

# Ontelaunee to negotiate taxes

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Item Writer

Ontelaunee Township owes Calpine Ontelaunee Energy Center \$58,434.60 in overpaid tax money, according to John T. Wertz, township solicitor.

Wertz said at the May 6 supervisors meeting Calpine's tax assessment appeal was settled at \$14.5 million, about half the original assessment of \$28 million.

The original assessment had wrongly included plant equipment such as gas and steam turbines, Wertz said.

Calpine paid \$105,810 in township taxes based on the \$28 million tax assessment.

Because Calpine has not yet paid their township taxes this year, Wertz said he will try to negotiate a tax credit for the owed \$58,434.60.

The township would then only

owe Calpine about \$5,529.

In other news, supervisors decided to opt into the uniform state construction code, which would allow them to continue overseeing construction projects in the township.

The supervisors also discussed adopting the maintenance property code in conjunction with the construction code.

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# Real Estate Transfers

Elmer S. and Shirley E. Billig to Steven A. Heckman and Melody R. Swoyer, 20 Elm Street, Centre Township, \$30,000.

Harold G. Gresh Inc. to Jo Ann Cain, 1671 Main Street, Centre Township, \$210,000.

William L. and Tracey A. Travers to Terry L. Jr. and Jodi Fault, 2449 Belleman's Church Road, Centre Township, \$213,900.

Sheriff of Berks County to NovaStar Mortgage Inc., 508 Pine Street, Leesport.

Edward W. and Marie A. Gearhart to Chris A. Mengel and Steven C. Mengel, Leesport, \$39,000.

Davis R. and Diane K. Salks to Wesley and Jaimyn Westenhofer, 501 Elm Street, Leesport, \$190,000.

Jerry W. and Sandra M. Cooper to Paul R. and Diane M. Fretz, Ontelaunee Township, \$65,000.

Sheriff of Berks County to Federal National Mortgage Association, 88 Hughes Hill Road, Perry Township.

Lester H. Hoffman to Allen R. Schaeffer and Tracy L. Kramer, Perry Township, \$200,000.

Michael A. and Vickie L. Cesarz to Allan Jr. and Cynthia L. Waer, 6 Summer Mountain Road, Tulpehocken Township.

Robert C. Berger to Jeffrey A. and Rachel A. Svoboda, Upper Bern Township.

Sheriff of Berks County to Centex Home Equity Co., 68 Leshar Mill Road, Upper Bern Township.

Donald K. and Sylvia A. Hill to Renata Kukielka, Upper Tulpehocken Township, \$45,000.

Sheriff of Berks County to Fairbanks Capital Corp., 715 Franklin Street, Shoemakersville.

James G. Mengel Family Revocable Trust to Thomas F. and Lori Moyer, Windsor Township, \$45,000.

Ira P. Himmelberger to The Ira

P. Himmelberger Revocable Living Trust, 5390 Bernville Road, Penn Township.

Gerald C. and Barbara A. Royer to Michael A. and Sally A. Derr, Swope Road, Bethel Township.

Scott M. and Delena J. McCarthy to Paul M. Jr. and Juliana Clery, 203 Horseshoe Drive, Centre Township, \$194,900.

Brian L. and April A. Walters to Denise A. Wagner, 476 Drake Road, Centre Township, \$140,000.

Bart Wenrich to Steven T. and Andrea M. Tadlock, Centre Township, \$29,000.

Chris A. Luppold and Sandra L. Grecu to Sandra L. Grecu, 2619 Leisz's Bridge Road, Bern Township.

Richard A. and Lucinda A. Meisberger to Richard A. Meisberger, 216 Burden Drive, Bern Township.

Robert G. Gardecki to Richard A. Hivner, Cross Keys Road, Bern Township, \$107,500.

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Ronald W. and Angela M. Dawson to Brodey L. Copenhaver, 115 N. Main Street, Bernville, \$67,500.

Zanetamarie R. Mason to Alfred R. Loughran, 149 N. Third Street, Hamburg, \$71,000.

Equity One Inc. to Robert J. Fella, 303 Main Street, Leesport, \$43,000.

Wyndcliffe Associates LLC to Michael and Adelaide Ledwozan, 504 Chestnut St., Hamburg, \$161,648.

Bradley R. and Susan Bear to Ronald and Pamela L. Weaver, 511 Bickel Drive, Hamburg, \$138,500.

Eugene T. Middlecamp and Ruth Ann Degler to Eugene T. Middlecamp and Ruth Ann Degler, 545 S. Fourth St.,

Hamburg. EMC Mortgage Corp. to Harold L. Oswald Jr., 201 Washington St., Hamburg, \$39,000.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota to Rosemary A. Bushy and George E. Bushy Jr. and Lauryn B. Bushy, 257 Shackamaxon St., Leesport, \$42,000.

Redner Development Co. to Lynn Stoudt, Jefferson Township, \$60,000.

Forino Co. LP to Thomas and Mary Jacquette, 119 Dogwood Drive, Jefferson Township, \$209,085.

Patrick J. and Kim A. Murphy to Murphy Tilden LP, Unit 1 in No. 14, Tilden Park Condominium, Tilden Township.

Bessie M. Bashore to Robert W. Bashore, 610 W. Franklin St., Tulpehocken Township.

Owen R. Bieber to Owen R. and Diane L. Bieber, 38C Strausstown Rd., Tulpehocken Township.

Estate of Verna M. Burkhart to Gambone Development Co., Potteiger Rd., Tulpehocken Township, \$425,000.

Estate of Elizabeth C. Reigle to Fay Habecker, Wolebur Rd., Tulpehocken Township, \$4,061.

Centex Home Equity Co. to Gregory S. and Deann L. Werner, Leshers Mill Rd., Upper Bern Township, \$118,000.

Nancy A. Hartman and Brenda S. Frymoyer to Larry K. and Nancy A. Hartman, 3609 Mountain Rd., Upper Bern Township.

Estate of Lester L. Feick to Upper Bern Township, Feick Industrial Drive, Upper Bern Township.



Essay and Poster contest winners (L-R) Katelyn Watkins, Amanda Watkins, Katie Campbell and Wesley Arbogast

# Local grange presents honors

Ontelaunee Grange recognized Claire Dempsey as 2004's Community Citizen during a special program recently.

Dempsey is a dedicated volunteer with the Schuylkill Valley Community Library in Leesport, actively involved with the facility since 1992.

During her six years as a library board member, Dempsey spearheaded the "Share the Vision" capital campaign in 1996-97 to raise funds for the new building. The effort netted \$250,000 in community pledges to construct the structure on Washington Street.

Over the past five years, Dempsey has held a seat on the Friends of the Schuylkill Valley Community Library board.

Through working with the library, the volunteer has co-chaired the annual golf tournament at Willow Hollow Golf Course and is a regular contributor to *Bookends*, the county library publication.

Also at the program, students winning awards essay and poster contests sponsored by the grange entitled. Posters had to convey the theme, "With My Eyes," and the essay or poem the theme, "Biography of a Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Person."



Community service chair Edna Blatt (left) and Claire Dempsey, award recipient

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