

A special meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building located at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd., Bear Creek Township, on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll was called. Supervisors Masi, Koval, Wasilewski and Zingaretti were present, Mr. Slusser was absent. The salute to the flag followed.

Mr. Zingaretti addressed the audience explaining that this meeting was being held as a work session, the public is allowed to attend but public comment will not be accepted.

Al Gomelko from 5 Star Equipment spoke regarding his company's submitted proposal for a new back hoe under the state's piggyback program. Mr. Gomelko stated that they evaluated our 580 Case back hoe as a trade. He detailed the proposal and gave payment options should we decide to purchase a new machine. Supervisors asked questions regarding different options and warranties. Mr. Gomelko also stated that he could evaluate our front end loader for a trade.

Mrs. Koval stated that she also had quotes for a back hoe from Medico Industries and from Cleveland Brothers. Neither company had a representative in attendance to present their proposal.

Jeremy Nelson from Reilly Associates presented an update to the supervisors regarding the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Nelson said that Reilly Associates had received a letter from Ben Sevenski from Pasonick Engineering regarding flow metering being done in the existing Plains Twp. interceptor to verify flow and the available capacity. Mr. Nelson stated that he phoned Mr. Sevenski to question him as to who would do the study and what would the cost be. Mr. Sevenski said the flow metering would most likely be done in two separate areas of the interceptor line, Pasonick would conduct the study and its cost would be approximately \$5,000.00.

Discussion followed concerning where the connection would be made into Plains Township. Mr. Nelson stated the flow would run down Rte 115, across East Mountain Road, down Jumper Road and tie into the line where Rte 315 and Jumper Road intersect.

The Supervisors questioned why the flow meter study needs to be done, questioned if it had already been done recently with all the development in this area of Plains and if this study is required for the Act 537.

Mr. Nelson stated that DEP would require a letter from Plains Twp stating that there is sufficient capacity. Discussion continued and the Supervisors questioned if it would be Bear Creek Township or Plains Township that would be responsible to conduct the flow metering study.

Ms. Wasilewski asked if we are on the mark as far as the time line for the Act 537 Plan goes. Mr. Nelson said that one holdup currently is the lack of response regarding letters that were sent to select property owners seeking permission to do soil studies on their land. Other options were discussed including looking for other properties that may be conducive to the plans or sending out a more forceful letter requesting access.

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Mr. Nelson stated that he would respond to questions raised by Ben Sevenski concerning the flow metering and copy the supervisors.

Mr. Zingaretti asked Mr. Nelson to check the timeline on this project and see where we can shave some days off and push the plan forward.

Other Township matters discussed included the placement of a sign in Trailwood Park, recycling oil, anti-freeze and oil filters with Hazleton Oil, the summer help program, and updating the Ordinance Book.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary