

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Miers honored on retirement from police department

Standing-room only crowd on hand at township supervisors meeting to honor former police officer.

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There was standing room only at the board of supervisors meeting Tuesday evening as township officials, police and others honored former police officer Wayman Miers.

Miers, who served a full-time office in the township's police department, retired on Sept. 23.

The supervisors read a proclamation honoring Miers' service to the citizens of the township and Chief of Police Robert Jolley presented Miers with a gold retirement badge.

Officer Todd Adams surprised Miers with a cake he baked fea-

turing a deer in front of a police cruiser.

"One year I had a bad tour of duty where deer kept coming out and I couldn't miss them all," Miers said jokingly.

In other business, the supervisors noted they received a letter from attorney Ben Jones, informing them that, as of Sept. 30, the Dallas Area Municipal Authority has 164 township residential accounts that are delinquent in payment totaling \$244,175.47.

In early September, Tom Doughton, who serves as the township's representative to DAMA, said the authority is experiencing more than \$700,000 in delinquent payments.

Jones stated in a separate letter to the township that the DAMA board is holding a meeting this week with a national debt collection agency.

In another matter, John Newman, of Wedgewood Way, expressed his concerns regarding a

township employee hanging a political sign. Newman said he witnessed a township employee, whom he did not name, hanging a political sign on a telephone pole near his home during the daytime.

Supervisor Phil Walters, who is retired and not paid by the township, said he was the person hanging the sign. Walters is running for re-election for township supervisor in the November election.

Leonard Kozick, the township's zoning officer and tax collector, said he was also with Walters. Kozick said that, although he is paid a stipend by the township, he is not a full-time employee and was helping Walters on his own time.

A special public meeting will held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the municipal building before the regular bi-monthly meeting to review the results of a recent community survey.

Blessing the pets

They came in all sizes and shapes, on leashes and in bowls to be blessed by Rev. John Major. The annual Blessing of the Animals Service was held at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church and from the smallest fish to the largest horse, they were all offered prayers for good health.



Rev. John Major blesses Holly, who is being held by her owner Jean Gale.



Rev. John Major blesses Crystal and Cody as their owner, Debbie Limongelli, holds them.

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Rev. John Major blesses Fritz, a Friesian owned by Bonnie Hiscox.



Flipper, a Beta fish waits to be blessed as Rev. John Major conducts the Pet Blessing Service at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. Nine-year-old Jessica Martin assisted with the service.

ROSS TOWNSHIP

Solution to septic problem is presented

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An alternative solution to a septic problem was presented to supervisors during their October meeting.

Sewer Enforcement Officer John Belles, property owner Barry Andrew and his engineer labored for two years to find an acceptable alternative septic system for Department of Environmental Protection's approval.

"Two previous designs were declined by DEP," Supervisor David Williams said.

What should have been the simple replacement of a septic tank became problematic because Andrew's Main Street property consists of three apartments and a storefront. When the existing tank failed to work properly,

the small lot size would not allow for installation of a standard-size septic tank system, Chairman Stanford Davis said.

A new tank system design had to be created that would meet DEP's specifications.

Belles told the supervisors the "alternate site specific design" has DEP's approval and is capable of handling 2,000 gallons a day, which breaks down to 400 gallons a day per each rental unit.

Low flow faucets, toilets and shower heads will be required to allow the system to work efficiently. The new design features special sand filters and Andrew will be responsible for the cost of cleaning out the filters and any maintenance to the new design.

Andrew did not attend the meeting.

Belles handed each supervisor

a copy of the Sewage Management Agreement packet which skimmed, pausing at diagrams of the alternative system. Davis said the supervisors will review the agreement and report back to him.

In other news, Williams said resurfacing work to the Ross Township Recreational Park has been completed. The basketball court was resurfaced and received new backboards and the tennis court was resurfaced.

Work on a storm water drainage pipe on Wolfe Road is on hold until the ground dries up. Williams said it is too wet to try to replace the pipe.

Resurfacing and repairing to two road shoulders on Niemchik Road could start very soon. The work will be done by Pikes Creek of Sweet Valley.

Adonizio's art wins first place at county fair



Julie Adonizio, daughter of Patrick and Judy Adonizio, of Harveys Lake, entered a watercolor portrait of her home in the Luzerne County Fair Art Exhibit and won first place in the Youth Under 19 age division. Adonizio takes art lessons at Heather Radel's Art Studio in Harveys Lake. The 11-year-old is a sixth-grade student at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas.