

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP

Cost of zoning hearings questioned by resident

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Shavertown resident Rosaria Shaver asked the board of supervisors Wednesday evening how much it cost the zoning hearing board to hold meetings about a township business.

Shaver, of West Mount Airy Road, says that her neighbor, William Sprau, operates a grass cutting business and was subjected to several meetings and lengthy questioning by the township zoning hearing board after residents complained about his business. The case against Sprau was adjudicated and he was cleared of any wrong-doing.

Shaver alleges that Margaret Reino, wife of township supervisor James Reino, was one of the complainants. Shaver said that James Reino took a stand at the

proceedings and she questioned the ethics involved.

Supervisor chairman Jeffrey Box told Shaver she could not attack supervisors during a public forum. Box informed Shaver that she can file a complaint with the township if she wishes.

Township manager Kathleen Sebastian said Shaver can find out how much the meetings cost the township by filing an official Right-To-Know request.

James Reino responded by saying procedure was followed. He also said the zoning complaint was an ongoing situation that began a year and half before he became a township supervisor.

"I did nothing wrong," Reino said. "I am proud of my service to Kingston Township. I believe this was a character assassination by Mrs. Shaver's part."

Shaver's daughter, Rosemary

Shaver, also told the supervisors she felt the zoning hearing board meetings regarding Sprau were wasteful spending.

Stone wall

Brian Lewis, also of West Mount Airy Road, asked the supervisors to address an issue involving a stone wall at the entrance to the road off Pioneer Avenue. Lewis said the wall is deteriorating and that cars and school buses hit it, causing rocks to fall into the road.

Township zoning officer Bill Eck agrees the wall should be removed, but said it is privately owned. The wall, however, does lie on the township's right-of-way. Eck asked Sebastian to send the owner of the property a letter regarding the situation.

Liquor license transfer

The supervisors voted to approve Resolution 2009-5, approving the application of North 145, Inc. for the inter-municipal transfer of a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Restaurant Liquor License. The license is being transferred from Carm's Sports Zone in Exeter.

North 145, Inc., located at 145 N. Memorial Highway, is located at the site formerly known as Libby's Diner. The new restaurant is owned by Victor Spaciano, who also owns the Checkerboard Inn in the township. Spaciano, who was present at the meeting, said North 145, Inc. will be open for breakfast and lunch as was Libby's Diner.

Local services tax

None of the supervisors made a motion to approve Ordinance

2009-6, enacting the local services tax in the township. The ordinance would have required a \$52 annual tax for those employed in the township with \$48 going to the township and \$5 to Dallas School District.

Due to a lack of a motion, the ordinance is not enacted.

Subdivision

The supervisors approved a recommendation by the planning commission to approve the Anthony Minor Subdivision Plan at the top of Spring Garden Street with one waiver for wet land delineation.

Ambulance service ordinance

The supervisors approved Ordinance 2009-5, repealing certain provisions of Ordinance 2000-8, Chapter 7, Part 4, and enacting new provisions relating to the

recognition and designation of ambulance service. The new ordinance allows the board of supervisors to change the designation of a basic life support and advanced life support ambulance provider by a resolution instead of an ordinance.

E-mail sign-up

Township officials announced that all residents are urged to sign up to be on the township's e-mail list to receive up-to-date news releases and information regarding services.

Residents can sign up at the administrative office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or by sending an e-mail to info@kingstontownship.com. A sign-up sheet and forms can also be found in the credenza in the meeting room during public meetings.

ROSS TOWNSHIP

Building permits, pipe discussed

By EILEEN GODIN
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Supervisors discussed applications for house additions and new pipe during Tuesday night's meeting.

Resident Paul Warner is seeking two permits to enclose the porch on his house and close in an area extending from the house to the garage to construct a bedroom at his Sweet Valley Road property.

Supervisors questioned whether the current septic system would accommodate additional people residing in the house. If the bedroom addition is allowed, Warner may have to install a larger septic tank.

Township Solicitor David Lipka said a similar situation occurred in Hunlock Township and he would research the case to see how it was handled. He said he would contact Secretary Terry Davis with his findings.

Warner said he would hold off on building the addition but would like to start construction on the front porch area before winter. He said the home was small inside, consisting only of a kitchen and dining area. He wants to extend the length of the current front porch by three feet, enclosing it to making additional living space.

Lipka said he would check the regulations. Supervisors tabled making a decision until Lipka's information was received.

Despite the recent rain, road maintenance is a necessity. Supervisors are looking into replacing a four foot pipe under Wolf Road which is beginning to deteriorate. Supervisor David Williams estimated the cost for the replacement to be about \$1,400.

"It may involve needing a contractor to install the pipe," Williams said.

Last month, supervisors

opened bids to begin repair work to the Ross Township Park, including resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts at the Ross Township Park.

In the beginning of the year, supervisors budgeted \$30,000 for this purpose and a grant was applied for to assist with the cost.

Bids were received by Pikes Creek Site Contractors of Hunlock Creek for \$23,584, American Asphalt Paving Company of Shavertown for \$41,880 and Robert C. Young Inc. of Mifflinville.

Supervisors awarded the bid to Pikes Creek Contractors and secretary Terry Davis said the work will begin soon.

Chairman Stanford Davis announced the Lake Silkworth Lions Club received \$1,000 from The Times Leader Community Improvement Grant which was donated to help pay for improvements at the Ross Township Park.

HPLA PRESENTS DONATION



The Harveys Lake Protective Association presented a \$5,000 donation to the Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Department. From left, seated, are Ed Kelly, Dave Hoffman, president of the HPLA; and Robert Vosik. Standing, John Halbing, vice-president; and Dave Davis, fire chief.

DALLAS LIONS DONATE TO LIBRARY



The Dallas Lions Club recently presented the Back Mountain Memorial Library with a donation of \$500 to purchase large-print books, audio tapes and CDs for the visually impaired. This is the 24th consecutive year the Lions Club has made an annual donation to the library. From left, are Lions Frank Rollman and Dave Fitch, Martha Butler, director, Back Mountain Memorial Library; Lion Joe Newhart and Club President Joe Dwinchick.

DALLAS ROTARY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



At a recent dinner held in their honor, six students were presented with checks for \$500 each from the Rotary Club of Dallas. From left, are Matthew Boyle, Lake-Lehman; Jessalyn Engle, Northwest; John Ellis, Dallas High School; Brianna Paterniani, Northwest; Leslee Everett, Lake-Lehman; Jill Jackson, Dallas High School; Melissa Saxon, Rotary board member; and Gary Booth, Rotary Club president.

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