

APPROVED AS AMENDED
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JANUARY 7, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman, Zingaretti called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order. Roll was called: all Supervisors were in attendance and salute to flag followed.

MINUTES; motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve October 2007 minutes as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Slusser. On Vote: Mr. Slusser -yes, Ms. Wasilewski-yes, Mrs. Koval YES, Mr. Zingaretti and Mr. Masi abstained.

November 2007: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Slusser. On Vote; Mr. Slusser – yes Ms. Wasilewski – yes Mrs. Koval – Mr. Masi and Mr. Zingaretti- abstained. (Majority 2 for 2007)

RESOLUTION 1-2008: a resolution extending the contract with BIU underwriters to December 31, 2008. Motion was made by Mr. Slusser , seconded by Mrs. Koval . Vote: unanimous yes

RESOLUTION 2-2008: a resolution establishing the township fee schedule for 2008. Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski and seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: Unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 3-2008: a resolution authorizing the advertisement for a certified public accountant to prepare the 2007 audit. Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski and seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Chairman Zingaretti stated the treasurer's report presented to the public is the format we will follow for future reports. This format addresses both current month and year to date activities on an individual fund or combined funds basis for reporting purposes.

DISBURSEMENTS: motion was made to approve disbursement for December of 2007, seconded by Mrs. Koval. On the vote: Mr. Slusser -yes, Mrs. Koval -yes, Ms. Wasilewski- yes, Mr. Masi- abstained and Mr. Zingaretti -abstained Motion passed.

RECEIPTS motion was made to approve receipts subject to audit, second by Mrs. Koval. On the vote: Mr. Slusser -yes, Mrs. Koval- yes Ms. Wasilewski- yes, Mr. Masi- abstained and Mr. Zingaretti -abstained. Motion passed.

Wind Farm: Representative from the Bald Mt wind farm reported activities for December 2007- maintenance and repairs on equipment. A utility outage occurred on December 10th. PPL repaired transmitting lines during the month.

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CODE OFFICERS REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 52 contractor permits, four building permits and two occupancy permit for the month of December. Mr. Andrews stated a total of \$60,751.55 was collected for code enforcement officer and our subcontractor BUI during 2007.

ROAD MASTER: Mrs. Koval, road master reported the road crew salted and cinder township roadways and worked overtime when needed. We are having a problem with the dumpster; hopefully this matter can be resolved shortly. Township equipment was in for repairs during the month of December.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Mrs. Koval read most recent report for the months of October thru November 2007. Three motor vehicle-1 activate fire alarm, 1 search and 2 turnpike calls for the reporting period.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

CONCINI: A lawsuit has been filed by Mr. and Mrs. Concini regarding water run off problem, this matter has been turned over to the insurance company.

ACT 537-pending motion for summary judgment will be decided in February.

BYLAWS: the township bylaws are being amended and updated, then will be circulated to the board and review before adoption.

EMS TAX: now the Local Services Tax will be updated as required by law.

Question was received from the public regarding Act 537. Attorney Vinsko gave a detailed explanation regarding the pending summary judgment as requested.

RECYCLING: Nothing new on the grant. Mrs. Koval stated she spoke to various communities regarding their recycling system and explained their process of collecting recycling. They would forward a proposal to Mrs. Koval and she would forward to the board for review.

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WEBSITE: Chairman Zingeratti stated we have taken the site down. We are in the process of redesigning the site and taking it in house so we can control the content and frequency which it is update. Our hope is the new site would be up quickly.

BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CALENDAR: Chairman Zingaretti stated we are in the process of creating a community calendar, give dates, meeting of all activities within the township on one page. Distributing to local business and on the web site as well.

TOWERS: Supervisor Masi stated early in December a tower collapsed in Mountain Top. He felt it would be appropriate to have the companies who have towers located in the township to come in and do an inspection on their towers. His concern address the safety of homes located near and around the towers.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

Willard Kresge: discussed his request for a line item budget by fund type. Chairman Zingaretti stated he heard Mr.Kresge request and that the document requested will be available at the township municipal building tomorrow January 8, 2008.

Chairman Zingaretti stated those who have the agenda, a section on the bottom of page for upcoming public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT; motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Wasilewski, seconded Supervisor Koval. Vote -yes all were in agreement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:45 pm on February 11, 2008 at the Municipal Building located at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd., Bear Creek Township. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called: all Supervisors were in attendance and the salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Before motion was made, Mr. Slusser asked that a correction be noted from the minutes of the reorganization meeting. He stated that on the matter of the Vacancy Board he voted no. Mr. Slusser then called for a correction to the regular minutes of the January 7th meeting stated that he believed that the code officers report stated that there were 52 contractor permits issued when it should have stated 52 contractor licenses. This was confirmed by Joe Andrews. Motion was then made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the amended minutes of the January Special Meeting and the January Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Treasurers Report was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

RECEIPTS: motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve January 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the disbursements of January 2008, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Wind Farm: Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm gave a report for the month of January 2008.

Resolution 6-2008: a resolution to grant the time extension requested by the applicant in the conditional use of Aqua PA. Applicant has not yet met the mandate to obtain a DEP permit for the project.

Motion made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Slusser, Masi, Koval, Zingaretti, yes. Wasilewski, abstain.

Resolution 7-2008: a resolution to grant the time extension requested by the applicant for the Hochreiter Subdivision request. Motion made by Mr. Slusser, seconded by Ms. Wasilewski. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 8-2008: an amended resolution establishing a fee schedule for 2008. Motion made by Ms. Walilewski, seconded by Mr. Slusser, Vote: unanimous yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 14 Contractors Licenses, 4 Certificates of Occupancy, 1 Zoning hearing fee, 1 Zoning permit and 1 Zoning book and \$897.85 in BIU fees for a total of \$3227.85 for the month of January.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval stated January was a busy month with icy roads. She stated that there is anti skid material near the dumpsters at the municipal building, residents can help themselves. More household waste has been found in the dumpsters. She also stated that 3 new picnic tables have been built, one being handicap accessible.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Laurel Brook: work being done in Bear Creek Village. Checking into what contractors are using the roads and if any damage is being done.

Act 537: notice received that judge granted the motion for summary judgment on behalf of DEP. Township will be required to submit a sewage facilities plan. Meetings will be scheduled with DEP and the Supervisors within the next 30 days to see what needs to be done.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: reports submitted for December 2007, December 2007 end of year and January 2008. January report listed 9 MVA, 2 Turnpike calls, 2 tree & wire down, 1 standby and 1 public assist.

OLD BUSINESS:

2007 AUDIT: 2 bids received. JH Williams with a bid of \$5000.00 and Bonita & Rainey with a bid of \$1600.00. Motion made to retain services of Bonita and Rainey, CPA by Mr. Zingaretti, seconded by Ms. Wasilewski, Vote: unanimous yes.

WEBSITE: is being updated, still at bearcreektownship.org, Meeting minutes as far back as 2000 will be eventual available on website.

CALENDAR: available at local businesses. If anyone needs to add anything to the monthly calendar, they can contact the township secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRAINING: available for township secretaries and treasurers from DCED. Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

BENEFIT: Spaghetti dinner scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2008 to benefit the family of Bruce Panttieri.

FISHING DERBY: Bear Creek Twp. Vol. Hose Co. along with Boy Scout troop 100 requested the use of Trailwood Pond on April 12, 2008 for a youth fishing derby. Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Koval, Vote: unanimous yes.

GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING: Mrs. Koval reported that Luzerne County will spray around the Charter School, a small part of Laurel Run Road, Bear Creek Blvd to the Plains Twp line and a small area of Pittston Blvd. Luzerne County will let her know about other areas she inquired about including White Haven Poconos and Bald Mountain Road.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Zingaretti gave a presentation on the Gaming Grants. He explained what the program was about, who was eligible, what kind of funding was available, what type of projects were permitted and what Bear Creek Township plans are for the resubmission of the culvert project and any other projects for next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Moore: discussed a recycling program and suggested that we contact Monroe or Carbon county for information for programs similar to theirs. Mrs. Koval commented that she has been in contact with Monroe County and they will assist us. Patricia Moore also discussed the PennDot water situation at Trailwood, fire hydrants in the area and also suggested that the Supervisors put the agenda out ahead of time so that residents are more prepared for the meetings.

Margaret Sharples: had questions concerning tax rebates from the casinos and rebates for low income seniors. Mr. Zingaretti said he will see what information he can find and will present at next meeting. She also discussed the trash on White Haven Road and inquired what could be done to clean up this area.

Karen Hrabousky: has concerns about ambulance service. She lives on Hillcrest Rd and road is usually icy and dangerous in the winter. Also told of ambulance company (Plains Twp) not being able to find her home. Discussion followed about what can be done about roads and what ambulance company responds along with Bear Creek Twp. Also suggested 2 full time ambulance personnel be hired.

Fran Columbus: had concerns about traffic speeding on Ridge Road. Discussion followed, suggested that road be made into a one-way. Mrs. Koval said that signs would be placed to slow traffic down for now.

Ted Carl: Had concerns about the budget. Felt that the township could not afford any type of catastrophe. Mr. Carl had concerns about Act 537 and questioned Attorney Vinsko about what had been done in the past to work with DEP. Discussion followed. Mr. Carl also had concerns about traffic coming off of the turnpike onto Rte 115 and what if any of these projects could be submitted for gaming funds. Mr. Masi responded that Gaming Funds are going to be available each year, and that each year we will apply for funds for chosen projects. Discussion followed about what types of projects should be submitted.

Mr. Zingaretti announced that a new PA system is in the works, including up to 10 microphones, more speakers and wireless microphones for presentations.

Rose Andrews had questions about Gypsy Moth spraying. Mrs. Koval repeated her earlier response concerning the areas that are scheduled to be sprayed. Mrs. Koval also told the audience to call the Environmental Special Projects at the courthouse and urge them to request that more areas be sprayed.

Roger Southward: questioned why the township does not receive revenues from the state for traffic violations. Attorney Vinsko explained that an

ordinance would need to be passed and then it would be at the discretion of the officer if it were a state or local ordinance being cited. Discussion followed. Mr. Southward also inquired about the construction being done in Laurel Brook Estates and into Bear Creek Village. Discussion followed.

Mr. Zingaretti reminded everyone that the next Board of Supervisors meeting would be held on March 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm. He also stated that the board would now break and have an executive session of the board only concerning pending litigation issues.

Meeting adjourned without motion. 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building located at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd., Bear Creek Township, Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll was called. All Supervisors were in attendance and the salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Treasurers Report was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

Revision was made to January receipts shown on the Statement of Cash Flow. This corrected an error which occurred in the development of the new format for the Treasurer's Report.

REVISED RECEIPTS OF JANUARY 2008: Motion to accept made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

RECEIPTS: motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the February 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the February 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Wind Farm: Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm gave a statistics report for the month February 2008. Mr. Soliday answered questions from members of the audience concerning any problems with and the maintenance of the turbines.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 3 Contractor's Licenses, 1 Building Permit, 1 Zoning book, and 1 Certificate of Occupancy for a total of \$520.00 for the month of February.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval reported that crews were out in February plowing and cindering. She reported that there was a light pole down in Laurel Brook that PP&L will repair. She also suggested that all the light poles be inspected for safety. She also commented on the work being done in Laurel Brook and the run off problem on Swanson Road. Signs were put up on Ridge Rd after the last Supervisors meeting to slow traffic down. Attorney Vinsko informed the Supervisors that the Board has the authorization to change Ridge Rd to a one-way but PennDot would need to be consulted because the traffic flows out onto Rte 115 and studies would most likely need to be done. Mr. Zingaretti stated that no changes would be made without public input.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Zingaretti gave information pertaining to Property Tax Rebates, Property Tax Relief, and IRS Stimulus Payment.

March 31, 2008 had been set as the deadline for any requests for changes to the Zoning Ordinances or Zoning Maps.

Gaming Grant Update: after resubmitting our plans Bear Creek Twp. has been told that they are on the list for consideration for funding for the Culvert replacement project at Old East End Blvd.

Reminder to residents of the Fishing Derby on April 12, 2008 for children 15 and under at Trailwood pond.

Thank you to all involved in the Panattieri Family fundraiser held on March 1, 2008, it was a huge success.

Mrs. Koval reported that she has again contacted Luzerne County concerning the Gypsy Moth Spraying and was told that there may be cut backs in the areas to be sprayed. She was told that we would not know anything until Wednesday (March 5, 2008).

NEW BUSINESS:

Bear Creek Community Easter Egg Hunt is to be held on March 15, 2008 from 11-1pm. weather permitting, at the recreation park for children 11 and under.

Casino Countryside Motel: Mr. Masi had concerns about incidents that have occurred at the motel and inquired if there is any action the township can take to prevent any other incidents from occurring.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Act 537 meeting between the Board of Supervisors and DEP was cancelled by DEP and will be rescheduled for the third week of March

Energy Unlimited lawsuit: township has not yet been served. Township was only aware of pending suit from an article in the newspaper. Energy Unlimited is asking the courts to compel the planning commission to entertain the same plan that was struck down by the Commonwealth Court.

Local Ordinance for traffic violations: draft should be ready for the April Supervisors Meeting.

Swanson Road Lawsuit: suit from 2003 between Bear Creek Township and American Asphalt. Township paid approx. \$30,000 to American Asphalt, Bear Creek Township in turned filed suit against the engineer and the surveyor. We will soon be entering the discovery stage of this proceeding which means the township must consider hiring a consultant and will also incur additional legal fees. These fees would likely exceed the amount which could be won at trial. Mr. Masi asked if the legal and consulting fees would be recoverable if we won, and Mr. Vinsko indicated they are not.

It is Attorney Vinsko's recommendation that it would be in the best interest of the township to drop this suit.

Tower Inspection: Information request to Energy Unlimited in regard to anemometer towers in Crystal Lake area. To date there has been no response. Appropriate actions will be taken. Attorney Vinsko will also evaluate the Township's rights to request inspections of all other towers in the Township, and to obtain copies of such inspections.

Laurel Brook Estates: Correspondence and phone calls to 1 800 The Land have not been returned. Attorney Vinsko will visit their office to obtain information in regards to the work that is being preformed.

Aqua Pennsylvania: has submitted a conditional use application and it was determined that they must go before the zoning hearing board. They still have not obtained their DEP permit for their initial land use application and an extension may be necessary. Attorney Vinsko also noted that many residents of the Trailwood area are engaging private counsel and ignoring the 45 day period in which to sign on for water service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Moore: discussed minutes of PennDot Aqua Pa meeting and concerns about plans and time frame of project. She also had concerns about the roads and if they will be damaged during the project and what can be done to make sure they will be repaired if they are damaged. Discussion followed. Patricia Moore also asked for an update on recycling in the township. Mrs. Koval said she was waiting for the rest of the information from Monroe County. Discussion followed.

Roger Southward: Asked the Board to keep the Laurel Brook new construction issue on the agenda until issues are resolved. Mr. Southward also had concerns about the traffic ordinances and also asked about franchise income in the township. Mr. Southward volunteered his service if the Township were to initiate an audit of Service Electric's franchise fee. Mr. Southward was asked about the our right to charge franchise fees for broadband, voice over internet, water utilities and electric utilities and was advised that local municipalities are not allowed to charge such fees to state regulated utilities.

Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Masi. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building located at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd., Bear Creek Township, Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Roll was called. All Supervisors were in attendance and the salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti informed the audience that there were two executive meetings held in the month of March. One on March 5th and the other on March 31st. Personnel issues and open litigation were discussed at these meetings.

Treasurers Report was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

RECEIPTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the March 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the March 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Wind Farm: Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm gave a statistics report for the month of March 2008.

Jim Smith from the Bear Creek Community Charter School was unable to attend the meeting but sent a letter outlining updates at the school.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 8 contractor's licenses, 2 building permits, 2 zoning books, 4 zoning permits and 2 certificates of occupancy for a total of \$1790.00 plus BIU fees for \$4201.56 for the month of March.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval reported for the month of March 2008. There was a truck repaired for a recall on the power steering, township equipment was worked on, roads were being swept and pot holes filled. Water and power have now been turned on at the Pavilion and the Rec. site. Work has begun at the Rec. field. The pole in Laurel Brook has not been replaced yet. PPL says they do not stock that type of pole but should have it in soon.

RESOLUTION 10-2008: a resolution approving the Bella Minor Subdivision as revised. Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 11-2008: A resolution to extend the Hochreiter subdivision request. Motion made by Mr. Slusser, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti announced that SALDO will now be in house, handled by Mr. Andrews. This had previously been handled by Varaly Associates & Pasonick Engineering.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Reported for the month of March, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 1 turnpike call, 1 brush fire, 2 tree and wire down, 2 standby, 1 public assist, 1 chimney fire and 1 alarm.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Act 537-The Board of Supervisors is in process of selecting an engineer for the Act 537 Plan. Correspondence was sent to Atty. J. Cigan advising him of this.

Energy Unlimited-has a mandamus action, the response has been filed and we are waiting for a court decision on a motion to dismiss under our preliminary objection.

Aqua PA- A letter was sent on March 12th to Stephen Roth requesting a 60 day extension for the residents on the deadline for signing on for water service. No response has yet been received.

Local Ordinance on Traffic Violations- Outline from the state codes section has been prepared and now needs to be tailored to the needs of the township.

Swanson Road Lawsuit- A resolution has been prepared to discontinue this suit. After some discussion with the audience it was accepted.

RESOLUTION 13-2008: A resolution authorizing the discontinuance of the litigation over Swanson Road. Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget Issues - Mr. Zingaretti addressed resident Ted Carl about budget concerns that were raised by Mr. Carl at the February meeting.

Web site update – Mr. Zingaretti gave a presentation on the Bear Creek Twp. website showing updates and new information available.

Recycling – Mr. Masi gave a presentation about recycling programs, showing pictures from different communities and how their program operates.

Trailwood Bridge – a bridge at Trailwood has been restored as an Eagle Scout project. Cost of the restoration was \$95.03. A second bridge at Trailwood had been destroyed as a result of a motor vehicle accident. Cost to rebuild this bridge will be submitted to motorists insurance.

Laurel Brook Construction at Bear Creek Village – Mr. Zingaretti informed the audience of blasting that was planned. Homes within 500 feet will be notified. Seismographic equipment will be utilized and signs will be posted to inform residents. Discussion also followed concerning the roads and the cul-de-sacs.

Ridge Road – Letter sent to Eric Zimmer at PennDOT concerning the Ridge Road issues. Response has not yet been received.

Trailwood Fishing Derby – reminder that the fishing derby at Trailwood Park will be held Saturday, April 12th at 9:00 am for children 15 years and younger.

Casino Motel Issue – Atty. Vinsko explained what type of actions can be taken including an annual inspection utilizing BIU or a permit fee. Atty. Vinsko explained that these steps would need to be done across the board and must be done by an ordinance.

New Speakers/PA System – New speakers in place already. May have more new microphones by the next monthly meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Hazleton Oil – will provide the containers to collect oil, oil filters, antifreeze and old batteries. Will be available on May 17th and May 18th.

PPL Utilities – offering a self contained canister to collect compact fluorescent bulbs. This will be available to the residents during the month of May in the Secretary's office during regular business hours.

RESOLUTION 12-2008 – A resolution approving the sale of the property referenced as parcel number 4-1275-I11 00A 015 owned by John Ziomek. The Resolution was tabled until more information including location of property can be found.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Open House – Old and new zoning maps will be available to the public to review. This will give the residents an opportunity to view the maps and see if they have any issues with any of their property zoning classification. Post cards will also be mailed out to all township property owners informing them of the April 12th open house.

Cell Phone Cancellation – two township cell phones were cancelled after contract period had ended. This will save the township approximately \$70 per month. Regular phone service is also being looked at to see if there are any savings to be made.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Southward – Asked if there is an ordinance concerning recycling and had concerns about the cost of recycling compact fluorescent bulbs. Discussion followed.

Rose Andrews – Made a suggestion of placing paddle fans in the community room to keep it cooler in the warmer months. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Mr. Slusser to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Masi. All were in favor.

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DISBURSEMENTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the April 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 25 Calls for the month of April were reported, majority of calls were for brush fires.

Wind Farm: Mr. Zingaretti read the report from Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm giving the statistics for the month of April 2008. Mr. Soliday indicated there were no major service impacting problems during the month.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 23 contractor's licenses, 8 building permits, 4 zoning permits and 2 certificates of occupancy for a total of \$3990.00 plus BIU fees for \$2124.18 for a total of \$6114.18 for the month of April.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval reported for the month of April 2008. Road work was done repairing potholes and wash-outs from White Haven Pocono to Laurel Brook. Roads in Laurel Brook are a mess from work that was being done there. Vandalism has also been reported at Trailwood, picnic tables were smashed and vehicles driven through the grassy areas. Mrs. Koval thanked Joe English and Tony Fazzi for the work they did in preparing the ball fields for opening day. She also asked that if anyone has any problems concerning the roads that they please report it to Joe English, herself or the township secretary so that it can be handled properly.

RESOLUTION 14-2008: A resolution to extend the Hochreiter subdivision request until July 7, 2008. Motion made by Mr. Slusser, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

NASRE, NASRE,& SOLIMAN –Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski to table the Nasre, Nasre and Soliman Subdivision resolution, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Tax Sale – Ziomek property up for tax claim sale is 1.7 acres located on Pittston Blvd. A company from Pittston is purchasing the property and is to drop off a copy of the map showing exactly where the property is located. Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski to table motion until map is received, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

Act 537-we have requested a meeting within the next 20 days with DEP. We will take representation from our township engineer, Pasonick Engineering, solely to gather information.

Energy Unlimited-we have filed our preliminary objections to their complaint. They have filed their response and we await a decision by the court.

Aqua PA- The Fire Department has sent a letter to Aqua Pa informing them that they did not receive notification of their right to hook into the water system. We have asked that Aqua Pa make sure that every property owner has been notified.

Local Ordinance on Traffic Violations- All violations numbers have been incorporated and confirmed state requirements. Language of ordinance is being confirmed and then circulated to the Board of Supervisors to be considered for passage.

Concini Lawsuit-still pending. The answers and new matters have been filed. Site inspections on the property have been done. The insurance company has retained counsel for any monetary damages.

Tower Inspections Ordinance- Must set a reasonable fee in terms of man power to conduct inspection. Board needs to consider what would be a reasonable fee and what the criteria will be for the inspection.

Casino Motel Issue-a letter was sent at the request of Supervisor Masi asking the proprietors of the motel to monitor activity and expressed concerns about avoiding criminal activity. We also made the overture that if the township can be of any help regarding any of these issues to please contact us.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property tax relief-property tax cuts that are on the way are for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and will be in the school district tax. Estimated property tax per home owner is figured by a formula based on the market value of homes in an area and other issues. According to published reports, anyone in Wilkes-Barre area school district would receive a \$220 reduction in their property taxes related to the school. Since we have no millage, there is no issue from our perspective. Applications must be filled out and returned to the county tax assessor to participate in the reduction.

Web site update – March minutes have been posted, Mr. Masi's information on recycling containers has been added along with a new community calendar. A page on

Act 537 history has also been added as well as draft minutes and the agenda for this meeting. Minutes from 1992 to 1999 have also been added.

Recycling-reported by Mr. Slusser. Information and pricing has been gathered on recycling containers. Cost for 2 containers that are 23' long, 8' high with 3 doors on each side is \$11,814.00. Based on current market prices, we will receive \$55.00 per ton of paper recycled at current prices. Aluminum, glass and plastic can be commingled. We have \$10,000 earmarked for recycling and grants will be applied for. Mr. Zingaretti informed the audience that a notice of termination (for breach of contract) has been sent to Waste Management regarding the contract we have with them for dumpsters. It has been brought to our attention that Mascaro picks up our recyclables, not Waste Management. We do not have a contract with Mascaro. Discussion followed about keeping recycling area secure and preventing people from dumping garbage in recycling containers.

Trailwood Foot Bridge – all walking bridges at Trailwood Park have been repaired and we have received reimbursement from the insurance carrier for the last bridge that was repaired after being destroyed as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

Laurel Brook Construction at Bear Creek Village – Some roads in Laurel Brook have been damaged by the construction equipment. Mr. Masi brought up the fact that other portions of the roads in Laurel Brook are surprisingly in poor shape considering that the development is not that old. Mr. Zingaretti suggested we bring in someone from PennDot to examine the roads and contract someone to do core samples and find if they is any underlying problem with the roads. A discussion was held regarding the selection of core samples as compared to newer technology that is used to evaluate road quality. Attorney Vinsko indicated he would review the agreement whereby the township accepted the roads from the developer to identify whether we have any recourse at this time.

Fishing Derby-A thank you to all who were involved, it was a great success. Thank you also to the fire department for bringing a fire engine to the rec field on opening day of baseball for the parade.

Ridge Road-Eric Zimmer from PennDot called and said they are working on this matter but they had other issues they had to address first so it will not be until some time in June until they can get it back to us.

Zoning Update-Still in process of consolidating all zoning requests. Further review of the map shows that the map is 1995s' map with only one change, that being the area where we are now (municipal building etc) is zoned as industrial. Any zoning changes done from 1995 through 2004, are not reflected in the current map. A meeting will be scheduled to go over the requests.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trailwood Park Safety-residents have reported suspicious activity at the park. Lighting at the park will be looked at to deter this activity. Signs indicating when the park is open – “dawn to dusk” signs – will be placed at the park.

Outdoor Wood Burner Ordinance Reminder-enforcement of the ordinance will be tabled until a decision is reached by the commonwealth court in a case pending regarding the use of outdoor wood burners.

Gaming Grant Public Input Sessions-forms are available to the public to voice their suggestions in what projects should be considered in applying for gaming grants. Two input sessions will be held. The first on May 20th and the second on June 17th, both being held at the Municipal building at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BILL PEFFER- Wanted to thank everyone who worked hard to make the fishing derby a success and thanks of all of the sponsors whose donations made the derby possible.

ROGER SOUTHWARD- had a question about the zoning in Laurel Brook Estates. According to the zoning map, ½ of Laurel Brook estates is zoned R-1, the other ½ is zoned A-1. He believes that all development plans say the land is zoned R-1. Mr. Zingaretti responded that this is one of the questions they had from the open house that was held, and the board is still reviewing this item. If we discover that the lots are still split between residential and agricultural, the board will make sure that all residents involved will be notified and allowed to submit a request for zoning map change even though the deadline for that has passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Slusser, seconded by Mrs. Koval. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building located at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd., Bear Creek Township, Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Roll was called. All Supervisors were in attendance and the salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on May 20, 2008, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Treasurers Report for the month of May was read by Mr. Zingaretti. A motion to accept the report was made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

RECEIPTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the May 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the May 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 7 Calls for the month of May were reported, 5 motor vehicle accidents and 2 vehicle fires.

WIND FARM: Mr. Zingaretti read the report from Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm giving the statistics for the month of May 2008.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 23 contractor's licenses, 13 building permits, 5 zoning permits, 1 zoning hearing and 2 certificates of occupancy for a total of \$4,799.00 plus BIU fees for \$1,174.40 for a total of \$5,973.40 for the month of May.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval reported for the month of May 2008. Road crew cut the shoulders along the roads, patched pot holes, installed the ceiling fans in the meeting room, set up the recycling from Hazelton Oil and made repairs on the pavilion.

BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Jim Smith, chief operating officer at the charter school was on hand to give an update of current news at the school. He informed the audience that the last day of the school year is June 13th. This is also 8th grade graduation which will be held at King's College. He also reported that information about employment opportunities and info about the new computer lab can be found on the school's website. Mr. Smith also reported that the school was pursuing a permit to operate a sewage treatment plant for use by the school.

ORDINANCE 1-2008: An ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Bear Creek amending the code of ordinances to repeal the Emergency and Municipal

Services Tax and enact the Local Services Tax per state mandate. Motion to accept made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 17-2008: A resolution to approve the Nasre, Nasre & Soliman minor subdivision. Motion to accept made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 16-2008: A resolution to untable the resolution to approve or deny the sale of the property referenced as Parcel # 4-1275-1 I11 00A 015 owned by John Ziomek. Motion made by Ms. Walilewski, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 12-2008: A resolution denying the sale of the property referenced as Parcel # 4-1275-1 I11 00A 015 owned by John Ziomek. Motion made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 18-2008: Board of Supervisors authorizes the township expenditure of not more than \$5,000 for the purchase of a trailer for the township. Motion to accept made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Act 537-we have been in touch with DEP, a meeting should take place within the next few weeks with them, Pasonick and Attorneys. Brief discussion was held addressing questions from Mr. Carl on the purpose of the meeting with DEP.

Energy Unlimited-our answer and new matter has been filed and we are awaiting their response.

Waste Management Contract-notice was recently sent to Waste Management regarding potential breach of contract (someone other than them was picking up the recyclables). New notice has been sent requesting the recycling dumpsters be removed within the next 15 days.

Traffic Signal on 115/Turnpike-Through a cooperative agreement between the township and Mohegan Sun the township will assume responsibility and liability for the maintenance of the light. Mohegan Sun has agreed to reimburse us for this. The township will enter into an agreement with Mohegan Sun outlining terms.

Aqua PA- We have asked that Aqua Pa make sure that every property owner has been notified of their right to hook into the water. We are awaiting a response.

Local Ordinance on Traffic Violations- Ordinance is prepared. We need to have this reviewed by the general counsel for the state police before proceeding.

Concini Lawsuit-Suit is proceeding ahead. Insurance counsel has filed a counter claim against Aqua PA.

Tower Inspections Ordinance- Ordinance is prepared. In order to enforce the ordinance, we must first find someone licensed and qualified to perform these inspections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gaming Grant Input Sessions- May 20th was the first session for the public's input in applying for gaming grant funds. Three submissions were made, one being the light on 115 at the turnpike, which is already underway. The second was for better signage at the school to control traffic speed. Lastly a neighboring borough requested that we join them in applying for funding for a Comprehensive Plan. June 17th will be the next public input session.

Recycling- Hazleton oil recycling was held on May 17th and 18th in the pole barn. We are currently in the early stages of creating a financial model to compare various alternatives for recycling.

Ridge Road-Waiting on PennDot for response.

Trailwood Park Safety-Dawn to dusk signs have been ordered and we are currently waiting on PPL to get back to us regarding area lighting. Decorative stone will also be used to deter motorists from driving their vehicle into areas where they are prohibited.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Luzerne County Solid Waste Management will be holding its annual electronic recycling collection for residents of Luzerne County on June 7th at the Butler Twp Fire Hall and June 21st at Hanover Area Jr. High School. Information may be found on our web site and on the monthly calendar.

NEW BUSINESS:

DCED Grant Approval-A one hundred thousand dollar grant has been approved for the township to use for a paving project for Hillcrest Road.

July 7th Meeting-Next month's Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at the community house on Mountain Lake at 7 pm. We plan for the August meeting to be held at White Haven/Poconos.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Slusser. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Community House on Mountain Lake in Bear Creek Township, Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll was called. All Supervisors were in attendance and the salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on June 17, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Treasurers Report for the month of June was read by Mr. Zingaretti..

RECEIPTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the June 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the June 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 12 Calls for the month of June were reported, 4 motor vehicle accidents 2 tree/wire down, 1 vehicle fire, 1 public assist, 3 activated fire alarms and 1 carbon monoxide alarm.

WIND FARM: Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm gave his report giving the statistics for the month of June 2008.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 13 contractor's licenses, 22 building permits, 6 zoning permits, 1 planning board hearing, 9 sales of zoning books/maps and 1 certificate of occupancy for a total of \$4218.00 plus BIU fees for \$2811.81 for a total of \$7029.81 for the month of June.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval reported that 4 people were hired for summer help and that they and the scheduling are working well. PennDot has finally fixed the hump on Swanson Rd and the run-off has been taken care of. The crew has been working on the new soccer field and the dusk to dawn sign is in for the Trailwood Park area, we are just waiting for the lighting to be installed by PPL. Piping needs to be replaced at Pike Road.

RESOLUTION 19-2008: A resolution to deny the Hochrieter Subdivision as submitted. Motion made by Ms Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Slusser abstained. Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval, Ms Wasilewski and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

RESOLUTION 20-2008: A resolution granting tax forgiveness to the Bear Creek Community Charter School for 1900 Bear Creek Blvd for the year 2008. Motion made by Ms. Walilewski, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Act 537-representatives of Pasonick Engineering have reviewed all documentation for the Act 537 plan; they are prepared to finalize the plan once they have met with DEP and the Board of Supervisors. Pasonick Engineering will be at this meeting to deal directly with the DEP technical representative, engineers and sewage officers.

Resident Ted Carl asked Attorney Vinsko about a four hundred million dollar bond question being proposed for November. He stated that this would make funds available to us. Mr. Vinsko replied that he has heard about this but is not familiar with the referendum. Mr. Vinsko did state that we do have help in Harrisburg trying to assist us in getting the costs covered.

Energy Unlimited-in the discovery phase and currently trying to arrange for depositions. Will be proceeding in August or September.

Waste Management-Sent another letter last week to have all refuse/recycling containers removed from Township property.

Aqua PA- Attorney Vinsko and Mr. Andrews met last week to discuss issuing permits subject to Section 803. They must come before the Board of Supervisors before anything can be completed.

Tower Inspections Ordinance- Must decide on a certified company to handle inspections so no liability comes back to the township.

Ridge Road-attempts have been made to contact Mr. Thomas and Penndot with issues concerning Ridge Road and Laurelbrook. We are attempting to set up a meeting in the near future.

Traffic Light at Rte 115 & Turnpike-Attorney Vinsko is meeting with counsel for Mohegan Sun on July 8, 2008 to finalize the terms of the agreement. If agreement is reached it will be brought before the board at the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycling- currently we have one bid for new dumpsters. We want to get the proper equipment in there and also assurance that the items are actually being recycled. Hopefully this can be done seamlessly, with these being removed and new ones in place either simultaneously or very shortly afterward.

It was also brought to the Board's attention that the recycling center at Rtes 940 and 115 were moved to a more secure location east on Rte 940.

Gaming Grant Meetings – recap of the submissions made at the May 20, 2008 meeting. No submissions were received at the June 17, 2008 meeting.

Zoning Map Requests-Any changes made to zoning from 1995-2004 are not reflected on the zoning map that is being used. Meeting minutes from 1995-2004 are being read through to find any changes that were made. 1995 through 1999 are already completed and it has been found that all of Laurelbrook is R-1.

CORRESPONDENCE

DCED Gaming Grant Seminar-was held June 19, 2008. Focus was Monroe County's funding. There is 2% that is to be split among the municipalities, only 1% of this stays in Monroe County. The other 1% goes into a pool for any county that is contiguous to Monroe County. Deadline for submission is August 31, 2008.

Lions Club Request-the Lions Club has requested use of the pavilion and kitchen on Sunday, September 7, 2008 from noon until 5:00.

Motion made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reassessment- Mr. Zingaretti reminded the audience that the clock is ticking in filing an appeal and that there were informational pamphlets concerning the reassessment available.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Rebovich- Commented that he felt there was a breach of trust after learning that the Township solicitor is representing parties involved in a lawsuit with the Mountain Lake/Meadow Run Lake Park Association.

Pat Moore- recapped recycling and Act 537 issues. Also thanked the township road crew for their quick handling of a problem on her road. She also likes the idea of moving the monthly meeting around the township and thanked Mr. Zingaretti for his quick response to some questions that she had posed to him earlier.

Frank Martino- asked what the status was on working on the roads in White Haven Pocono, particularly Old Ford Road. Mrs. Koval responded that they are looking into grants for monies to repair this road and we have also been in contact with Dennison Township concerning Weitz Road.

Barb Wende-addressed Attorney Vinsko and asked him reconsider his decision to represent parties involved in a lawsuit with the Mountain Lake/Meadow Run Lake Park Association.

Attorney Bill Vinsko-responded that he and his firm take very serious concerns of conflict of interest. He stated that he would never put any client at risk. He assured the Board of Supervisors and the audience that there is no conflict of interest in his

representing these clients. He stated that he would recuse himself if he believed it was a conflict of interest.

Mark Wende-asked the board what the lake and West Ave were zoned as and if businesses were permitted to operate here. Mr. Zingaretti responded that the area is zoned R-1. After further questioning, Mr. Wende stated that it was a vacation rental being operated out of a home on the Lake. Attorney Vinsko said he would look into it. Mr. Wende also asked the board to define the term junk yard. After further prodding from the board, Mr. Wende stated that there is a property on the lake that he would like to determine if it is a junk yard and if it poses any health or safety issues. Attorney Vinsko said he would look into these matters and contact Mr. Wende.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Waslilewski, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the old Fire House in White Haven Poconos in Bear Creek Township, Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll was called. Supervisors Masi, Koval, Wasilewski and Zingaretti were in attendance. Supervisor Slusser was absent. The salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the July 7, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Treasurers Report for the month of July was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

RECEIPTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the July 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the July 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 10 Calls for the month of July were reported, 5 motor vehicle accidents 2 tree/wire down, 1 vehicle fire, 1 water rescue and 1 brush fire.

WIND FARM: Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm gave his report giving the statistics for the month of July 2008. He indicated that blades on one of the turbines may be replaced in the near future.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 4 contractor's licenses, 9 building permits, and 2 certificates of occupancy for a total of \$1236.00 for the month of July.

BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL:It was announced that first day of school will be Monday, August 25, 2008.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval reported that the supervisors toured White Haven Poconos and noted road work that needs to be done. She also reported on all the work that has been done at the rec field and on the new soccer field. The summer help is doing well. The equipment trailer is in. \$10,000 in grant funds will be used in its purchase. There has also been road patching and repair work being done.

ORDINANCE 2-2008: An ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Bear Creek amending the township bylaws. Motion to accept made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 21-2008: A resolution authorizing proper township officials to enter into the commercial material purchase agreement with the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority. Motion to accept made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Ms. Wasilewski. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 22-2008: A resolution authorizing proper township officials to execute the application for permit to install and operate traffic signals at the intersection of state Route 115 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Route 476, and enter into agreement with Mohegan Sun. Motion to accept made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Act 537-On July 15 the Board of Supervisors along with Pasonick Engineering met with DEP and its officials. Purpose of the meeting was for the Board and the engineers to hear DEP's concerns and what they are looking for in a fully adopted Act 537 Plan. Our engineers have prepared a feasibility study. DEP is now requesting a time line from the Board of Supervisors as to when they will adopt an Act 537 Plan, providing 7 or 8 alternatives for the sewage disposal, and also passing ordinances that correspond with the actual plan. Supervisors are currently in the beginning stages of preparing the time line. There will be more at the September meeting as to what the time line will actually be.

Energy Unlimited-currently in the deposition phase. Two have already been deposed, two depositions yet to be done. Written discovery will be issued.

Waste Management-Containers are to be removed by Friday (8/8/08) by 5 pm or the township will remove them from the property.

Aqua PA- Aqua PA's engineers at the request of the planning board advocated on the supervisors behalf when they came in front of them asking them to move a water tower off Rte 115. Aqua Pa has stated that they can move it back 50 feet. The engineers, planning board and board of supervisors will need to review these plans. This water tank is located between PennDot building and the turnpike exit on Rte 115. This will be the water tower to feed all of Trailwood.

Local Traffic Violations Ordinance- Will be addressed later on with the board.

Cell Tower Inspections – currently working on obtaining proposals from several qualified companies to do the inspections.

Ridge Road-PennDot will focus their attention on Ridge Road once they have completed what is necessary for Mohegan Sun and the project to install a traffic light at the turnpike exit on Rte 115.

OLD BUSINESS:

Laurelbrook Construction – roads have not yet been walked. Will be getting together with PennDot and the Roadmaster to review the status of the roads.

Zoning Map Changes – after reviewing 10 years of minutes to locate zoning changes, 2 were found. The board will now begin to review the individual requests made for changes.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patti Murray- Has concerns about the Stone Quarry and the blasting that goes on. She states that the blasting has caused damage to the pump on her well, which has been replaced now several times. She also stated that a plumber has told her that the 400 foot shaft to the well has shifted, probably caused by the blasting. Discussion followed and Attorney Vinsko suggested we send them a letter citing noise and nuisance ordinance.

Marge Sharples-Wanted to know how many communities there are in the township and how often the meetings will come to the different communities. Mr. Zingaretti stated that 10 meetings will be held at the township municipal building, 1 meeting a year will be held at Mountain/Meadow Run Lake and 1 meeting a year at White Haven Poconos.

Question was also raised about grant monies for paving in White Haven Poconos. Roadmaster Koval told the audience that DCED grant money was received for paving on Hillcrest Road but none for WHP. She stated that the road crew will be patching and repairing roads in WHP soon.

Bob Fraley-Stated he was president of the WHP Association. Commented on the lower portion of Old Ford Road and what could be done about the disrepair to this part of the road. He also spoke about a property that is in a state of disrepair and the owner has not responded to letters sent by Code Enforcement. Attorney Vinsko stated that a constable will be sent to cite the individual.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Waslilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

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 7:05 pm. Roll was called. All were in attendance. The salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Board held an executive session on August 19, 2008 for the purpose of pending litigation and personnel matters.

Aqua PA filed a request with the Township for approval of their subdivision plan. They had conditional approval from the Planning Board. Condition being that they needed to get their permits from DEP. They now have these permits but the Board of Supervisors have questioned the submitted plans with concern about a tank which has been removed from the first plan submitted to the current plan submitted. The Board would like to extend the deadline for action on Aqua Pa Forest Park well plan by 40 days. Aqua can then appear before the Planning Board with the revised plans on September 15 to explain changes made to the Plan submitted last week as compared to the initial submission.

Motion to extend for 40 days the deadline by which the Board of Supervisors is to act upon the Aqua PA well issue was made by Ms Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Treasurers Report for the month of August was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

RECEIPTS: Motion was made by Mr. Slusser to approve the August 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Ms Walilewski. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Motion was made by Ms. Wasilewski to approve the August 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 8 Calls for the month of August were reported, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 alarms, 1 vehicle fire, and 1 brush fire.

WIND FARM: Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Zingaretti read a report giving the statistics for the month of August 2008. Turbine 6 is back up and running and 3 new blades will be arriving in the near future. This may pose some traffic issues and we asked them to notify the Township when these blades will be delivered and also to work around school bus schedules as they have done in the past.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 3 contractor's licenses, 10 building permits, 4 certificates of occupancy, zoning permit and 1 zoning hearing fee for a total of \$1428.00 for the month of August.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval reported that the summer help finished up last week. Work was done on Old Ford Road and the dirt road and a pipe was unblocked off Aspen Road in WHP. Township roads were cut. Work was done on the soccer field and top soil was delivered. Recycling dumpsters were overflowing with garbage and the crew had to clean up around them. There are still problems with the doors at the rec field pavilion. School lights are back on and school is open so drive carefully.

RESOLUTION 25-2008: A resolution authorizing proper township officials to execute the application for permit to install and operate traffic signals at the intersection of state Route 115 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Route 476. Motion to accept this resolution to replace Resolution 22-2008 made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Act 537-working on a potential intergovernmental cooperation agreement. Meeting was held with WVSA to insure that there would be no problems with the flow expected from the township. Agreements have to be made yet with W-B Township, Plains Township and any other area where the waste will flow.

Energy Unlimited-final set of depositions set for September 10, 2008.

Waste Management-contract with Waste Management has been terminated and we are about to enter into a contract with Monroe County Waste Authority.

Local Traffic Violations Ordinance- Will be addressed later on this month. Mr. Zingaretti asked Mr. Vinsko to inquire as to Pennsylvania State Police policy on citing motorists under state code or local code.

Concini Lawsuit-preliminary hearing was set for September 8, but due to a conflict in schedules it has been put off until later in the month.

Cell Tower Inspections – Building Inspection Underwriters confirm that they are capable of handling the inspections but we will get three proposals and then present them to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycling Project-current calendar lists all of the things that will be recycled once our new recycling bins are in place. We will also be accepting bids on surveillance (camera) systems to monitor the recycling area.

Zoning Map Changes – work session will be held between the Planning Board and the Board of Supervisors to do an evaluation of the submissions and then a public hearing will be held and those who have submitted requests will be notified.

CORRESPONDENCE :

Letter from DCED informing us about a training and technical assistance session to discuss the local share account funds, Luzerne County funds under the gaming grants. The Board will have representation at this meeting.

An unsigned letter was sent to the Board concerning two “zoning violations”. Both of the situations had already been addressed prior to this letter. Since the letter was unsigned we had no way of informing the writer of the action that had been taken.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris McGowan- requested that Bear Creek Ambulance be considered to receive a portion of the EMS Taxes received by the Township. Mr. Zingaretti said that it would be taken under consideration for the 2009 budget.

Tom McGowan-spoke as President of the Ambulance Company about the problems between the Ambulance Co. and the Lions Club. The two groups are scheduled to meet on September 14th to discuss their differences.

