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MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

The IRS dropped the gas mileage reimbursement rate from 54 cents a mile to 53.5 cents a mile. Ross made a motion to adopt it. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

LIBRARY DONATION

Harvatine said she would like to donate more money to the library, possibly another \$100 for their new building. She said they could discuss it.

ROAD CONDITIONS

Next, the discussion turned toward the condition of the roads during a recent snowstorm. Roseann Swegel said, "The roads are not being taken care of like they were before and they were plowed late during one of the snowstorms. People go out at 4, 5:30 in the morning. We never had a problem with the roads. I couldn't get up around the curve. My husband plowed it. Our road has always been plowed. You have to take care of it."

Zembrzycki said, "The roads were soft. I didn't want to rip up the roads." Ross said, "We have had some significant weather issues this year. The areas that were plowed had two inches of road material removed. Thankfully, it was only around the entrances to the state roads. We are trying the best we can. That situation doesn't happen every snowstorm."

Swegel replied, "What if there is an emergency?" Ross said, "There are times that you are going to have to deal with it." Swegel stated, "You have the safety and welfare of the township residents to consider. It comes under the Supervisors Township Code. What is more important, money or welfare?"

Ross replied, "Then you should run for supervisor. A position will be on the ballot in May." Swegel said, "Yes, I want this to go on the record. If you risk someone's life." Ross said, "We got \$300,000. Should we spend it all?" Swegel said, "I pay taxes, not for you to have a big bank account."

Ross said, "Right now, we

are a little more endowed. I think it is prudent fiscal management." Swegel said, "To spend less than before?" Ross replied, "No, to have fiscal responsibility." Swegel replied, "You have to look at both sides of the coin."

Ross said, "If you feel the job isn't being adequately addressed, you can run for supervisor. The position will be open this May. We have had one of the wettest winters we have ever had. The road hasn't been frozen this year. Brian is new to this job and he understands your concerns." Swegel said, "Yes, 8 hours later." Zembrzycki said he wasn't home. Swegel said he has people on the payroll. He said, "Joe (Tedesco) was on vacation and Dave (Svecz) I think was up at the camp where he works."

Swegel told him he can't assume where people are and should have called around. Ross said, "Brian is trying to do a good job and is willing to listen to anyone with a complaint. He is quick to respond. I do feel you have a valid concern and not belittling it."

This reporter told the supervisors a person who lives on Bennett Road has voiced similar concerns and that their road wasn't plowed as wide as in winters past and it was plowed late. They said this was about the worst they have seen the road the past 16 years they have lived on it. Ross said they can voice their own opinions to the board.

WATER RUNOFF

Don Edwards voiced his concerns about water runoff on his property near Lowe Lake. He said he has requested someone come look at it. Zembrzycki said he did but Edwards may not have been home. He said he would come take a look at it again tomorrow. Edwards was also given the number for Ed Sumski, the township's representative for PennDOT.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 6 at 7pm.

Marijuana Farm

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SELL TRAILER

Non made a motion to sell the trailer that was used to haul the skid steer, etc. He said it was no use to the township since they no longer had the skid steer and other equipment. Coles said it could be done on Municibid. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

GRANT

Coles said they are applying for a grant of up to \$35,000 from Pennsylvania American Water for the storm water management project in Browndale. He also said now that Donald Trump is president, he might do away with the EPA. "That would do away with our headache," he said.

WHITE OAK DAM

He also said nothing has been done with White Oak Dam for a year and a half. The work on it was supposed to be completed in six years. Ron Poska said he talked to the fish warden who said engineering money is approved for Lower Woods and Belmont Lake. Coles said, "We need to get after our legislators. We had the fire at the home there and there was also supposed to have a hole for fires with water." Coles designated Curtis to call Senator Lisa Baker and Representative Jonathan Fritz.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Forest City Ambulance will continue to be the township's primary ambulance service.

MARIJUANA FARM

Coles said he got a call from a person from El Paso, Texas. He owns 27 acres of land on Belmont Turnpike and would like to put a 30,000-40,000 foot enclosed marijuana growing farm on the property. He is looking to hire off duty police officers to patrol around it. Coles said he sent a copy of the proposal to township solicitor Jeff Treat to check if they can proceed or not. Coles said they

are looking to hire 25-40 people when construction on the facility is completed. Someone asked if it could affect the water supply. Coles said he didn't know but would be finding out through the process. He said there wouldn't be any waste whatsoever. Attorney Paul Smith is the company's attorney.

JUNK ON PROPERTY

Ray Vogt voiced a concern about junk at a residence on Town Hill Road. He said it has been there for 4 years. Coles said he talked to the owner and he will move it in the spring. Non said there isn't that much there.

