

The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building. Vice Chairman Masi called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, and Mrs. Koval were present. Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the February 3, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

PLANNING BOARD RECCOMENDATIONS:

RECEIPTS: Income for the month of February 2014 was \$285,616.18. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of February 2014 were \$27,875.77. A motion was made by Mrs. Koval to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for February 2014. Issued were 3 certificates of occupancy and 1 zoning permit for a total of \$200.00. There were no BIU fees collected for February.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Mr. Masi read the report for the month of February 2014; 13 calls for the month, 10 of which were motor vehicle accidents.

STATE POLICE REPORT: February 2014 had 44 calls to the township.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Smith reported that the majority of activity for the month was plowing and vehicle maintenance. Mr. Smith also reported on the survey work being done. The surveying is almost complete but there may be an encroachment issue with the sign from the convenience store next to the municipal building.

Mr. Smith had circulated a proposal for a 2015 GMC truck and also mentioned that we need to do something with the old orange plow truck we took out of commission last year.

A complaint was received via Facebook that kitty litter had been dumped on Pike Road.

ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT: For the month of February we were still undermanned by one crew member and overtime was still in check for this time of year.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Concini matters: Discovery was finalized, depositions were held last week with the trial expected to be scheduled for May.

Aqua PA: Deposition may be scheduled for March 14th.

Weiss Road Acquisition: We need a petition to change the Board of View. One member is no longer serving.

Liem Litigation: Discovery responses done.

Laurelbrook Road Acquisition: No update.

Weiss Road line painting: No update. Mr. Smith suggested this be removed from the agenda.

Contractor's License Issue: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update. Mr. Masi suggested that since this project has stalled we should turn this matter over to a third party. Matter will be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: No update. Work will resume once weather breaks.

911 Mapping: Waiting on Luzerne County 911 for temporary maps. Mrs. Koval has some new

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

A letter was received

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Petlock: Mr. Petlock questioned the Board about a recent news article concerning Transco pipeline expanding in Bear Creek Township. The Board said they were not aware of the plans by Transco.

Mr. Petlock also questioned where we stood with getting the fallen tree removed from an abandoned property on Hickory Rd. Mr. Pape said he would contact the maintenance company responsible for the upkeep of the property and a violation will be issued. Discussion followed.

Joanne English: Mrs. English asked if anything could be done about the potholes at the top of Hillcrest Rd. Mr. Smith said it is in the right of way for Penn DOT. He has sent the info on to Pennoni to see what could be done but has not heard back from them yet..

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary