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HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

Police move is sore subject

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The borough is one step closer to relocating its police department after council authorized the solicitation of bids in a 3-2 vote at a meeting Tuesday.

Council members Larry Radel, Fran Kopko and Boyd Barber voted in favor of advertising bids, while Mitchell Boice and Amy Williams voted against the measure. Council members Thomas Kehler and Ed Kelly were absent.

The vote came after several residents questioned the process through which council acquired local share account or gaming grant funds for the project.

Boice also made a motion to "slow down" the process of relocating the police department until "further effort and study" could be completed towards the feasibility of the move.

The borough received a \$78,220 grant in March to relocate the police department currently housed on State Route 415 to a vacant recreation center beside the Harveys Lake Little League fields on Little League Road.

Boice claimed council had provided residents with misinformation on the grant application process and how the money can be used at an April public hearing on the matter, to which Radel responded she was "out of order."

Resident Ed Williams, who said he was representing the Marina Point Homeowners Association, told council he felt adequate public input about the project was not solicited.

"We would like a little bit better representation and communication with the council," he said. "Was there a feasibility study ... ? Why can't the grant be amended after the proper studies are

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done, taking into account the best possible location, the type of building and equipment needed and, above all, what is it going to cost?"

Resident Rob Weaver suggested council look into renovating the existing police station, which once was a bait and tackle store owned by Grotto Pizza owner Joe Pagliante.

Weaver said he took a tour of the facility and, while he agreed there were plumbing issues that need to be resolved, he disagreed the department should be moved altogether.

"As far as the siding goes, that's only a facial thing, and the crack in the concrete, that could be for nothing more than your freeze-thaw cycle, your ground shifts and that's why you have a crack in there," he said. "I think that I agree most of the residents do not want to see that move..."

He said the move should be put on the ballot in the general election in November as a referendum vote.

"Is there any reason it can't wait until next year?" asked Weaver.

Radel said council could rewrite the grant to conduct renovations on the existing department, but there would be no guarantee that funding could be secured for that project as it would need to be reviewed again.

Weaver spoke to representatives from the state Department of Community and Economic Development, from where the grant was issued,

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Dallas High School seniors Sarah Pomfret, left, and Christine McCarthy pose for a self-portrait in the high school auditorium prior to commencement.

Pomp and all that ...

It was all pomp and circumstance in the Back Mountain last week as the Class of 2012 from Lake-Lehman High School received its diplomas on June 13 and the Mountaineers of Dallas High School graduated on June 15. For stories and additional photos, please turn to page 3.



Lake-Lehman High School Student Council Co-President Rachel Holena waves to her family after receiving her diploma.



Lake-Lehman alumni Carol Martin Rosser '80, left, and Charlie Kasko '81 present a street sign to former Lake-Lehman Band Director John Miliuskas.

Remembering Lake-Lehman's award-winning band days

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"I remember 99 percent of them, and which instrument they played."

John Miliuskas
Former Lake-Lehman band director

Hundreds of former high school musicians marched to the Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School on June 16 to celebrate a man many call "The Father of Lake-Lehman Band."

The reunion was for band members in classes that spanned longtime music teacher John Miliuskas's career at the district, from 1956-89, but also included former and current school administrators, teachers, family members and friends.

State Sen. Lisa Baker and state Rep. Karen Boback offered words of praise and appreciation for the 82-year-old retired musician.

Ginny Piatt Ide, of Dallas, and Liz Yurko Carmer, of Las Vegas, spearheaded the event. Planning

got underway last October, but the idea was in the works for about four years.

"I was living in Anchorage, Alaska at the time and I had just found Facebook," said former baton twirler Yurko Carmer, who graduated in 1981. "I saw that you could make groups and I had this dream of getting all the band alumni together."

Yurko Carmer shook hands, smiled and hugged her former bandmates during the event as more than 300 people mingled in the junior/senior high school lobby.

"This is the dream," she said. The Lake-Lehman Foundation, a nonprofit organization aimed at helping the school district and the community, aided the event by manning raffle ta-

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