

Washington Township takes first step for Mikula Road reconstruction

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WASHINGTON TWP. — During its monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, the board of supervisors passed a resolution for modification of a FY2011 Community Block Grant. This followed a public hearing conducted by Andrew French, executive director of the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will provide grant money to cover some of the costs for reconstruction of Mikula Road. The township will either cover the remaining costs or search for additional grant money.

“With this grant money, we will be able to make a direct improvement to our infrastructure,” said Dan Moody, board chairman, who noted that reconstruction will take place on parts of Mikula Road. “It is a great investment in our community.”

According to French, approval will need to be granted by the Fayette County commissioners and the state before the bidding process can begin. “Our intent is to start road work later this year,” said French.

Also during the meeting, Police Chief Carl Fronzaglio reported that the township recently completed its Buckle Up PA program in May.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation reimbursed the township \$1,700 to pay overtime wages for police officers who participated in this program.

Buckle Up was conducted on three state roads that run through the township.

“In addition to creating greater awareness about seat-belt safety, our officers recovered a stolen gun and made a heroin arrest,” said Fronzaglio. “Our officers did a great job, and we hope to schedule another Buckle Up program in August.”

In other action, the board passed a motion to authorize solicitor Matt Kalina to examine the feasibility of passing a junk-car ordinance.

The board also granted approval to the Belle Vernon Area Middle School for use of township roads Sept. 24 for the 2nd annual Color Run. Township police will help to control traffic during the event.