

## Board votes for quarterly budget reports

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The reports should prevent 11th-hour jockeying of finances, one supervisor said.

Township Manager Ray Stepnoski and finance director Dennis Penko will present quarterly budget reports to the Middletown supervisors, it was decided at Tuesday night's board meeting.

On a motion from supervisor Patrick Mallon, the board voted 5-0 to have the two administrators present the reports at the first meeting of every quarter, which this year will be on April 5, July 19 and Oct. 4. The supervisors meet the first and third Mondays of every month but had canceled their July 5 meeting.

Mallon said reports every three months will keep the supervisors up to date on whether revenue and expenses are close to budgeted amounts.

"That way, we can make adjustments along the way if necessary and not wait until near the end of the year," he said. "We don't want to be caught at the 11th hour trying to jockey finances."

Mallon, Drew Kreiling, George Leonhauser, Tom Gallagher and Robert McMonagle all voted yes on the motion.

In other news from Tuesday night's meeting, Stepnoski announced the township has received a \$180,000 grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources that will be applied to a planned \$1.3 million renovation at the township's Beechwood Park on Maple Avenue.

That project is supposed to start and be nearly completed by the end of the year, according to township Parks and Recreation Director Debby Lamanna.

Most of the funding is coming from a \$10 million bond issue approved by the supervisors in 2008.

Lamanna has described the renovation as essentially a complete reconstruction of the park. Included in the work will be a walking path, storm water system, a new entrance, a new playground and a new softball field.

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