GOV. WOLF BUDGET

Ken Swan asked about Governor Wolf's proposed \$25 fee for each person in municipalities that rely on state police for police coverage Coles said, "If it is \$25 per person and if they have more police officers, okay. It would cost about \$56,000. It would cost over \$100,000 for the township to have its own police force."

WAGE TAX

Matt Curtis asked about how much of the wage tax was collected. The supervisors said about \$85,000 has been collected so far.

LITTLE KEEN ROAD

Salak said nothing has been done on Little Keen Road in 3 years. The supervisors said it will be looked at.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief Josh Debevec said the Browndale Fire Company had seven calls for the month of January of which three were structure fires and two were motor vehicle accidents. He also said the fire company got a grant for \$13,130.46 for vehicle upkeep and debt reduction.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8 at 7pm.

William R. Boyle promoted to Chief credit officer at Dime Bank



William R. Boyle

William R. Boyle, Vandling, has been promoted to Chief Credit Officer from Vice President Commercial Lending Officer at The Dime Bank, announced President and Chief Executive Officer Gary C. Beilman.

Boyle has been with The Dime Bank since 2011 maintaining the bank's commercial customer relationships, providing guidance to customers, and tailoring each loan product to maximize commercial customers' business potential. Boyle has been working in the community banking arena for over thirty years. He began his career as a loan officer, offering assistance to both commercial and consumer loan customers. He then went on to manage a community branch office. As his knowledge of banking grew, so did his responsibilities. Boyle managed sixteen community branch managers and monitored the service and sales performance of the sixteen branch locations. He coordinated the bank's marketing/sales plan to establish customer service, sales and market penetration objectives for his offices. Prior to joining The Dime Bank, Boyle was a member of his former bank's executive leadership team, holding the title of executive vice president and chief credit officer.

Gary Beilman stated, "I am thrilled to announce that Bill Boyle has been promoted to the position of Chief Credit Officer (CCO). With this new position, Bill is now also a member of The Dime Bank's senior management team. This CCO promotion recognizes Bill's expertise, professionalism, and experience in the field of lending. Bill's critical strategic planning skills and extensive managerial experience make him a perfect fit. This addition to The Dime Bank's executive team continues our mission of building a strong foundation in our management ranks as we work towards creating a bigger and better financial institution."

In his new position, Boyle is responsible for the overall management of the bank's credit administration department, in order to ensure the efficient and accurate analysis of credit risk for new loan requests and existing lending relationships, as well as correct structuring for commercial loans including the underwriting and loan review analysis process. Boyle will oversee all functions

providing lending support, direction, credit information, loan policies, and procedures and processes, to ensure the overall quality of the bank's loan portfolio. Boyle will set and manage loan goals and evaluate loan product lines, ensuring the loan division's compliance to operating policies and various regulatory requirements.

Boyle has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mansfield State College and has completed numerous banking programs from the Pennsylvania Bankers Association in leadership, commercial lending, management and general banking skills. He also holds certificates in consumer credit from the New York State Bankers Association. He is a certified para-financial planner. Boyle is very active in the community. He is chairman for the City of Carbondale Enterprise Development Zone, the former chairman of the City of Carbondale Industrial Development Authority, a board member/secretary/treasurer for the Carbondale Center for Small Business Technology, Council member of Vandling Borough, and a member of Lackawanna County Industrial Development Authority.

He lives in Vandling with his wife, Ann, and their two sons.

Survivors of suicide loss support group meets February 23

The Wayne/Pike Suicide Awareness Committee announces the February meeting to be held on Thursday, Feb. 23, at Wayne Memorial Hospital, 601 Park Street, Honesdale, beginning at 7 PM. The meeting will take place in Conference Room #3, 2nd floor (take the orange elevator "A").

The support group is a positive support time to help deal with suicide and loss of a loved one. Individuals 16 years of age and older are welcome to attend the meeting.

For more information please contact Ms. Michelle Valinski at 570-253-9200. Please note, in case of inclement weather the support group will not meet. Volunteers are welcome to service on the Wayne/Pike Suicide Awareness Committee also by contacting Ms. Valinski. The Wayne/Pike Suicide Awareness Walk will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Wal-lenpaupack School.

Tri-Cty Assoc. cancels meeting

The Tri-County Sportsman Association at its February monthly meeting decided to cancel its regularly scheduled meeting on March 9. The next scheduled meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the VFW Hall, Main St., Simpson.

Soup supper set for Feb. 18

A soup supper will be held Sat., Feb. 18, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 76 Salem Ave., Carbondale. Donation is \$8.

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Book signing Wed., Feb. 15th At FC Library

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 2PM, author Randy Williams will be discussing and signing his new book "Sherlock Holmes and the Autumn of Terror."