A letter was received from Northeast Paramedic Services Inc supporting Bear Creek Ambulance and its volunteers. They stated that they feel a BLS Ambulance is needed in their coverage area.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Slusser, seconded by Ms Wasilewski. Vote: unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

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, September 30. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll was called. All supervisors were present. The salute to the flag followed.

Mr. Zingaretti addressed the audience explaining that this meeting was being held as a work session, notice of the meeting was published, the public is allowed to attend but public comment will not be accepted. Two items are on the agenda for the meeting. First one being recycling with J.P. Mascaro and Sons.

Ed Sherlinski from J.P. Mascaro spoke to the Board, giving information about setting up recycling containers on Township property for use by the residents of Bear Creek Twp. Information was given on the use of a "snoopy box" container. A picture of a similar container was shown to the Board and it was explained how the container works, how it is emptied and also that the openings could be modified to restrict certain items from being put into the bins. A brief discussion was also held concerning township wide curbside pick up of trash and recyclables and Mr. Sherlinski said he would contact the township secretary to get information he would need concerning this. The Board stated that this could be discussed further at a later date.

Second item on the agenda, representatives from Bear Creek Community Charter School to discuss Wastewater Treatment Solution for the school.

Jim Smith, President of the Bear Creek Foundation introduced individuals that would be speaking. Peter Austin, facility chair and member of the Board of Trustees, Scott Sherwood, co-facility chair and member of the Board of Trustees, Dave Blazejewski, President of the Board of Trustees.

Jim Smith explained that the Bear Creek Foundation is the land holder who is the entity that is actually pursuing the sewage facility with cooperation from the Board of Trustees from the Bear Creek Community Charter School.

Mr. Zingaretti introduced Attorney Vinsko, Bear Creek Twp. solicitor and Joe Durkin from Reilly Associates who represents the Township with its Act 537 plan.

Mr. Smith spoke about the shortcomings most of the on lot sewage treatment facilities in Bear Creek Twp. have and stated that the school is no different. He stated that their facility is approximately 75 years old and in need of significant repairs. There are safety issues, parking issues and building layout problems. Their goal is to come up with modern educational space that would accommodate up to 430 students. The school currently houses 406 students.

Mr. Blazejewski spoke about how critical it is for this project to proceed. Students are cramped and there is a need for a gym and auditorium/multi purpose room. They originally looked to improve on what they had and found that it was not possible. This is a first step and Mr. Blazejewski stressed that if any point in time the Township has a sewage system that they could tap into, they would abandon these plans.

Mr. Smith explained where the pump station and main would lie on the properties, referring to drawings that were presented. He also stated that there are no plans to allow anyone else to utilize the planned system except the school facility.

Mr. Slusser asked about the plans for the building that was purchased next to the school. Mr. Smith explained that the building next door would eventually be eliminated. They have had an architect and civil engineer look at the site and both have come up with basically the same concept because there is not a lot that can be done with the site as far as layout. The additional facility will be located behind the school. Once the students are moved into the new building, the old building will be gutted and rehabbed. Once the old section is completed the two buildings will be connected.

Mr. Smith explained that there would be restricted access to the property, parking for 420 vehicles, a bus lane that would accommodate 8-12 buses and off street access for emergency personnel and access to the treatment facility. Total amount of property equals 6 acres.

First goal is to implement the outside sewage treatment solution and at the same time the board will entertain presentations from design firms and architects. After permit process the waste water treatment plant will be constructed to service the school. The system will be on line before anything else is done with the school. Then there will be the process of permits and construction for the new facility. In the end 1900 Bear Creek Blvd will be eliminated. The modular's at the school currently will be eliminated.

At this time the Supervisors looked over the plans showing the layout of the school and where the wastewater treatment solution would be located on the school property.

At this time the technical representatives came forward. Tonight was for preliminary submissions and no legislative action would be taken.

Once plan is submitted, Bear Creek Twp must advertise that the plans are available for public review and comment for 30 days. The township is responsible for responding to public comments. Plan will also be submitted to the Luzerne County Planning Commission. The Luzerne County Planning Commission has 60 days to act upon their component of the module and submit it back to the township. The township will then act on their part of the module and the module then gets forwarded to DEP for their final approval.

Biggest obstacle foreseen is the maintenance agreement. Attorney Vinsko stated that the document for the agreement was well prepared and the only issue is the term of the agreement and Attorney Van Loon would be working with the engineers to figure out the life of the project so that the term would be consistent with the life of the project. This issue will be addressed before the document is signed. The costs are all on the Charter School and the foundation. The township will be reimbursed for any costs it may incur. The township will have inspection rights.

Ms. Wasilewski asked if township held any responsibility concerning their sewage plan aside from inspection. Attorney Vinsko responded that the township is responsible to make sure that proper procedures are followed concerning permits etc. We are also responsible for inspection bi-annually but cost is on the owner.

Module is designed for 440 students plus 60 staff. This treatment facility is going to be designed for the maximum capacity. Sewage flows are based upon DEP's regulations. The new facility will have a full cafeteria and a gym with showers. It is sized for 25 gallons per capita per day. It will be designed for 12,500 gallons per day flow, with a capacity to go to 15,000 gallons per day.

Mr. Zingaretti asked the board from the Bear Creek Foundation to create a punch list for the Supervisors and Township so that no steps are missed in what the township is responsible for. He also stated that he could be the direct contact person from the township for any correspondence concerning the project.

The plans for review will be available at the township building during normal business hours and also available on the township and school websites.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

OCTOBER 6, 2008

MONTHLY SUPERVISORS MEETING

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, Supervisor Koval called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Roll was called. Mrs. Koval, Mr. Masi and Mr. Slusser were in attendance. Mr. Zingaretti and Ms. Wasilewski were absent. The salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Mr. Slusser to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting, the September 15, 2008 Special Meeting and the minutes from a work session held on September 30, 2008, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Treasurers Report for the month of September was read by Mrs. Koval.

RECEIPTS: Motion was made by Mr. Slusser to approve the September 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Motion was made by Mr. Masi to approve the September 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 16 Calls for the month of September were reported, 10 motor vehicle accidents, 3 alarms, 1 vehicle fire, 1 airport drill and 1 transformer fire.

WIND FARM: Todd Soliday of the Bald Mountain Wind Farm gave a report giving the statistics for the month of September 2008. He stated there were no significant break downs or maintenance problems for the month. He also noted that they expect the replacement blades for one of the turbines to be delivered soon.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 10 contractor's licenses, 2 building permits, 2 certificates of occupancy and 4 zoning permits for a total of \$1810.00 plus \$6559.04 in B.I.U. for a grand total of \$8369.04 for the month of September.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Vandalism has been reported in Trailwood Park. New soccer field has been completed. Salt and anti-skid materials have been ordered, we are awaiting its delivery. Road foreman Joseph English retired as of September 30, 2008. We are currently interviewing people to fill 2 positions on the road crew. Light poles have been delivered and construction will begin soon on the traffic lights in front of the municipal building. Laurelbrook construction and Ridge Road issues will be looked into and hopefully addressed soon.

RESOLUTION 28-2008: A resolution authorizing the Township officials to execute the wastewater operation maintenance and oversight agreement for the Bear Creek Foundation Inc. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Slusser, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 29-2008: A resolution authorizing the Township officials to advertise the sewage planning module for the Bear Creek Community Charter School. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

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MONTHLY SUPERVISORS MEETING

RESOLUTION 30-2008-A resolution extending the time for a decision for Aqua Pennsylvania on all pending plans submitted to December 5, 2008. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Slusser. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 31-2008-A resolution authorizing Borton Lawson Engineers to evaluate alternatives and improvements relative to school zone signs. A motion was made by Mr. Slusser to table this resolution until the board had time to review it more thoroughly. Seconded by Mr. Masi. All were in favor of tabling the resolution.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Act 537-The Township has engaged Reilly Associates to commence the work for the act 537 plan. DEP is satisfied with the documentation that has been submitted to them and are currently reviewing the timeline and the task activity report that Reilly has presented to the Board of Supervisors. DEP is aware that this process until a final approved Act 537 plan can take up to a year depending on weather or unforeseen issues.

