

## DALLAS TOWNSHIP

# Supervisors approve bond release from Dallas School District

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The Dallas Township board of supervisors approved a \$98,693 bond release request from the Dallas School District on Oct. 20 for a project that was completed over one year ago.

Tom Doughton, an employee from Douglas F. Trumbower and Associates, the township's engineering firm, said the bond was a letter of credit from the Wycallis Elementary School expansion project.

Doughton said the final inspection on the expansion took place sometime in 2008, but the district never asked for the return of the bond until now.

## Bond reduction

A bond reduction request of \$140,122.40 was granted for the Saddle Ridge residential subdivision. The reduction will release the financial security for phase one of the project and will reduce the letter of credit for phase two. The revised financial security for phase two will be lowered from \$161,103.06 to \$20,980.66.

## Paving project change order

A change order addition for \$2,535.80 was approved for phase two of the Old Tunkhannock Highway paving project. The change order is necessary due to the addition of modified stone for the road's shoulder.

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project's total cost to \$98,292.80. The entire project is being funded by an Office of Community Development grant received by the township in the amount of \$100,000.

## Rice Drive project update

Doughton provided an update on a paving project on Rice Drive and said the project is about 85 percent complete. New sewer manholes were recently installed and United Water still has to install a new water main.

According to Doughton, ap-

proximately three days were lost on the project when an excavator owned by Pikes Creek Site Contractors was accidentally buried in a stream and a 250-ton crane had to be used to pull the machine out of the water. Doughton says the Department of Environmental Protection was also at the scene.

## Zoning ordinance amendment

Attorney Thomas Brennan, the township's solicitor, said the township needs to adopt an ordinance to correct the description

of things that can be done in a zoning district from a 2005 amendment to the ordinance that was not included when the ordinance was updated.

Brennan will draft an ordinance to include the previous amendment for the supervisors to review and eventually vote on. Brennan said the zoning ordinance issue was brought to his attention by Tom Reilly, an engineer from Reilly Associates, when he was doing research for the new Geisinger facility to be built on Dorchester Drive.

## Letter of support

Approval was granted to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) northeast re-

gional office's grant application to conduct a trail and greenway feasibility master plan within the Harveys Creek and Tobys Creek watersheds.

Janet Sweeney, of the (PEC), recently sent correspondence to the Back Mountain Community Partnership (BMCP), asking for its support of the application. The PEC applied for funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and plans to apply for matching funds from Luzerne County.

BMCP President Al Fox suggested each municipality send its own letter of support to the PEC if it desires because the deadline

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# Long-time members of Misericordia University trustees recognized

Misericordia University recently recognized the contributions of four long-time members of the Board of Trustees who capably served the institution for a combined 41 years. Frank H. Bevevino, Alan J. Finlay, Rusty Flack and Douglas A. Gaudet were presented lamps featuring the Misericordia seal and an engraving marking their years of service to the institution.

Bevevino, of Dallas, is a retired businessman and owner of FHB Development who has lent his expertise to Misericordia's board for 15 years, offering leadership to numerous committees and projects.

He was recognized for presenting the largest single gift to Misericordia in memory of his deceased wife, Mary, a 1987 graduate of the institution. The Mary Kintz Bevevino Library has been at the center of Misericordia's campus and academic life for 10 years.

Bevevino was the recipient of the Founders' Medal in 2003, a prestigious award given to those who have made a philanthropic investment in Misericordia that significantly transforms its ability to serve its students and advance the mission of its founders and sponsors, the Religious Sisters of Mercy.

A Dallas resident, Finlay is owner of Humford Equities and joined the Misericordia Board of Trustees in 1999. He was recognized for his 10 years of exceptional support of Misericordia in a variety of ways.

His knowledge of construc-

tion, finance and real estate has been significantly helpful to the institution during its period of unsurpassed growth. In particular, he helped to assess the feasibility and construction needs when the university purchased the former Frontier Communications Building on Lake Street for development as the new Center for Health Sciences.

In recognition of his efforts, Finlay and his wife, Evelyn, have been named to receive Misericordia's 2009 Trustee Associates Award.

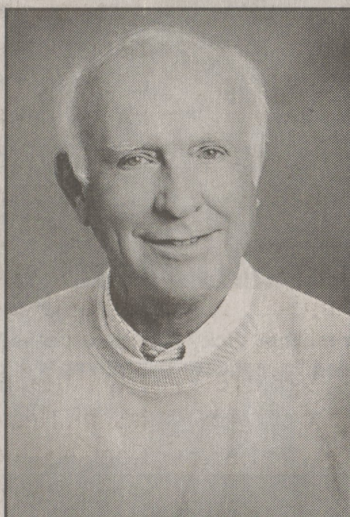
Flack, of Lehman Township, is president of Diamond Manufacturing Co. He retired from the Board of Trustees after serving a total of 13 years.

He was recognized for his business acumen and extensive help, leading Misericordia through a period of significant enrollment and financial growth. He will remain the chair of the Investment Sub-Committee.

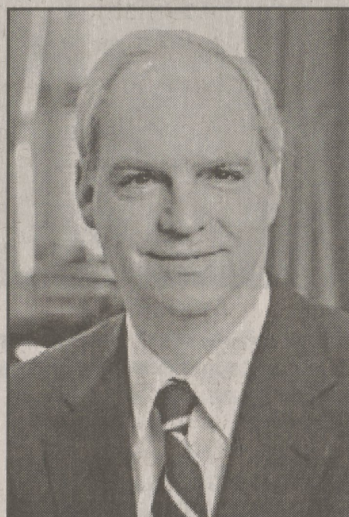
Flack is also the chairman of the Board of Trustees for both Wyoming Valley Health Care System and Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School.

