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even order parts for some of our equipment without being online," Fox remarked.

The board passed a long list of ordinances at the Monday night meeting that township Solicitor Jeffrey Malak has been busy drafting. Ordinances #3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of 2002 were passed by the board. Among the ordinances passed were: a wireless commercial communication zoning ordinance, a Sewer Enforcement Officer ordinance establishing authority to update fees and issue permits, a non-smoking ordinance prohibiting smoking in township buildings and vehicles, a Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System ordinance enabling the police department to join the retirement system and a junkyard and junk dealer ordinance giving the supervisors regulatory authority over the licensing and maintenance of junkyards.

In addition, the board passed Resolution #4 of 2002, clarifying the job descriptions of grant and recycling coordinators. Both positions were created Dec. 2001 and are held by Fox. Fox receives \$11.54 per hour with a maximum of \$12,000 yearly, a fee set by township auditors, for the part-time work. Supervisor Andrew Kasko cast the lone dissenting vote against Resolution

Next month, the solicitor will be drafting and updating job descriptions for all township positions and reviewing the ordinance for occupancy permits.

Robert Hughes and Heath

Hines of the Luzerne County Conservation District presented the township with a free computer to be used in maintaining records for conservation and environmental projects, including the new comprehensive plan. The Conservation District was able to procure 37 recycled computers from the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 3 office of Philadelphia and has donated all but six of the machines to various community and municipal programs.

Fox thanked Hughes and Hines for also writing letters to help obtain a software grant through the Department of Environmental Protection. The grant allows for at least one person from the township to obtain training in the use of the software at Penn State. The supervisors anticipate sending the zon-

ing officer, Andrew Sholtis, and a member of the Planning Commission in light of the new comprehensive plan under develop-

"Jackson Township vs. American Asphalt. The Never-Ending Saga," quipped Jeffrey Malak, in his solicitor's report, of the decades-long zoning dispute first filed in 1979. Judge Mark Ciavarella, calling the length of time the case remained inactive a "travesty of justice," has referred the case to a master, Dick Hughes, who will hold hearings and make a decision on the matter in June or July. Any of the parties named in the suit, American Asphalt, Rolling Meadows or Jackson Township, can then file a brief in support of or opposition to the master's decision. The case then goes back before the judge at which point it will

probably go to appellate court in Harrisburg, said Malak.

"The point is to get it there as quickly as possible," he added. Malak said he hopes the zoning matter will be concluded before the end of 2002.

In other business; • Don Gavigan was hired as a

part-time police officer. • On March 27, the bids were opened for the road-paving project. The bid was awarded to Slusser Brothers of West Hazleton with a low bid of \$78,431. Bids were also opened and

awarded for road paving materi-

• The polling location has been changed and should be ready in time for the May 21 Primary. The garage bay at the municipal building has more parking spaces available and is more handicap accessible than the

fire department.

• The Back Mountain Police Association, joined by the Jackson Township Crime Watch, will be holding an Awareness Day for the area's children. Area fire departments and ambulance companies are expected to become involved also. Chief Leedock will be requesting use of the recreation area for the event at the next Recreation Board meeting.

• The Recreation Board will meet on its Summer/Fall schedule beginning this Wed., Apr. 10 at 8 p.m.

• Thomas Adams resigned from the Planning Commission and will be replaced by Betsy Tribendis. Tracy Hefner-D'Amario was also appointed to the Planning Commission. Carl Moyer and Beatrice Ray were appointed to the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

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