

The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building, 3333 Bear Creek Blvd. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 1, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

The treasurer's report for October 2012 was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

RECEIPTS: Income for the month of October 2012 was \$40,701.53. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of October 2012 were \$91,297.15. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read the zoning officer's report submitted by Mr. Alber: 2 building permits, 1 certificate of occupancy, 2 zoning permits, and 3 certificates of demolition for a total of \$800.00. \$1201.06 in BIU fees were collected for the month.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read the report for the month of October 2012; 10 motor vehicle accidents, 1 brush fire, 1 assist, 2 gas leak investigations, 5 tree/wire down, and 7 structure fires.

STATE POLICE REPORT: Mr. Smith presented the report. Year to date there has been a total of 138 calls. The majority being motor vehicle accidents and burglary/false alarm calls.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

RECYCLING REPORT: In the third quarter we took in over 10,000 pounds of materials. Expenses versus income we had a loss of \$98.77.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval reported the road crew did ditch work, took care of recycling, did shop work, cut the fields and put the leaf box on the truck and got the leaf vacuum ready, checked pipe and drainage on all roads, prepared for the storm and cleaned up after the storm.

Mrs. Koval also reminded the Board that they still needed to discuss the cul-de-sac issues in Laurel Brook.

ROADMASTER FINANCIAL REPORT: Expenses were up for the month about \$42,000, \$67,707 being spent on Weiss Rd and under about \$24,000 on operating supplies which was a timing issue. Overtime still remains under budget.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: 3 requests were received during the month. Two were fulfilled; the third one is still pending.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 28-2012: A Resolution approving the purchase and construction of a galvanized steel structure to protect Township equipment and vehicles. Cost of structure with roll-up garage door not to exceed \$6,395.00. A motion was made by Mrs. Koval to approve the purchase, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 29-2012: A Resolution approving the purchase of a new truck. Cost of the vehicle (2013 Freightliner 108SD) with approved additions (Bradco) not to exceed \$141,141.00. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

PLANNING BOARD RECCOMENDATIONS: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Concini matters: No update.

Aqua PA: No update.

Azalea Road/DEP Issue: No update.

Weiss Road Acquisition: Attorney Vinsko said that he had earlier circulated among the Board the petition that was filed at the courthouse for the Weiss Road annexation. Second class township code states that the court must appoint three citizens to inspect the road and issue their recommendations. If there are objection, a hearing would be held. The area being annexed would include the legal description of the road plus any amount to make it 25 feet on each side from the center of the road so there is enough room for the right of ways. From there a new deed would be issued and filed with the Prothonotary's office. Attorney Vinsko feels this should be resolved by year end.

Outside Woodburner Issue: Attorney Vinsko said he had a conversation with Attorney Fendler and discussed this issue and would discuss with the Board in executive session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zingaretti announced that the Zoning Officer, Carl Alber has submitted his resignation effective December 31, 2012. Mr. Masi stated that 2 applications were received for the position. Mr. Masi has already had a phone interview with one of the applicants and plans on setting up a formal interview with the applicant in the near future.

Presentation of the Proposed 2013 Budget: Mr. Zingaretti presented the proposed budget to the public.

Overview:

For calendar year 2013, Bear Creek Township ("Bear Creek" or "the Township") is projecting revenues of \$ 691,331 and expenses of \$ 518,132. The current projection of cash on hand for year end 2012 is \$740,419; year-end 2013 is expected to be \$913,617. Bear Creek Township's budget reflects *no increase in taxes* for 2013.

In addition, the long term road prioritization first established during the 2010 budget cycle is included. Key assumptions included in the budget are:

- Cost of living pay rate increase of 2.0% to all non-supervisor employees hired before 1/1/2012.
- Recycling employees continue to be compensated at minimum wage.
- Overtime percentage for road crew is 6.6%.

A complete version of the budget can be viewed online or at the township office.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Moore: Thanked the Board and the Fire Department for their assistance recently with downed power lines near her home.

Gerald Rusinko: Asked Mrs. Koval if she still intended to have the road crew do some tarring in Laurel Brook. Mrs. Koval stated that it will be done but there is a problem with the tar buggy. Mr. Popple suggested we get a bid on someone coming in to do the work. Mr. Zingaretti agreed and asked Mr. Popple to pursue the quotes.

Charles Liem: Asked Attorney Vinsko if there was a copy of the letter from his attorney regarding the outdoor wood burner issue. Attorney Vinsko stated that he has been in contact with their attorney. Mr. Zingaretti stopped the conversation and stated that since the township may be a party to potential litigation regarding this matter he felt it best that it not be a topic of public comment.

Ted Carl: Thanked the Board for the use of the facility for the Lions Club Breakfast.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary