

DALLAS BOROUGH

Council votes to purchase cruiser, protective gear

New Ford Crown Victoria cruiser will replace one that has "a lot" of miles on it.

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Council passed motions at its meeting Wednesday to add protective equipment and a new cruiser to the borough's police department with grant funds received last year.

Council authorized an expense of \$20,000 from a state Department of Community and Economic Development Emergency Responders Resource and Training grant and up to \$13,468 from the general fund for the purchase of a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor cruiser. The car, to be purchased from Warnock Fleet, will cost \$22,321 with an additional police outfitting cost of \$11,147.

Borough Manager Tracey Carr said the vehicle was a definite need for the police department, as the car it will replace is a 2004 with "a lot" of miles on it.

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UP NEXT

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magazines, a dataport interface, 50 Taser air cartridges and 10 practice targets for the police department at an expense of \$9,998. Most of the cost will be covered by a state Commission on Crime and Delinquency grant the borough received last year.

In addition to approving continued membership in the Back Mountain Community Partnership with a due expense of \$300, council also approved several motions to support cooperative projects spurred by the partnership.

Council approved the submission of a letter of support for the following projects: the partnership's grant application for an inter-municipal water quality study, Jackson Township's grant application for a new water pump truck and the partnership's recommendation for local

legislators to insist that monies from a proposed natural gas severance tax would directly benefit affected communities and not be pooled into the state general fund.

The following individuals from participating municipalities were appointed as coordinators for the Back Mountain Regional Emergency Management Agency: Harry Vivian as coordinator representing Dallas Borough, John Wilkes as deputy coordinator representing Jackson Township and James Welby as assistant coordinator representing Lehman Township.

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In other matters...

• Council adopted Resolution 1 of 2011 to amend the equal employment policy and unlawful harassment policy contained in the borough employee handbook. Carr said the amendment is just an update of the wording

used in the policies.

• Resolution 2 of 2011, establishing and amending fees for the zoning ordinance and international maintenance code, was approved.

• Margaret Baney was reappointed to the borough zoning

hearing board for a term to expire in December 2013.

• Nancy Eckert was reappointed to the international maintenance code appeals board for a term to expire in December 2013. Council President Lee Eckert abstained from the vote.

• Council authorized the borough manager to advertise a draft ordinance as approved by the solicitor in the possible adoption of the 2009 international property maintenance code at council's next meeting.

• The road department will continue the curbside pick up of Christmas trees until Jan. 29.

Luzerne County Choral Arts to hold rehearsals

Choral Arts of Luzerne County, an adult community chorus under the direction of John Curtis, will hold rehearsals and auditions for its spring season beginning Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Church

of Christ Uniting, 190 S. Sprague Ave., Kingston. Rehearsals will be held each Tuesday evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

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