The author, along with a team of three of the world's top forensic scientists and criminologists, Dr. Michael M. Baden, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Dr. Henry C. Lee, have convincingly solved the infamous Jack the Ripper murders of 1888 in London. Their true life resolution of the case is presented in the book in the form of a Sherlock Holmes novel.

The book was released on October 31, 2016 to five star review on Amazon and will be available at the Library at the signing.

Soup/chili supper Sat., Feb. 25

The First United Methodist Church of Carbondale will host a soup and chili Supper on Saturday, February 25. There will be a wide variety of Soups and chili to choose from along with an extensive dessert buffet. Serving begins at 4:30 PM and will run through 6:30 PM. Takeouts are also available. A suggested donation of \$7 is made, with children under 5 free. Anyone interested in tickets can obtain them by calling the Church office from 9 AM to 2 PM Wednesday through Friday 282-5740.

FCAES cabbage/noodle/soup sale

Forest City Area Emergency Services is taking orders for Cabbage & Noodles for the following dates: Ash Wednesday, Mar. 1st & 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & Apr. 7. The cost is \$ 6 quart. Orders for Ash Wednesday must be placed by Mon., Feb. 27, afternoon. Orders for Fridays must be placed by the Wed. afternoon before to guarantee availability. Call 570-785-5025 or 570-785-3226 to place order Orders may be picked up between 11:30 am & 3:30 p.m.

They will also hold a Lenten soup sale of Manhattan Clam Chowder. The cost for a pint - \$3.50 and a quart is \$7. Call 570-785-5025 or 570-785-3226

Soup is available on March 1, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April. 7 Pre-orders appreciated.

Visitors Bureau deadline For events February 17

Events that take place between April 1, 2017, and March 31, 2018, are now being accepted for the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau Annual Calendar of Events Booklet.

The deadline to submit events is Friday, February 17. It's a great way to get information about your event into the hands of visitors and residents of the Endless Mountains.

All community and non-profit organizations in the Endless Mountains are encouraged to submit their events for the year before the February 17 deadline, free of charge. The events must take place in the Endless Mountains Region of Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Wyoming counties and should be of interest to visitors coming to the area.

To get an event in the calendar, go to the visitors bureau's website - www.EndlessMountains.org- and click on 'add event' on the homepage; fill out the online form and submit once complete. Events that have multiple dates that are not consecutive must be submitted individually (example: a performance given on July 3, 10, 17, and 24, would need to be submitted four times).

The event information will be reviewed and placed on the bureau's website once approved.

The bureau reserves the right to edit and/or delete any submission.

There is an option on the form to write a long and short description of an event. The short description - held to a maximum of 250 characters - allows you to point out the highlights of the event. This information will be in the printed booklet. The long description - which will be on the bureau's website only - gives you the opportunity to provide even more details about the event.

There is also the option to include a color photo. Choose a photo that best depicts what the event is all about and upload along with the form. Photos will not be in the printed events booklet.

The events booklet will be distributed at the bureau's visitors center on Route 6 in Tunkhannock, in brochure racks, as well as at visitors bureau member businesses, PennDOT welcome centers, travel and sports shows the bureau attends, and individual requests that come to the bureau via phone calls and requests from other marketing initiatives. The bureau plans to print 60,000 copies.

For more information, contact the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau at 836-5431, 800-769-8999, or shelley@endlessmountains.org

Chris Jones announces candidacy for Susq. post

My name is Chris Jones and I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of Susquehanna County Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts. I have served as Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts since August 2016 after Susan Eddleston's resignation and her appointment of me to fill the position. During those months, our team has worked together to maintain a well-structured and efficient office environment.

My employment in the Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts office began in 2006 as 2nd Deputy Prothonotary and was promoted to 1st Deputy Prothonotary in 2008. My continued commitment and dedication to this office and employees, comes from the strong work ethic my mother instilled in me.

A little about my background... I've lived all my life in the New Milford area of Susquehanna County.

My parents, Donald and Bea-

trice (Ralston) Button raised six children, Paulette, Donna, Dornie, Rosie, Kathy and myself. My husband, Mark and I have one son, Aaron who lives in Colorado with his wife, Caitlin and our grandchildren, Gavin and Jaxson. We also have two chocolate labs, Butch and Reese.

My hobbies include cooking, baking and decorating cupcakes. Each summer I donate 500 cupcakes to the children's picnic at St. Lawrence Church. I also enjoy working in my four perennial gardens and have a large vegetable garden each summer.

Prior to coming to work for the County, I worked for U.S. Assemblies in Hallstead. I began in purchasing and within a few years was promoted to the distribution manager position. I am hard-working, experienced, responsible, accountable and dependable.

I humbly ask for the consideration of your support and vote on Tuesday, May 16th.

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