As the first chairman and a charter member of the board of The Luzerne Foundation, the organization recently presented him with the 2009 Mary Bevevino Community Service Award, recognizing his contributions and commitment to the community.

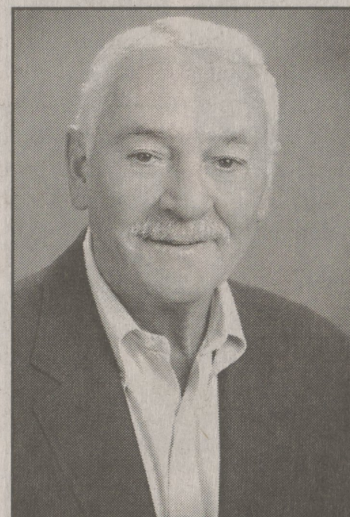
The president and chief executive officer of Penn Miller Insurance Company, Gaudet, of Shavertown, was a valued member



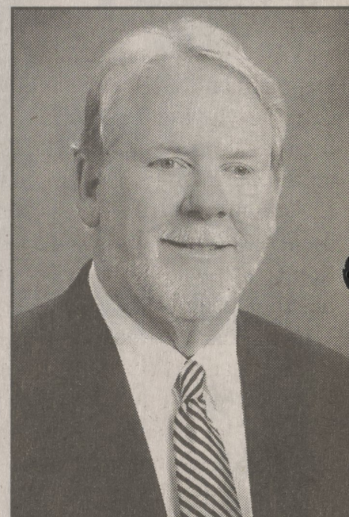
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RUSTY FLACK

of the board of trustees for three years.

He was instrumental in the development of the financial serv-

ices component in the Misericordia business degree program. He also served as a member of the Misericordia Financial Stability

Committee.

Gaudet also serves as a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA Board of Trustees

and has held the post of chairman of the Major Gifts Committee of the organization's Annual Fund.

## HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

## Boathouse matter causes ripple effect

By EILEEN GODIN  
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Definition of a boathouse caused a rippled effect of frustration among lakefront property owners at the borough council meeting Tuesday night.

Lakefront property owners came out to voice their disapproval of the passing of a new zoning ordinance defining a boat house as a "structure constructed completely over a body of water, designed and used exclusively to shelter water craft or marine-related equipment."

The new definition of a boathouse was included in the updated zoning manual approved in May but many lakefront property owners would like to see the definition be expanded to include bathrooms and other amenities.

Residents complained they did not know the terminology was being discussed at that time and volunteered their services to sit with the board and hash out a new definition.

Council President Lawrence Lucarino said council members became aware of the problem and are working to redefine boathouses.

"This will take a while," he said.

Borough Attorney Charles McCormick said the definition was generated by a desire to pro-

hibit people from building homes on the water.

John Hilbing III, owner of Summit Point Builders, challenged council members by saying the 12 foot height requirement with a flat roof for boathouses is going to make the area look like "a shanty town".

Council member Betty Jane West said she is not a lakefront property owner but would still like to enjoy the view of the lake.

"You do not own that view," Hilbing said.

This caused the crowded meeting room to erupt into low grumblings from residents. Some were visibly appalled while others said they pay enough in taxes for the view.

Resident Lynn Banta said she paid a hefty price for the property and land value and, if the definition of boathouse stands, "you will be diminishing land values."

"We pay a lot, a lot, in taxes to use the land in the way we want," she said.

Other residents added some lakefront property owners have landscaping materials that prohibit a view of the lake from the road.

Lucarino said council wants to maintain a clean lake and will work to iron out the issue but that may take a few months.

McCormick said if bathrooms

## Dallas Township Re-Elect Philip L. Walter for Supervisor



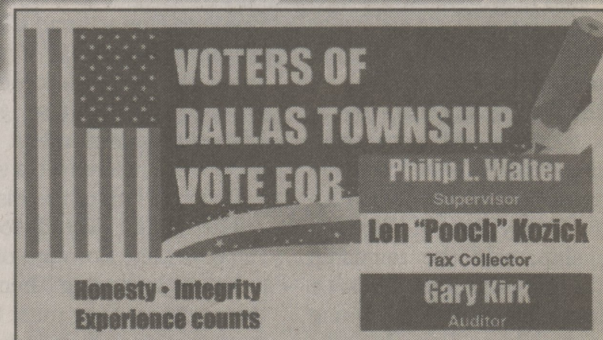
Here are a few examples of what Phil's long service has accomplished for our collective benefit:

- Dallas Township is DEBT FREE; quite an accomplishment in the world of today!
- Dallas Township's taxes have been and continue to be among the lowest throughout northeastern PA!
- Dallas Township's Police Department is the first Accredited Municipal Police Agency in northeastern PA, as recognized by the PA Police Accreditation Commission.
- We have excellent parks and recreational facilities.
- Our watersheds are pure and regulated to state standards.
- Our Township governmental bodies are free of corruption and mismanagement, and have proven prompt and able in response to individual and Township special needs.
- Our roads are well-maintained and quickly cleared of winter snows and ice.

Dallas Township's population is rapidly expanding which underscores the need for experienced and capable leadership.

Phil Walter provides exactly that!

Your support on November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be greatly appreciated.



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