

May 4, 2009

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The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd. in Bear Creek Township, Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll was called; Mr. Slusser arrived late but all were present. The salute to the flag followed.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the April 6, 2009 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Ms Wasilewski to accept, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Slusser was not yet present, Mr. Masi abstained, Ms. Wasilewski, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted in favor..

The treasurer's report for April 2009 was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

**RECEIPTS:** Income for the month of April was \$108,889.18. Motion to approve the April receipts, subject to audit was made by Ms Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Expenses for the month of April were \$48968.25. Motion to approve the disbursements was made by Ms Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

**FIRE DEPT REPORT:** 24 Calls for the month of April 2009 were reported: 1 motor vehicle accident, 19 brush fires, 1 structure fire, 1 activated alarm, 1 airplane crash and 1 search & assist.

**WIND FARM:** Mr. Zingaretti read the report for the Bald Mountain Wind Farm. For the month of April 2009 net production was 6347M Wh, site availability was 94%.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Andrews' report for the month of April. There were 14 contractor's licenses, 6 building permits, 1 occupancy permit, and 4 zoning permits for a total of \$2544.00, BIU fees collected for the month of April were \$2064.87 for a grand total of \$4608.87.

**ACT 537 REPORT:** Mr. Zingaretti reported that on April 24, 2009 soil samples were taken from properties where access was granted. Reilly will be preparing a presentation for the board on the soil studies results. A letter has been sent to DEP providing them with an update and to also request a meeting with them and to obtain information from them that our consulting firm has been waiting on.

**ROAD MASTER REPORT:** Mrs. Koval reported that the road crew checked the roads daily and removed debris when necessary. They replaced street and school signs. Pot holes have been repaired and streets swept. Recreation fields are maintained and planters were placed between the fields to prevent people from driving their vehicles through the play ground area. They delivered the recycling to the recycling center. Equipment and vehicles were maintained. Mrs. Koval reminded the Board that some equipment needs to be replaced, including the back hoe and the front end loader. Mrs. Koval thanked the road crew for their efforts

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**OPEN RECORDS REPORT:** Mr. Masi reported that we have received 3 open records request to date. Two of these requests were resolved by simply referring those persons to the Township web site where the information they were requesting was available. The third request was denied. No funds have been collected to date concerning open record requests.

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

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

*Charter School Project*-Information gathering stage.

*Concini Lawsuit*- Matter is still pending, nothing has been filed as of yet.

*Act 40 of 2005*-Ordinance has been prepared for circulation but has not yet been adopted.

**BEAR CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PLANS:** Dave Blazejewski, President of the Bear Creek Charter School was requesting the backing of the Board of Supervisors in acquiring property behind the school which is needed to move forward with the construction plans. Mr. Blazejewski assured the audience that he is not seeking any financial assistance for the school from the township. He requested a special meeting to discuss the acquisition of this land. Mr. Zingaretti explained that the plan will contemplate the township exercising eminent domain to purchase that land on behalf of the foundation. A special meeting was then scheduled for Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Zoning Map Changes*- Mr. Zingaretti went to Luzerne County mapping and got the parcel information that was needed to proceed. Anyone who had made a request will be contacted in the near future.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received requesting a street light at Golf Course Rd and Fairway Dr. The request fits into the ordinance and PP&L will be contacted to have this done.

911/Data Mapping- there are 9 municipalities that are not completed in 911 and rural addressing. 911 will be contacting individuals beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. GEO COM is the subcontractor performing this work. Addresses may be changed if there are roads with similar names. Persons not complying with address changes will have their mail service terminated.

Luzerne Conservation District has sent the township notice that violations have been found in Laurel Brook with the developer. The township is copied on these notices.

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Susquehanna Service Dogs have sent a letter thanking the Board for the use of the building for their training sessions. They also thanked Mr. Berry for all his help each week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Joe Padavan**-speaking on behalf of American Manufacturing. He asked if the township were to receive any stimulus money, that they would buy American with it whenever possible. Mr. Vinsko said this would be considered a support resolution. Mr. Slusser made a motion to support the effort, Ms Wasilewski seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms Wasilewski to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary