Board Pardons, Then Gives Teeples Ultimatum

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In the case of Teeples, the
motion read, "in order to
avoid disciplinary action by
remaining a candidate for supervisor, he must within 24
hours of the passage of the
motion do one of thefollowing:

1. Apply for a leave of asence until after the Nov. 3

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general election, or 2. resign his position as police officer with the police department.

In case Teeples does not apply for a leave of absence of does not resign and remains is candidate for election. Opper-thauser added, he will be ap-propriately disciplined by the police chief.

police chief. :

THE DISCIPLINE, the motion explained, would "in no event be less than a suspension without pay-for a period of 30

without payfor a period of 3 days."

Before making the motion, Opperthauser said the board had studied the matter for some time and was prepared to act at the last incetting two weeks ago.

Action was tabled at that time because Opperthauser had been selected to make the motion and was absent two weeks ago when he was home recovering from an operation.

weeks ago when he was home recovering from an operation. Opperthauser Monday night said he prepared the motion and made copies available in advance to all board members except Nolan who apparently had previously removed him-

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self from discussion on the matter.

Because of the lawsuit in effective curry. Opperthauser explained, the board was prevented from acting on the action received to the control of the regulation. The collect chief must take any action necessary in the future, Opperthauser stressed, because the township board might have to sit as a review board if any discipline is taken.

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OPPERTHAUSER SAID he felt the police manual "did leave something to be desired" in explaining just what political activity was. "I don't expect our police officers to be knowledgeable of all the Supreme Coart rulings on the Hatch Act."

Now that the manual has been upheld in court, and a legal opinion given by Brenanan, Opperthauser said: "We should keep polities out of the police department and the police officers out of politics."

Some of the problems re-garding the manual would not have occurred, he added, if Teeples had either applied for a leave of absence or resigned

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said, "I think Detective Teeples should forthwith apply for a leave of absence or resign from the department.

"He will be enforcing this same manual when he takes office next month that today be stands in violation of, Liethman added.

TRUSTEE MRS. MAR. GARET SCHAEFFER said she felt police occupy a very special position and because of their power of arrest are set apart from other municipal employes and township residents.

"I'm concerned with our manual in that it just probible problem activity." Mrs. Schaeffer continued, "It's too broad. Voting is a political activity of the continued problem of the problem of the continued of the continued of the sign a petition, but circulating one is another matter. I also think our manual should provide for a leave of absence."

AFTER THE motion passed, the board gave Bernard Kahn permission to speak. Kahn is

ager for Teeples.

"I feel this action of foreing Detective Teeples resignation is ill-timed because we are beset with many problems in our police department." said Sakahn noted that on Monday three command officers were absent from work, including the command officers were absent from work, including Chief Yakes, Lt. William Kelly and Lt. Russel Conway.

Teeples has cases pending in court and cases under investigation and should be allowed to calle the said of the control of the court of the c

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Opperthauser agreed officers should not be restricted from signing a petition but that circulating petitions, passing out literature, or having bumper tickers on cars werimproper.

"Under our manual, it would appear that the mere signing of a petition is probibled," said Mrs. Schaefter, "but don't think it should be.
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Should we reprimand just those we feel did an improper action or for all those who violated what the manual says?" she asked.

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manual spromotionor pointeal activity.

"If Teeples occuples the chair as supervisor," commented Opperthauser, "I want to look him in the eye and feel I acted properly on this particular occasion tonight.

"And I'm sure Teeples, when he become accession.

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attorney and campaign man-ager for Teeples.
"I feel this action of forcing Detective Teeples resignation fellow officers in the eye and feel he acted properly also," Opperthauser added. Opperthauser told Kahn his

argument was in poor taste and ill-timed.

THE COURT decision did not say a police officer could not run for public office. Kahn said, but only that the police manual was valid.

Licitmman countered that the , passive nature of the campaign may have been a strategy and was a criteria , which could not be applied to the question of whether to the manual was violated. Some candidates campaign actively and others choose not to campaign at all and just wait for the votes, he added.

DURING THE meeting. Kahn promised that Teeples plans to resign before he takes the post as supervisor on Nov. 20. Beyond that, Kahn did not

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20. Beyond that, Kahn did not comment.

Teeples spuke up and said he recomment of the supervisor of the sup

OPPERTHAUSER NOTED there was not any serious disa-greement among trustees be-cause the motion passed unani-

mously. He added there are often split decisions on important cases decided by the U. S.

iant cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bit, in a democracy, the majority rolles whether it be in an election, action-by an admissrative board, or a court devision. "Opperthauser added.

"You are well aware my motion was to have the police chief take within Ideolphie is necessary. Opperthauser continued, it won't happen during the next

manual was valated.

"We are not stopping him from running for political office but are attempting to stop him from being a police officer white doing so," stressed Opterthauser.

State of campaign has been a passive one and not an active one. 'Kahn repeated, 'He has not been out a stumping or promoting his candidacy.' Kahn related that Brenan had never examined the police manual before it was adopted by the township board. Lieltman countered that the palge may have been a strategy" and was a criteria which could not be applied to the question of whether the manual was volated.

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LICHTMAN THEN 're. ferred to applicable Teoples had received from the speciators present and the saveragiven comments made by tracities. "I don't take this personally. People like to see us take it on the chin. But a police officer, has one duty in this community and an elected offiger has another—that's the whole point. "We are doing what we think is right for the community and an elected offiger has another—that's the whole point. "We are doing what we think is right for the community and which the property and which will be the same had before we make heroes out of people and before we make speches that sound good."

After the vote was take. Noian admitted he had made an error in allowing Heelt to circulate a petition nominating him for treasure." "Officer Hoelt has been a personal frend of mine long that the long personal frend the long personal frend p

NOLAN SAID he never considered the fact that Hoeft was a police officer when he handed him a petition.

"It was an error on my part and his," Nolan said, "II I had thought about it the petition never would have been en-tered into the record. The peti-tion was, not needed to acquire my nomination."

Nolan also responded to charges that he plans to be a part-time treasurer if elected.







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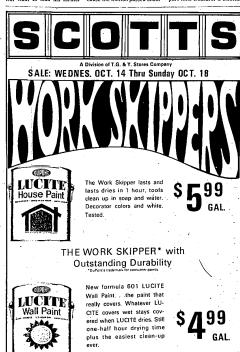
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