

A special meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Ms Wasilewski was absent. The salute to the flag followed.

**Act 537 Update:** Joe Durkin from Reilly Associates presented an update to the Board of Supervisors. The Board was given a copy of the comments submitted by the Township Planning Board after their review of the plan as well comments from the Township Engineer. Copies of these comments and the responses made by Reilly Associates are included with the minutes.

A discussion was held concerning the flow meter study. Since Plains Township will not commit to only a single study, the Board may have to re-bid the project to include several studies in various locations. The Board is waiting on additional information before making its decision on whether or not to re-bid the project.

**Proposed 2011 Operating Budget:** The proposed operating budget for 2011 was presented to the public. The proposed budget reflects no increase in taxes, a 2% pay raise for all non-supervisor employees, elimination of the summer work program, no major equipment purchases and no anticipated road paving projects. A narrative and the detailed budget are attached to the minutes. This same document was made available for public inspection through the township website today and copies will be at the township building immediately after the meeting.

A motion to approve the budget to go out for public inspection was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

**Correspondence:**

Mr. Masi received a letter from Peter Austin at the Charter School asking the Board to consider an inter-agency partnership between the Township and the school for the purchase of road salt and anti-skid material. Preliminarily, the solicitor indicated that the township may not resell materials purchased with Liquid Fuels funding. Mr. Austin also mentioned he would like to discuss partnering with the Township for supplemental snow removal services. A brief discussion followed and the Board felt that further information would be needed before any agreements could be considered. Attorney Vinsko would advise.

**Public Comment:**

**Mark Petlock-** Asked if Pioneer Construction was finished working on Ridge Road. He stated that the road is bumpy and the patch work is terrible. Mrs. Koval said she was told by someone from Pioneer that it would be taken care of. She said she would follow up and make sure the problems are corrected.

A motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary