that. That didn't seem to be agreeable to the board."

> Based on transcripts of the meeting. Nowka said it would be "fine" with him if a second meeting were held the following weekend. But the board began discusing another issue, and Nowka later prodded fellow board members to decide that evening.

Nowka said he felt there was a lot of "sourness" vented by some of the unsuccessful supervisor candidates. Some criticism aimed at the board was "pretty wild," he said, adding that he "accepted" that the appointment schedule was changed without notifying the public.

"Overall, that was unfortunate." he said.

Nowka also said stark public turnout for the interviews hinted that residents were not very concerned about the process or candidates. Asked if a Thursday session — as scheduled by the board — could have prompted more public input, Nowka said:

"That's an interesting point (but) certainly wasn't reflected on the interview night.

The whole dilemma was it did not occur as scheduled," he said. "I have no questions about good decisions being made. (but) maybe it didn't go in sync as far as the (stated) timetable."

The suggestion that the township board practices political favoritism and constructs "done deals" causes Nowka to gnash his teeth, he said.

"I don't like them; strict politicians, they don't make me feel that good," he said. "When there's dealmaking, there's some agenda other than serving the public.

These old boy networks really turn me off," he added.

Nowka said he has not decided if he will run for re-election in 1992. But he said he hopes new blood will course through the township's veins in near future.

"I'd like nothing better than to see some dynamic personalities, some idea people (on the board)," he said. "That's leadership; I think there's a need for change."

Obituaries

LILLIAN DUERSON Lillian Duerson died at age 93 in

New Bern, N.C., at Twin Rivers Nursing Center.

She was born in Duluth, Minn., to Adolf Roy and Caroline Voss Roy. She grew up in Big Rapids and moved to Northville in 1937.

She was a member of the Northville Woman's Club. Northville Review Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, King's Daughters, Northville Mother's Club. and First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her daughter. Gay, and son-in-law, George Bulterman, and three grandsons. There will be a graveside service at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville at 11 a m. this Friday, Nov. 8.

RALPH JOHNSON

Ralph R. "Rip" Johnson of Northville died Oct. 30 at home. He was 33. Funeral Home

Mr. Johnson was born Sept. 13, 1958, in Jackson to Neil D. and Jean Carpenter Johnson He lived most of his life in the area, working at Northville Downs. He was a member of the Hillside Hustler softball team in Northville, and a member of a group involved with harness racing.

He is survived by parents, of Fountain; his children, Ryan Tyler, Bobbie Lee, and Connie Marie of Lansing: and his sisters and brothers. Michele Weaver of Whitmore Lake, Claudia Miller of Jackson, Beatrice Whitney of Jackson, and Neil D. Johnson Jr. of Northville

The funeral was held Nov. 2 at the Casterline Funeral Home, with a friend of Mr Johnson officiating Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery. The family would appreciate donations to a trust fund for his children. Arrangements were by the Casterline

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(11-06-91 NR, NN)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the request of David Walker of Motorola, representing the County of Oakland, to erect a Communications Tower on the Walled Lake-Novi Wastewater Treatment Plant property located in the NW ½ of Section 9 off West Road in the City of Novi The proposed project will serve the Oakland County Emergency Response System This Public Hearing is being held pursuant to Section 2901 of the Zoning Ord-

nance with regard to Essential Services
This Hearing will be held at 8:00 PM, EDT, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1991, in the Council Chambers at the Novi Critic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi-chigan. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile

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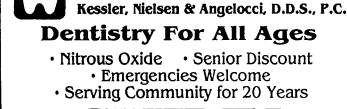
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