



Modified building code will be advertised



The Amity Township supervisors have agreed to advertise a modified building code that will require permits for more applications than the standard code.

"It's a safety issue," code enforcement officer Steve Loomis said. "The way the code currently reads, someone could put in a new gas furnace without a permit, which obviously causes safety concerns."

Permits are not required for all installations.

"Any resident who is just upgrading or changing an existing fixture does not need a building permit," Loomis said.

"Changing an outlet, a sink or toilet fixture or replacing an existing water heater does not require a building permit," he said, citing some examples. "But if a property owner will be adding one or more sinks, electrical outlets or appliances, then a permit must be obtained."

A permit also would be required, he said, to switch from a gas-fired water heater to an electric one, or vice versa.

The board also discussed regulating wind turbines.

They want the planning commission to consider what restrictions should be required for power-generating wind turbines. Board members said they knew of two windmills in the township.

- By Dan Andrews