

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board mulls power equipment purchase

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Members of the Lake-Lehman School Board mulled a municipal lease purchase for outdoor power equipment at their meeting Monday evening.

Jim Cunningham of John Deere Co. and Gordon Williams of Lehman Power Equipment presented the board with a list of equipment from John Deere, totaling \$149,872.71. The equipment would be acquired through a municipal lease purchase, which means the purchase price is determined using state contract prices.

At the end of the lease, the school district would own the equipment. The old equipment, with the exception of two tractors, would be put up for bid.

Cunningham told the board that, once the equipment is purchased, it could be returned to the dealer with a few constraints.

A vote on the equipment will occur at one of the next several board meetings.

Final budget vote

The school board will hold a special meeting to carry out a final vote on the 2009-10 fiscal budget at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 29, in the library of the junior/senior high school.

Fundraiser slated for student with leukemia

Board first vice president Moderno Rossi announced that a walk called "Miles for McKenna" will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, at the Lake-Lehman football stadium. The walk will raise funds for McKenna Budzak, an upcoming kindergarten at Ross Elementary School recently diagnosed with leukemia. A Chinese auction and bake sale will also be held at the event.

The cost to participate in the fundraiser is \$20 for adults and \$16 for children. Each participant will receive a t-shirt, water bottle

and a ticket for the Chinese auction.

Lake-Lehman Foundation

Lynn Daddio, president of the Lake-Lehman Foundation, updated the board on the foundation's progress. The foundation is holding its second annual golf tournament and dinner dance on Friday, July 17, at Irem Temple Country Club.

Marian DeAngelis resigned as executive director of the foundation and Al DeAngelis resigned as Sergeant at Arms.

An internship program with the foundation will be available to all students in grades 10 through 12. Duties include helping with fundraisers by selling tickets, setting up and breaking down events and miscellaneous tasks such as stuffing envelopes, making and posting flyers, etc.

Personnel

The board approved contract-

ing the services of Jeffrey Shook to provide technology assistance from June 15, 2009 through August 30, 2009 at a rate of \$13 per hour.

Approval was made to increase the pay of Mary Jo Casaldi, the confidential secretary to the superintendent and board secretary. Her pay will increase .45 per hour plus she will receive a 10-year longevity increase in the amount of .10 per hour.

Andrew Molitoris, of Photography by Andy, was appointed as the district photographer for the 2009-10 school year.

Approval was granted to pay a \$600 monthly stipend to Lori Bednarek as Title I Coordinator. The stipend will be paid for from grant money allocated to federal programs.

Ross construction

The board approved the Ross Elementary School construction project disbursements for June

15, 2009 in the amount of \$6,935.72.

Tax claims relieved

Authorization was granted to relieve the Wyoming County Tax Claim Bureau from the collection of taxes at a total of \$1,108.70 for several properties that contained removed or dismantled mobile homes. Property owners are Jacqueline Bencoter, 2002 and 2003 property taxes; Robert Kliamovich, 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007 property taxes; Claude Nulton, 2004 property taxes; Kenneth Macialek, 2004 property taxes; and Johnette Zacharias, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 property taxes.

Audit bid awarded

Bonita & Rainey C.P.A.s of Plains was awarded the bid to perform an audit of financial statements for the district for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

KELLEHER FAMILY WILL PRESENT CONCERT



The Kelleher family and friends will present a concert of their favorite music at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave. Sponsored by the Fine Arts Series of Shavertown, the concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be received and a reception will follow the concert. From left, first row, are Deborah Kelleher and Sean Kelleher. Second row, Erin Kelleher, Gene Kelleher and Kristyn Polishan.

HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

Council members are at odds over need for part-time police chief

By EILEEN GODIN
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NEXT MEETING

The next Harveys Lake Borough meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, at the municipal building.

The creation of a new part-time police chief administrative position put council members in the hot seat on Tuesday night.

Firing away with questions, residents asked why the position was needed, if it would hinder police coverage and what benefits were being offered.

Council President Lawrence Lucarino said the position requires 30 hours a week with a salary of \$30,000. Health benefits would not be offered, allowing for a savings of \$24,000.

Council member Betty Jane West said there are personnel issues within the police department which cannot legally be discussed at this time.

"These problems have been going on for quite a few years," West said.

Residents questioned council members as to the difference of a "working police chief" versus an administrative one. West said an administrative police chief would handle the massive amount of paperwork and work a rotating shift to check on other officers.

Trying to help clarify the situation for all, Michelle Boice, the mayor's wife, said the new position would not leave residents unprotected.

"Our police force will still maintain a 24/7 coverage," she said

Lucarino agreed, saying council needs time to review the applications and conduct interviews.

Council member Clarence Hogan then made a motion, before the meeting adjourned, to appoint Charles Musial, a board member and police officer, full-time police chief.

Holding the majority with four votes, council members Diane Dwyer, Edward Kelley, Lucarino and West voted against the mo-

tion, stating correct procedure must be followed.

In other news, Fred Rosencrants of Luzerne County 911 gave an update on the 911 re-addressing of properties.

Rosencrants said the project was contracted out to a company called GeoComm from Minnesota. He said GeoComm staff would visit Harveys Lake Borough within the coming weeks to make a GPS point at every pole number.

"The pole numbers will not change," he said. "They will serve as a landmark."

Kathy Liljequist of GeoComm, said staff members will contact borough officials when they enter the area, stating their goal is to confirm unmarked home addresses and use pole numbers as landmarks.

"If an emergency is reported, residents should try to provide the pole number if possible," she said.

The old box and rural route numbers will be gone, Liljequist said, and new addresses with street names will be assigned.

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