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"It's there but for the grace of God we haven't been killed" pulling out of their driveways onto the paved road.

"It's very dangerous," she said while asking if the speed limit could be reduced there. "Three times, I've been run up onto the bank."

Baker recalled paperwork about changing the speed limit to 35 miles per hour along that stretch, but apparently the signs still say 40 mph. The supervisors agreed to look into it.

At the April meeting, supervisors asked Jennings to gather phone bids for renting a backhoe and also phone bids for renting a boom mower. He said that he has received bids from a number of companies already, including Powell's Rental, Medico Industries, Dominic's, Bradco, and Barnes.

Elwin Ellis asked how much the township has been paying an hour to rent a backhoe, and Jennings said he did not recall, but would be able to provide that figure by the next meeting.

Baker acknowledged the Burning Bush Petroleum tank truck accident at the bridge on Carter Road last winter and said he had heard from the insurance company handling the claim, and the company which is going to install the guardrail.

DEP found Burning Bush responsible for causing a detrimental effect to 2,000 feet of Burdick Creek and a substantial fish kill after the tank truck slid on the icy road and fell off the bridge, spilling fuel oil.

Norma Fiorentino asked if the supervisors knew what was in the water that Cabot Gas and Oil has been applying to the dirt roads in Dimock.

Resident Catherine Probasco said that the water she has seen being applied to Baker Road last summer was oily and foamy. The supervisors said that the calcium for dust control approved at last month's meeting has been purchased and applied.

Ellis said that Cabot should supply the supervisors with a letter specifying in writing what is in the water they are applying to township roads. "The supervisors should make Cabot give them a report of what they are putting on the road, instead of always praising them."

Sautner said that he was wondering, "now that the gas wells are here, are we considered residential still, or commercial, or industrial?"

Paul Jennings answered, "That's up to the assessment office."

Sautner replied, "Our water is ruined, our property value has dropped down to nothing, but my taxes went up. We are still paying high taxes like anyone else with clean water."

Lettie Ellis said, "Why not invite the assessment committee to come here to address this?"

Switzer said that there needs to be someone looking out for safety. "A pipeline in Texas exploded today, and there was a blowout at a gas well site in Clearfield," she said. "Luckily, not in a school yard. Not two hundred feet from a home, like the Carters."

She noted that there have been 50 incidents of gas migration into water in Pennsylvania. Several residents agreed that if an incident of any kind arose on Hunsinger Road, a disaster would be likely, due to the conditions of that dirt road.

In other business, supervisors approved a request from Springville Township to use the Fire Police for their Strawberry Festival.

Jennings discussed a grant notice from Northern Tier for a traffic signal grant program. The grant will pay eight percent of municipalities' cost to convert traffic signals from incandescent to LED lights.

Supervisor Baker said that Dimock just converted the lights at Elk Lake corners into LED, and that it was quite expensive. The supervisors approved applying for a grant toward part of the cost of converting the two blinker lights on Route 29 at the Dimock Post Office, and to see if the Elk Lake lights could be covered retroactively.

Amid the permits presented were driveway and access road permits for Cabot from Kevin Stockholm's #2H well site and tank farm, and two access roads to Joseph Petty's well sites 1H and 2H from Wooden Road T 524 and Petty Road, respectively.

There were nine revision plans submitted for erosion and sediment control plans for Cabot gas wells.

A number of properties were rejected for the Clean and Green Exemption programs due to gas industry activity on the property.

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