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tion also protested the vacating of the road.

He said that both companies own property along the road and that the properties would be affected by the ordinance. "The access to the property would no longer be assured...and the land value would drop," he said. Beh said that this would adversely affect the future use of the property because development could be restricted.

He also pointed out that statutory requirements say that a road which runs between two municipalities can only be vacated if both municipalities take similar action on the road.

Italian Road runs from Lehman Township into Dallas Borough and Beh noted, "Thus far Dallas Borough has made no move to do anything with the road."

Van Jura later agreed with this and told the supervisors that the board should check with Dallas Borough to see if anything is likely to occur. "If the borough has no intention of doing anything then that may affect your decision," he said.

Others testified on the proposed ordinance saying that vacating the road would leave some residents landlocked because no owner could be named for it. The residents also questioned who would be charged with maintaining the road.

Van Jura noted that the supervisors had discussed the possibility of giving a quit claim deed to a resident for ownership of the road. The solicitor said the board was

assured in an offer that the roads would be taken care of.

However, residents argued that if the township could not name an owner there would be no guarantee that they could use the road.

Supervisor David Sutton said that he did not think anyone's access to the road would be affected by the ordinance. "I understood that we are giving up the township's rights to the road and no one else's," he said.

When asked what prompted the decision to vacate the road, Van Jura said that a number of issues were considered. "In effect it is a dead end road because a bridge that leads to Dallas has been out since 1972," he said. "For all practical purposes it's a private road and its condition is one that the township has to look at capital improvements instead of just plowing the snow."

Fred Valentine, the only person who lives along on the road, told the board that he would accept any decision it made but said that there had to be some understandings. "I have been maintaining the road the last few years," he said. "If the road is not vacated then the township should take care of it. If it is vacated I want right to access and the right to take care of it as I see fit."

The supervisors then said they still felt that something should be done with the road but that they did not want to end residents rights to use it.

"It is not the intention of the

board to landlock anyone and until we can get a determination of the law on who will have rights to the road I think we only have one of two decisions; to either vote against the ordinance or to continue this hearing at another time," commented supervisor Joe Stager.

Stager said that more information is needed but felt, for now, the ordinance should be denied. "I think we have spent enough money on research and advertising I don't see continuing this hearing."

With that the board voted unanimously against the ordinance and thanked the residents for turning out at the hearing.

In other business at the meeting, the supervisors reorganized for 1991. During the meeting the board,

- Renamed Ide as chairman of the board and Alvin Cragle as secretary & Treasurer.

- Retained Van Jura as solicitor for the supervisors while attorney John Haley was retained as solicitor for the zoning hearing board and planning commission.

- Reappointed Barbara Simms as zoning officer and William Bockus appointed assistant in zoning matters.

- Renamed William Goodwin chief of police and Bockus and William Purcell appointed as full-time police officers.

- Appointed Fred Valentine to the zoning hearing board, filling the term of Susan Baber. William Samuel was reappointed to the planning commission.

Township denies responsibility for runoff

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Tempers flared Monday night as two area families again asked the Lehman Township board of supervisors for help with a water runoff problem, and supervisors denied it was the township's responsibility.

The Dwayne Poepperling family and the Phil Stark families of Town and Country Manor have approached the board about a ditch along the Poepperling property which is causing rainwater to run onto the Stark's property.

The families say that the township should take action against the builder of the Poepperling's home, Thomas Zimmerman, because he put the ditch on township property.

The supervisors have not taken any formal action against Zimmerman except to send him a letter saying the ditch must be filled in and also a driveway

permit must be obtained for the Poepperling's driveway. The supervisors say that any legal action against Zimmerman must come from the families.

At Monday night's meeting of the supervisors Phil Stark asked the township if any township ordinance existed from before the house was built that Zimmerman was violating.

Township solicitor Joseph Van Jura said that the township just revised its zoning ordinances "...and they replaced the older codes," said Van Jura.

Stark argued that there had to be an ordinance dealing with this issue but Van Jura said that is not what Stark originally asked. "I answered your question," said Van Jura.

"I don't want to hear your answers, they are b—," said Stark as he left the room.

Van Jura then called after Stark. "If you would do something instead of coming here and

trying to get others to handle your problems then maybe you'd get somewhere," he argued.

Mrs. Stark and the Poepperlings said they felt that since it was township water running on the property then it should be the township's problem.

"It is not our water it is God's water," said Van Jura.

Supervisor David Sutton told the families that the board is not going to take action at this time.

"The problem that currently exists came from the house being built," he said. "The township did not create the problem and is not responsible for the problem and is not going to do anything," he added.

When asked if anything could be done to Zimmerman about the driveway permit, Sutton said, "Our ordinance does not call for a fine in this situation. If we were to do anything we would close the driveway and that would only hurt you," he said.

Mundy

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tative Mundy feels that she is going to do well in the job. "I have always been very dedicated to whatever I've done and I know I will be just as dedicated as a representative," she said.

Mundy is already caught up in the paper work that faces all legislators. She is reading proposed bills that will face the house in the early part of the session while continuing to meet people in the state capitol and learn the ways of the House.

"Right now I am getting accustomed to the ways of the Capitol and am wading through all the paper work that faces me," she remarked. "Even though it's been hectic I love it, and I can't believe they are paying me to do something that I love this much."

She said that she is accustomed to hard work and believes that this will help her when things hit full stride at the Capitol.

