

The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building located at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd., Bear Creek Township, Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Roll was called. All Supervisors were in attendance and the salute to the flag followed.

**MINUTES:** Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti informed the audience that there were two executive meetings held in the month of March. One on March 5<sup>th</sup> and the other on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Personnel issues and open litigation were discussed at these meetings.

Treasurers Report was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

**RECEIPTS:** Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the March 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the March 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

**Wind Farm:** Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm gave a statistics report for the month of March 2008.

Jim Smith from the Bear Creek Community Charter School was unable to attend the meeting but sent a letter outlining updates at the school.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 8 contractor's licenses, 2 building permits, 2 zoning books, 4 zoning permits and 2 certificates of occupancy for a total of \$1790.00 plus BIU fees for \$4201.56 for the month of March.

**ROAD MASTER REPORT:** Mrs. Koval reported for the month of March 2008. There was a truck repaired for a recall on the power steering, township equipment was worked on, roads were being swept and pot holes filled. Water and power have now been turned on at the Pavilion and the Rec. site. Work has begun at the Rec. field. The pole in Laurel Brook has not been replaced yet. PPL says they do not stock that type of pole but should have it in soon.

**RESOLUTION 10-2008:** a resolution approving the Bella Minor Subdivision as revised. Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

**RESOLUTION 11-2008:** A resolution to extend the Hochreiter subdivision request. Motion made by Mr. Slusser, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti announced that SALDO will now be in house, handled by Mr. Andrews. This had previously been handled by Varaly Associates & Pasonick Engineering.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Reported for the month of March, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 1 turnpike call, 1 brush fire, 2 tree and wire down, 2 standby, 1 public assist, 1 chimney fire and 1 alarm.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney Vinsko reported:

*Act 537*-The Board of Supervisors is in process of selecting an engineer for the Act 537 Plan. Correspondence was sent to Atty. J. Cigan advising him of this.

*Energy Unlimited*-has a mandamus action, the response has been filed and we are waiting for a court decision on a motion to dismiss under our preliminary objection.

*Aqua PA*- A letter was sent on March 12<sup>th</sup> to Stephen Roth requesting a 60 day extension for the residents on the deadline for signing on for water service. No response has yet been received.

*Local Ordinance on Traffic Violations*- Outline from the state codes section has been prepared and now needs to be tailored to the needs of the township.

*Swanson Road Lawsuit*- A resolution has been prepared to discontinue this suit. After some discussion with the audience it was accepted.

**RESOLUTION 13-2008:** A resolution authorizing the discontinuance of the litigation over Swanson Road. Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Budget Issues* - Mr. Zingaretti addressed resident Ted Carl about budget concerns that were raised by Mr. Carl at the February meeting.

*Web site update* – Mr. Zingaretti gave a presentation on the Bear Creek Twp. website showing updates and new information available.

*Recycling* – Mr. Masi gave a presentation about recycling programs, showing pictures from different communities and how their program operates.

*Trailwood Bridge* – a bridge at Trailwood has been restored as an Eagle Scout project. Cost of the restoration was \$95,03. A second bridge at Trailwood had been destroyed as a result of a motor vehicle accident. Cost to rebuild this bridge will be submitted to motorists insurance.

*Laurel Brook Construction at Bear Creek Village* – Mr. Zingaretti informed the audience of blasting that was planned. Homes within 500 feet will be notified. Seismographic equipment will be utilized and signs will be posted to inform residents. Discussion also followed concerning the roads and the cul-de-sacs.

**Ridge Road** – Letter sent to Eric Zimmer at PennDOT concerning the Ridge Road issues. Response has not yet been received.

**Trailwood Fishing Derby** – reminder that the fishing derby at Trailwood Park will be held Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for children 15 years and younger.

**Casino Motel Issue** – Atty. Vinsko explained what type of actions can be taken including an annual inspection utilizing BIU or a permit fee. Atty. Vinsko explained that these steps would need to be done across the board and must be done by an ordinance.

**New Speakers/PA System** – New speakers in place already. May have more new microphones by the next monthly meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Hazleton Oil** – will provide the containers to collect oil, oil filters, antifreeze and old batteries. Will be available on May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PPL Utilities** – offering a self contained canister to collect compact fluorescent bulbs. This will be available to the residents during the month of May in the Secretary's office during regular business hours.

**RESOLUTION 12-2008** – A resolution approving the sale of the property referenced as parcel number 4-1275-I11 00A 015 owned by John Ziomek. The Resolution was tabled until more information including location of property can be found.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Zoning Open House** – Old and new zoning maps will be available to the public to review. This will give the residents an opportunity to view the maps and see if they have any issues with any of their property zoning classification. Post cards will also be mailed out to all township property owners informing them of the April 12<sup>th</sup> open house.

**Cell Phone Cancellation** – two township cell phones were cancelled after contract period had ended. This will save the township approximately \$70 per month. Regular phone service is also being looked at to see if there are any savings to be made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Roger Southward – Asked if there is an ordinance concerning recycling and had concerns about the cost of recycling compact fluorescent bulbs. Discussion followed.

Rose Andrews – Made a suggestion of placing paddle fans in the community room to keep it cooler in the warmer months. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Slusser to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Masi. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary