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Dawson to use funds to control flooding problem

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DAWSON - The borough has received \$28,600 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority to take care of a flooding problem along Laughlin Street.

Councilman John Nudo said Widmer Engineering applied for the grant on behalf of the borough. He also said that the project is expected to be completed before the end of summer.

"The next step is to design the project, which Widmer will do, and then the engineer will put the project out for bids," said Nudo. "If all goes well, we expect the project to be completed sometime this summer."

Nudo said three head walls would be installed in addition to two catch basins, storm sewers and a riprap ditch.

"There are about 25 people in that area who are going to be real happy when the project is completed," said Nudo. "As it is now, they get basement flooding."

Nudo said a second project on Boyd Avenue is also expected to be completed by the end of summer.

"We already got the grant money for that project," said Nudo. "I don't remember exactly how much we got but it's enough to do the same kind of a project."

Nudo said about 20 residents will benefit from the Boyd Street project, which will control excess runoff and elevate property

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damage.

In other unrelated matters, Dawson Fire Company Chief James Rearick Sr. announced the 2004 officers. Executive officer include William Colbert Sr., president; Karl Seple, vice president; Leonard Fleming, treasurer; Frank Lamanna, financial secretary; Nicole Keffer, secretary; and Beth Ann Lynn, assistant secretary.

Line officers are Rearick, chief; Robert Keffer, assistant chief; William Hennessey, Captain 1; James Rearick Jr., Captain 2; Melissa Loughman, 1st lieutenant; and Richard Loughman, 2nd lieutenant.

Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Councilman Emerson Long. Long said last month that his heart just wasn't in the job anymore. Council will have 30 days from today to name a replacement for Long.

If council cannot name an appointment, the vacancy board will make an attempt to appoint a new council member. The vacancy board is made up of council and one community member. If the vacancy board is unable to agree on a replacement, then the job will go to the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas.

Mayor Barbara Wilhelm reminded residents that the code enforcement officer will be citing people who have junk vehicles sitting on the street without legitimate license or registration. Council also agreed to rehire Kathy Riggan and Karen Hughes as auditors at \$10 per hour to conduct the 2003 audit.

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