"Working hard has always been a big part of my life, and I am going to continue working for the people." Still believes in the "3-E's"

Even though she is reading up on bills proposed by other members, Mundy hasn't forgotten the concerns that help her win the election. During the campaign she stressed her "Three E's," which were: the environment, education and ethics.

Now that she has hit Harrisburg Mundy said that she is working on these issues. "I am finding that there is wide concern from other representatives on these issues, especially the environment," said Mundy.

"I am going to keep working towards my goal and one way to do this is to try to be assigned to the committees that deal with some of these issues."

Committee meetings begin soon and Mundy is hopeful that she will be assigned to one that deals with her priorities. She admitted that as a freshman legislator it may be tough to get assigned to the committee she wants, but she is lobbying in an effort to get her way.

"There is a lot of restructuring going on and I have received a lot of support in Harrisburg from other representatives who have been a great help in getting me going."

Help from other legislators

Mundy said she is surprised at how well she's been received in Harrisburg. "A lot of people have been very cooperative in helping me get going."

Mundy praised the efforts of representatives Thomas Tighe and Kevin Blaum in giving her support.

"Cooperative isn't the word for what they've done for me. They have helped me avoid some of the pitfalls that freshman legislators often fall into without knowing it. They have also introduced me to people in Harrisburg and have helped me right along."

Mundy said that other area lawmakers have also helped with her getting adjusted in the capitol. "Senators (Raphael) Musto and (George) Hasay and Stanley Jaronin all have helped out. I hate to use a cliché but everyone really has welcomed me with open arms."

The cooperation from others hasn't been limited to Harrisburg, according to Mundy. "They have even helped with getting my district office opened," she said. "When the new legislators went to Harrisburg for orientation we were given tips on how to hire staff and get equipment. Thanks to support from other lawmakers, I already had that stuff done."

Besides lawmakers, the Demo-

cratic Committee in the State Capitol has given Mundy its support. "They have really backed me from the start and I've been told that I can go to them whenever I need to have questions answered," she said.

This support has given Mundy more incentive as a legislator. "I know I will succeed because all the people who are supporting me won't allow me to fail," she said.

Success is important

Mundy said that being the first Democrat to hold the 120th House seat does not add much stress to the job. She admitted however, that being the first woman from Luzerne County to be a Representative does make for additional pressure.

"It is pressure I put on myself," she said. "It is a tremendous responsibility and I want to do well and be a good role model."

"A lot of people are going to be watching what I do and I want to measure up to their expectations," she added.

Mundy believes that the high expectations and constituent requests are a part of the job and welcomes both. As the session soon begins Mundy will be splitting her time between Harrisburg and the 120th District.

She can be reached at either her Kingston office or Harrisburg office. The address and phone number for each is located in the Legislators Directory on page 2.

Recycling to begin in September

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Three Back Mountain communities are banding together to institute a comprehensive recycling program in the area.

"Recycling will be mandatory in Dallas Township and Kingston Township in September, and Dallas Borough has agreed to cooperate and start recycling at that time," said Tom Bagley, plant manager for Dallas Area Municipal Authority.

"We have narrowed the program down to one of two choices; to carry out the recycling pickup ourselves or subcontract it to one of the private haulers. Recycling won't pay for itself, so we have to develop a system and have asked the municipalities to make DAMA responsible for all solid waste in the three communities. Then we could come up with a standard price," Bagley explained.

Bagley said the Back Mountain was now big enough for one hauler to bid for both trash collection and recycling. Bagley estimated such a system would cost residents about \$150 per year. If recycling only was done by the company the cost would be an additional \$30 over and above their trash collection.

"Recycling will be mandatory and the people may as well face it,"

Bagley said.

He went on to explain that for every load of aluminum there will be about five loads of plastic and with those items and newspapers make up about 40 percent of total recyclables.

"We will pick the items coming at curbside," Bagley continued. "We must also monitor the recycling and at the end of the year report what everyone is doing. We will probably subcontract and ask for bids with the lowest bidder getting the contract. The income and expense of recycling will be kept separate from the sewer income and expense," Bagley said.

Lake Twp. recycling Saturday

The Lake Township Recycling Committee has measured a steady increase in participation of local citizens since the effort was inaugurated three months ago. The last recycling day, December 8, saw 48 people bringing materials to the Township Building on Route 29.

The next recycling day is Saturday, January 12 from 10 to noon. It is important that recyclers are aware of some details that make the operation easier for those volunteers who assist at the center. It

The three municipalities are to be commended, according to Bagley, for taking a regional approach. He said they had the foresight to recognize the Back Mountain is changing.

"We have our work cut out for us to have everything ready by September, but we should be ready by the middle of the year sometime with a firm plan. Representatives Joseph Youngblood, Kingston Township; Robert Parker, Dallas Township; and Robert Dickinson, Dallas Borough, are members of the committee working with me. They have been a big help," Bagley said.

is not necessary to crush aluminum cans, but other aluminum products (pie plates, foil, etc.) should be separated by color. It is not necessary to remove labels, but tops and plastic rings should be removed from jars. Window glass, light bulbs, ceramic, pyrex and water glasses cannot be accepted. It saves storage space if bimetal cans are crushed. Only plastic containers marked 1 (PETE) and 2 (HYPE) can be accepted and caps and plastic or metal rings must be removed.

Religious services

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