

Contamination

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to residents is minimal. "Some people are interested in buying property below the spill now," he said. Brogna concluded the session by reiterating "We do not

have an on-going source that continues to contaminate. The levels (water testing results) continue to go down."

Sun removes more soil

JACKSON TWP. - Supervisor John Wilkes, Jr. reported that he had anonymously received copies of two letters relating to contamination of water at American Asphalt. The first was a draft of a form letter dated 1992 from a Mr. Ryan, hydrogeologist at the Bureau of Water Supply and Community Health, Plains, PA. It is a notice of violation addressed to Ted Mueller of American Asphalt stating that the TCA level of their drinking water exceeded the maximum level allowed. The second letter, on American Asphalt letterhead dated March, 1994 warns employees not to drink tap water from well number 1 until further notice.

Wilkes asked Jody Brogna of the Department of Environmental Protection if DEP was aware of contamination with TCA in 1992. Brogna said that he was not aware of the case, but added that the letter apparently referred to a well on American Asphalt property. "We monitored that well for quite some time and we declassified it as a public water supply," said Bernard Banks, Jr. of American Asphalt. Speaking to Brogna and Banks, Wilkes said, "Both you gentlemen have been a disappointment to me. Since 1992 to 1994 there has been a drinking water problem which the people of Jackson Township have been enduring."

Ed Chesnovitch asked if this was the same TCA found in wells in January. "Does the public have the right to know if you found a contaminant?" he asked. Brogna answered, "Definitely." But in further discussion, he explained that not every problem found on one property results in notification of surrounding neighbors. He said the law does not require automatic notification for many problems.

Solicitor Blythe Evans gave an update on his work with Chris Zwiebel, the township's independent environmental consultant. Zwiebel proposed that the township evaluate the condition of the underlying aquifer(s) to determine water quality as a present and future source. Evans said that Mr. Jarvella of the Environmental Protection Agency in the Region 3 office in Philadelphia is encouraging him to apply for assistance from the U.S. Superfund Grant which applies to environmental accidents. However, Zwiebel has said the township first needs to prove that the aquifer is contaminated and then needs to identify the source of the pollution before applying for these funds. Evans is trying to arrange an on-site meeting with representatives of Sun Oil and American Asphalt within the month.

by Elaine Slabinski

Middle school

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architect for Foreman Burkavage. Degillio has been gathering information at the school for the past two weeks.

Jim Kerns, structural engineer at Foreman Burkavage, spoke to the board about snow drifts and whether or not the current roof of the middle school has the capacity to support them. The roof in its current condition is stable, but its structural steel may deform or bend if heavy snow drifts cause it to reach its elastic limit, the threshold for steel stress.

Kerns proposed three possible solutions. The first involved welding and reinforcing the current roofs, which would be the most labor-intensive and expensive. The second possibility was to raise the height of the new roofs to match the old roofs, which would be somewhat less expensive. The third was to eliminate the snow drifts either by using polyethylene pipes or light-gauge sheet metal and aluminum studs to form a truss. This is the least expensive method, but the polyethylene pipes may be less aesthetically appealing than the other choices. Kerns said that all of these options will permanently solve the snow drift problem.

The board has selected Walter Tack of the Reynolds Construction Company as construction manager for the middle school renovations. He discussed what the proposed \$18.1 million renovations would entail. Plans include a new roof, windows, ceilings, floors, and electrical system. The gym floor would also be refinished and new lockers would be added there.

Because the larger of two pool options is included, construction of at least four tennis courts at a cost of \$25,000-30,000 apiece will



Dallas football players entered the field Saturday in front of the partially completed fieldhouse and concession stand.

be added as well as the cost of relocating an access road.

The meeting ended with action on two resolutions, one to rescind an earlier resolution regarding the issuing of bonds, which passed 6-3, with Karen Kyle, Maureen Banks and John Litz opposed. Anthony Barbose then proposed a resolution to issue \$10 million in "wraparound" bond funding, but the motion did not receive a second. Raymond Lowery of PNC Bank will attend the Sept. 18 meeting to present financing options to the board. Dr. Gil Griffiths, superinten-

dent of schools, said he anticipates tax rates will need to increase by 15 mills over the next

two years to cover the cost of the project, depending on the final financing arrangement.

Susanna children and family meeting Sept. 17

The Susanna Children and Family of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will meet at the Twin Stacks Restaurant in Dallas on September 17, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss their program plans for the year ahead. The group of women working together on service projects, which benefit the church, children and families of the church and community. Persons interested in joining the group should contact Sue Tracy at 477-1169.

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