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Officials question pricey table for municipal building lobby

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FORKS TWP. | The check for a \$3,000 table for the lobby of the new municipal building caught township Supervisor Bonnie Nicholas' attention.

Nicholas said she doesn't remember approving the purchase.

"I would not have approved a \$3,000 table. Maybe a \$300 table," she said. "I think the taxpayers would not appreciate a \$3,000 table, myself."

Township Manager Cathy Kichline said the table was part of a furniture proposal the supervisors had approved months ago.

Supervisor John Ackerman said he was unaware the table was part of the furniture deal.

Table talk prompted resident Gretchen Gerstel to compare the board to Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, with Dopey in charge. She called for returning the table.

"Do something about this nonsensical spending," she said. "If not, I hope the taxpayers impeach all of you."

Along with being too pricey, Nicholas argues the custom-made wooden table would get in the way if people had to leave the building in a fire.

"I think we need to have more people looking at where our spending is going," she said after the meeting.

The roughly \$2.2 million building at 1606 Sullivan Trail opened in January.

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