LEHMAN TOWNSHIP

Budget calls for no tax increase

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Treasurer Al Cragle presented the 2012 budget and announced there would be no tax increase next year at Monday night's board of supervisors meeting. The total budget presented amounted to $1,355,588. The budget is available for review by the public and will be approved at the December meeting.

Supervisors approved two resolutions related to game grants. One would allow the township to join the Back Mountain Community Partnership in applying for a grant to build a centrally-located building to house emergency supplies. The grant would also include a request for additional emergency supplies.

The supervisors also approved another resolution to apply for a gaming grant in conjunction with Dallas Borough which would provide a new street sweeper, a new brush cutter and a Bobcat with a milling head for road repair. The equipment would be used jointly by the two municipalities.

The board also approved Sutton's request to appoint Borton-Lawson Engineering as alternate engineer to the township.

Resident Tom Jiunta asked what could be done about increased truck traffic on Old Highway 115. Chairman Dave Sutton explained that it would require the cooperation of several municipalities.

"We're worse off because we have to take care of the whole road," said Sutton, explaining that, in other municipalities, the road joined into county roads.

Vice Chairman Ray Iwanowski reported that the Back Mountain Community Partnership is working jointly to put weight limits on Old Route 115. Sutton said the problem is caused by the number of stoplights on Highway 309. He said truck companies tell their drivers to travel on Old Route 115 as a shortcut.

"We would love to restrict the road for through traffic," he said.

One resident brought up the dangers of the many deer ticks in the township, saying these deer ticks carry diseases such as Lyme disease and other more dangerous viruses. Sutton agreed to the seriousness of the problem.

"Don't take it lightly," he told residents.

Another resident reported that a 911 emergency vehicle took 35 minutes to reach his home on Jumper Road during a medical emergency. Cragle said he would call 911 the next day and get more details.

The next regular board of supervisors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19 in the municipal building.

Scenes from BMT trail fundraiser

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Bernard and Roberta Walter, left, and Karen and Glenn Johnson greet each other at the reception desk.

Sean Robbins and his mother Jacqui Robbins, of Shavertown, enjoy the dinner.

Cydney Faul-Halsor and Sid Halsor arrive at the dinner.

Some of the Joan Harris Dancers representing the Back Mountain communities in the school's annual holiday show are, from left, first row, Alexandra Jayne, Hunlock Creek; Lucy Reilly, Jackson Township; Caroline Conrad, Dallas; Anna James, Jackson Township; Janice Lisman, Shavertown; Kelsey Hall, Dallas; Kelsie Sincavage, Shavertown. Second row, Alyssa Dragon, Trucksville; Lauren Slavoski, Shavertown; Kierra Gross, Trucksville; The Grinch, Whoville; Anna Giacometti, Dallas; and Victoria Fulton, Dallas.

Harris dancers present 'Whoville'

Back Mountain is well represented in troupe's annual holiday show.

A tradition for families from around the region for the past 30 years, the Joan Harris Dancer's Holiday Extravaganza serves as the perfect break from all the distractions that come with the season. The event is deliberately intended to capture the spirit of the holidays and begins as soon as the audience enters the theater.

The regional dancing troupe presents "A Whoville Christmas" at 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 at the E.L. Meyers High School Auditorium in Wilkes-Barre.

The pre-show entertainment will feature traditional carols and live music performed by the Harris Conservatory Choir and piano students from Ripple Effects Music School, and Christine Leandri's School of Music.

The performance opens with a large productions number in the style of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular and never loses pace as the songs progress from traditional favorites to contemporary renditions of the music that defines this most magical time of the year.

Traditional dances, inspirational lyrical pieces, narrative story telling and good old-fashioned song and dance routines will be staged to a plethora of seasonal classics. Highlighting the holidays In Whoville will be a production of "The Grinch."

The imaginative multimedia piece directed by Sean Harris uses various forms of contemporary dance and song to relay Doctor Seuss' classic tale of the cold-hearted Grinch and how his spirit was warmed by the kind citizens of Whoville. Many of the nearly 500 local dancers participating in the weekend performances are from the Back Mountain communities.

The Joan Harris Dancers will also host a Toys for Tots Drop in partnership with the United States Marine Corps. All attending are invited to bring with them a new, unwrapped toy to donate to this cause and help spread some joy to area children.

Tickets for A Classic Christmas are $10 in advance and $12 at the door and are available at the Joan Harris Centre's campus in the Harris Conservatory in Luzerne.

For more information, call 287-7977.

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er than eliminating local zoning control completely.

Yoniski said Baker voted in favor of the bill, despite disagreeing with anything that would take away zoning control from municipalities.

He said she supported many of the provisions for local emergency responders and specific guidelines to ensure public safety.

The next partnership meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15 in the Sandy & Marlene Insalaco Hall at Misericordia University.

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enjoy the ride."

Marley said his foray into the cycling world happened when he was 26 years old when he and a friend decided to buy the same bike, called a Motobecane, at a shop in Cherry Hill, N.J.

"Every time we would ride we would say, 'Let's moto,'" said Marley, laughing.

Cycling isn't the only activity Marley enjoys.

The outdoorsman plans to hike Machu Picchu in Peru next year, run a marathon and do a little more fishing.

Reaching his long-awaited goal doesn't mean he's going to hang up the bike, either.

"I don't see myself quitting cold turkey," he said. "But I am going to cut back so that I can just enjoy it now."

Marley said it's important to stay physically healthy as one ages, and staying athletic has been one of his major priorities in life since he was younger.

"My dad died at 50 of a massive heart attack," he said.

Marley credits his wife, Janet, and family for helping him achieve his lofty goals.

"I couldn't do it without my wife's support and cooperation for letting me do my thing," he said.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword
Answers

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