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Lower hires engineering firm for police station

By JACK FICHTER
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VILLAS — In a 3-2 vote Monday, Lower Township Council approved a professional services contract for engineering services for a new police building.

The vote split along party lines, with council's three independents, Mayor Michael Beck, Deputy Mayor Norris Clark and Councilman Jim Neville voting to approve the contract. Republicans Erik Simonsen and Tom Conrad voted against the

contract.

The contract with Engineering Design Associates, of Ocean View, is not to exceed \$28,650.

The scope of the work includes a topographic survey, site plan with drainage, lighting, landscaping, grading and engineering details. The work includes construction plans, technical specifications and bidding documents.

Conrad said that from the beginning, he has been asking what the township was getting and how much it would cost. He said the township

would be spending a lot of money but that his two questions have not been answered.

Simonsen said the county was completing a study of the structural integrity of the current public safety building at the airport for possible use as a central 911 dispatch center and emergency management office. He questioned moving forward and spending taxpayer money before council approved the bonding of the project.

Bonding of the new police building would require four members of

council to vote in the positive. All recent votes concerning the project garnered 3-2 votes.

"In order to obtain a more accurate price, we're going to have to do this kind of work and hire the architect, the engineer to do the design," Beck said.

He said council has been debating replacing the public safety building for 10 years.

Beck said Conrad and Simonsen hoped the "county would ride to their rescue" and get them out from underneath the project. He said

bringing the police station to Villas was a safety issue.

Beck said wards one and two were experiencing a drug epidemic. He said he liked the idea of having the new police station in close proximity to the library, senior center, Douglass Memorial School and the township's Recreation Center.

"It will have an impact on the safety of the residents," he said.

Conrad said the cost of a new po-

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Big snake spotted on loose in Villas

Animal control warns residents to call for help

By JACK FICHTER
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VILLAS — A large exotic snake not native to New Jersey has been reported in Villas.

On July 22, Birch Road resident Becky Clements photographed a large snake in a tree eating what appears to be a gull. The markings and size of the snake resemble a reticulated python, she said.

On the following Friday, a snake matching the same description was spotted in a backyard on Arbor Road trying to eat a cat, she said. The Arbor Road home backs up to Clements' yard.

"They heard the cat hit the

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Millman Center repairs in works

By JACK FICHTER
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VILLAS — Following a one-car accident that knocked down two walls in the small meeting room of the newly renovated Millman Community Center in May, Lower Township Council awarded a contract for repairs at its July 21 meeting.

The winning bid went to Joseph Poretta Builders in the amount of \$34,000.

The township also received bids of \$35,450 from Thomas Barry, of South Dennis, and \$34,445 from Aliano Construction, of Vineland.

An early-morning accident sent a car through the east and north walls of the small meeting room of the Millman Center. The roof of the car was cut away by fire personnel to free the driver from the vehicle.

Township Manager Mike Voll said he hoped the small meeting room would reopen in the fall.

The main hall of the center continues to be in use, he said.



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Addyson Jensen was crowned the 82nd Queen Maysea on July 30 at Cape May Convention Hall. She will appear at parades and other events for the next 12 months.

Cape May crowns Queen Maysea

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CAPE MAY — Addyson Jensen, 10, of Cape May, was crowned the 82nd Queen Maysea on July 30 before a sizable audience at Convention Hall.

The stage was filled with 12 young ladies acting as Queen Maysea's Court. Each was introduced and walked the runway to the delight of their parents, many shooting photos with phones, cameras and iPads.

The event featured music from the Fred Hall Band, with Mary Stewart serving as emcee.

Addyson was accompanied by three flower girls and six princesses.

Mayor Edward Mahaney removed the crown of outgoing Queen Maysea Alexandra Marie Bruno. He thanked her for her year of participating in events and representing the city.

The mayor administered the oath of office to Addyson, who walked the stage and runway

while the band played "Pomp and Circumstance."

Jensen will enter sixth grade at Cape May City Elementary School in September. Her future aspirations are to become a pediatrician, teacher or veterinarian.

Mahaney presented a trophy to each flower girl and member of Queen Maysea's Court.

Princesses were Sydney Duran, 6, Olivia Matthews, 10, Bella McKeown, 7, Kyra Lee Ridgway, 8, Jessica Rippman, 10, Madison Jade Schiffbauer, 10, Jasmine Black, 6, Audrey Flora Cassidy, 6, Chloe Madison Cope, 6, and Alyssa Ferrante, 7. Also participating were Kaitlyn Ryleigh Flynn, 7, Madeline Elizabeth Gilbert, 7, Catherine Jennings, 6, Logan McKeown, 9, Kylie Saltzman, 6, Jordyn Sharp, 6, Jayci Shivers, 7, and Isabella Kathryn Stanton, 8.

Flower girls were Victoria Laurenzi, 4, Paisley Virginia, 2, and Josie Lida Wyatt, age 5.

The pageboy was Keaton Black.



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