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meeting and plans to pass new smoking, junkyard license, wireless commercial communications site and S.E.O. ordinances in April.

"We're passing five ordinances this and next month, because things just haven't been done," said Jeffrey Malak, township solicitor. "I mean we didn't have an accident reporting policy. I think most employers have an accident reporting policy."

Malak added, "I think that's important. The new ordinances that are being passed are doing great."

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It is hoped the new junkyard license ordinance will help in the cleanup of the junkyard owned by Raymond Malak, off Chase Road. Wilkes and Solicitor Malak agreed that many of the junk cars are on the road right of way and blocking line of sight to the stop signs, creating safety hazards. The junkyard is presently the site of an ongoing arson investigation according to Police Chief Leedock. Eight cars were reportedly doused in gasoline or another accelerant and set on fire February 26.

"You can have all the laws on the books but if they are not enforced, it doesn't mean a hoot," said Malak. "But if these are going to be enforced — and they are going to be — I hope some of the problems associated with that junkyard are cleaned up."

Plans for future ordinance updates include a revision of the township's present solicitation ordinance, last updated in the 1970s, which may be in violation of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

"This is a hot topic in municipal law because it's a violation of



Samantha Davis, age 8, and her brother, Hunter, age 5, beam with pride as Jackson Township Supervisor Jay Wilkes swears in their dad, newly promoted Sergeant of Police Scott Davis.

certain people's free speech," said Malak. "I know certain religious groups have found that registering and getting a permit just to go door-to-door to talk and to speak freely about their faith is actually an infringement on their constitutional rights."

Malak recommended the board adopt a "content neutral" ordinance to come into compliance with the new case law.

In an update to the tire waste problem, a letter was received February 20 from William F. McDonnell, Regional Director of the Northeast Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). At the persistent urging of the board of supervisors and the township solicitor, DEP recounted two tire piles previously estimated to

contain a total of about 10,000 tires. McDonnell's letter stated their new count estimated one of the piles is to be between 5,000 and 6,000 tires and the other at being between 12,000 and 15,000 tires.

"That's quite a lot of tires," said Malak. "There is a Solid Waste Management Act that for some reason they (the DEP) are choosing not to enforce. It looks like they're passing the buck."

Malak went on to say, "I think the board is going to authorize me to draft another letter back to him and at that point, if we can't get something done, we might have to pursue legal action not only against the people who have the tires but also against DEP for not doing what they are supposed to do."

In other business, Wilkes, as the township's road master, will be attending a training seminar of the Wyoming County and Luzerne County Conservation Districts on March 14 in Tunkhannock.

There has been a delay in road paving projects. Bids for road materials will be opened on March 27 at 10 a.m. in the township secretary's office and will be awarded at the April 1 meeting.

Resident Fred Murray reported that Representative Phyllis Mundy is willing to help the township get a traffic light installed at Chase Corners. PennDOT is asking \$100,000 for the light. Wilkes said the board would contact Mundy.

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how much money we spent because they let it go on and on and on." He added, "I'm ready to make a decision."

"I am concerned about timing on this," Angelo DeCesaris, another board member, said. "I just saw the girl's field hockey schedule. August 30 is the first game." The first football game is the next day. DeCesaris expressed concern that many of the high school students were at the middle level building when it was being remodeled and are now at the high school experiencing the same situation. "I'd like their final year here to be somewhat enjoyable. It's necessary for us to get moving," he added.

There are now no locker rooms in the gym, making the fieldhouse completion even more urgent. "We have a high school that's going up," said Board President Charles Boytin. "We're going to have a part of a new building that's going to be ready to be moved into and we're not going to have locker rooms and that's why there's a need for a fieldhouse."

The size of the fieldhouse was increased to 6,000 square feet, while many board members thought it was half that size. "That's the first I heard of that, so that does change my idea of how I vote on this thing because that changes the cost of it quite a bit, from 3,000 to 6,000

"I think I'd like to see the whole board at least share what the concept is before you advertise for bid."

Charles Balavage
School board member

square feet," Balavage said.

"I think the only way we are going to get a clear picture is to develop the drawings and specs and find out how much it's going to cost," added Boytin. "If it's more than we can afford, then don't do it."

In other business:

The board hired six extra-curricular baseball and softball coaches and appointed six volunteer softball, baseball and volley ball coaches.

Brian Suder of Harvey's Lake was appointed as a private car/van driver for the district.

A committee-of-the-whole meeting was held immediately following the special meeting. The next regular meeting will be March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Lake-Lehman High School auditorium. The meetings have been moved to the high school as attendance has increased significantly.

College savings plan program at DES

The Dallas Elementary School PTO is sponsoring an informative presentation on the 529 College Savings Plan, a tax advantaged program to help families save for a child's college education. The free half-hour program will be presented by representatives from Salomon Smith Barney, Merrill Lynch, and Morgan Stanley, who will share information and answer questions.

The program will take place Tuesday, March 12 in the Dallas Elementary School library, starting at 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus to hold Spaghetti Supper

The Dallas Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold their Annual All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Supper from 5-7:30 p.m. on March 21 at the Gate of Heaven Gym, Dallas. The price of the supper is adults \$6 and \$3 for children under 12.

Take outs will be available. Bring your own containers for take outs.

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