Energy Unlimited- Depositions are continuing. Depositions will now be taken from the staff of Energy Unlimited, and then we will proceed with any pending motions or try to resolve the case.

Waste Management-contract with Waste Management has been terminated and we are about to enter into a contract with Monroe County Waste Authority.

Local Traffic Violations Ordinance- Will be addressed at the November meeting.

Concini Lawsuit-A meeting was held with Judge Lupas concerning this matter and he would like to have our engineer and all the other engineers for the other parties to present a findings of fact concerning the water run off and the liability in terms of PenndDot, Bear Creek Twp., Aqua PA or any other entity.

Cell Tower Inspections – Will be addressed at the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycling Project- We were working with Monroe County to set up our recycling program but ran into some difficulties with them. We are currently reviewing other proposals we received for recycling containers and service.

Zoning Map Changes – a work session will be held on October 20, 2008 to review the submissions for zoning requests. At this time a meeting will be scheduled and all parties who have requested a change in zoning will be notified in advance by mail.

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Trailwood Park Safety-2 lights will be installed by PPL to improve the lighting at the park. We are also in process of getting prices for cameras for security at the park. It was also brought up at this time that the sign for Laurelbrook on 115S is missing. Mrs. Koval said she would contact PennDot.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion made by Mr. Slusser to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Masi, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

A Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors Work Session was held at the Municipal Building located at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd., Bear Creek Township, on Monday, October 20, 2008. 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.

Tom McGowan and Francis Litchman, representing the Bear Creek Buck Township Ambulance Association spoke at length concerning the rift between the Ambulance and the Lions Club. They told of a resident who will back them financially should they break off from the current ambulance with the Lions Club. Their financial backer is willing to finance the hiring of a weekday, dayshift crew for the new ambulance company for three years, a new ambulance and legal fees.

Questions were raised concerning who owns the ambulance, who holds the lease for the ambulance co. with the township and if the ambulance should secede from the Lions, who would retain the name Bear Creek Buck Twp Ambulance. Discussion followed.

Motion to adjourn for a short break was made by Ms. Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi, all were in favor.

Meeting reconvened to discuss changes to the Township zoning map. We went through with the new zoning ordinance at the beginning of the year and we are still using the 1995 map as the base. There were 17 requested changes, 15 of which were requested by residents and two issues were previously noted by the board from discussions with the Planning consultant (Jack Varaly). One was Laurelbrook (R-1 v split) and the other the area around the Municipal Building (I-1).

Based on ordinances and information received from Jack Varaly, a potential timeline has been set up. The timeline includes determining the cost to the township, confirming with applicants their intent to proceed, preparing final list of requests, and referring changes to the Bear Creek Twp. and the Luzerne County Planning Boards. From there all impacted residents will receive hearing notices, public notice will be made of the hearing date and then the public hearing will be held. Discussion followed. Next steps will be the specific identification – on the township map – of all properties with pending zoning change requests.

Final topic discussed was recycling. Five different options were presented and the Board was encouraged to review the options so a decision could be made at the regular November meeting. A brief discussion followed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

NOVEMBER 10, 2008

MONTHLY SUPERVISORS MEETING

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. All Supervisors were in attendance. The salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Slusser, all were in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Masi to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2008 Work Session Meeting, seconded by Ms Wasilewski. Mr. Slusser abstained, all others in favor.

Treasurers Report for the month of October was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

RECEIPTS: Motion was made by Mr. Slusser to approve the October 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Ms Wasilewski. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Deferred to the December meeting since the list of disbursements was not included in the report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 6 Calls for the month of October were reported, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 alarms, and 1 tree/wire down. Calls for the snow storm will be included in the next months report.

WIND FARM: Mr. Zingaretti read the report for the Bald Mountain Wind Farm. He reported for the month of October 2008 that net production was 4,991 MW h, site availability was 93%.

ACT 537 REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read a report from Reilly Associates updating the progress of the Act 537 plan for Bear Creek Township.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 8 contractor's licenses, 5 building permits, 2 zoning books, 1 zoning hearing and 1 zoning permit for a total of \$1666.00 for the month of October.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval announced that there are 2 new employees on road department, John Krumsky and Jason English. Tony Fazzi is now the road foreman. The road crew was prepared for the snow storm that hit on October 28, salt and anti-skid material had already been delivered and all vehicles were equipped with plows. The crew spent the following days clearing debris and downed trees throughout the township. The rec field pavilion, kitchen, and restrooms were winterized. Laurelbrook sign was put back up. PPL was contacted about a section of the township that has a problem getting power back on after an outage. Security lighting at the pavilion and municipal building were fixed.

RESOLUTION 32-2008-A resolution authorizing proper township officials to enter into an agreement for maintenance of the traffic signal at Routes 115 and 476 not to exceed an annual cost of \$3,500.00. A motion to accept was made by Ms Wasilewski, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

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RESOLUTION 33-2008-A resolution approving the sewage planning module presented by the Bear Creek Township Charter School and authorizing the module to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Slusser, seconded by Ms Wasilewski. Vote: unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Energy Unlimited- Discovery phase. Depositions are continuing. Written discovery will be served within the next 7 days then a decision will be made on how to proceed.

Aqua PA-Board must make a determination no later than December 5, 2008 as to some outstanding issues.

Concini Lawsuit-waiting on a report from Pasonick that needs to be submitted to the court and then we can proceed.

Cell Tower Inspections/Local Traffic Ordinance – BIU can do inspections on cell towers. We may review current contract and incorporate inspections into the new contract. This and local traffic ordinance may be included at the reorganization meeting at the beginning of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycling - Will be held every Saturday from 9am-3pm at the pole barn up at the rec field. 2 High school students will be hired to run the program. Items included will be commingle (glass, plastic and cans), newspaper and cardboard. Aluminum cans will be kept separate and we ask that clear bags are used for commingle, newspaper in brown grocery bags and cardboard may be dropped off in any form. Special collections will be announced and held at different times throughout the year.

Zoning Map Changes – a work session was held on October 20, 2008 to review the submissions for zoning requests. Those requesting a zoning change will be contacted relative to those changes. This may not happen until the beginning of 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Gaming Grant Submissions- applications were made to DCED for Luzerne County Gaming Funds. Three applications were made:

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1. A new fire truck for the volunteer hose company. This is a small vehicle used for quick response. Total requested was just under \$260,000.00. This amount included the vehicle and the apparatus needed on it.

2. A wireline/wireless surveillance system to monitor certain areas of the township including intersections, parks and recreation areas. Total requested \$45,000.00.

3. New school zone signage to improve safety at the community charter school. Total requested \$39,600.00.

Application was also made several months ago to Monroe County for funding toward the Act 537 Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Raymond Wasilewski- a resident of Old East End Blvd, spoke of damage done to the shrubs/trees on his property line. He felt the damage was done by a township snow plow that had plowed the road on the morning of October 28th. Mr. Wasilewski showed pictures of the shrubs dating from the present back to the 1950's. Mr. Wasilewski indicated he had damage like this in the past and that the Township paid for those damages.

The supervisors questioned if these shrubs were actually on township property (right of way). Although the distances provided by Mr. Wasilewski indicated the shrubs might be in the township right of way, the Board of Supervisors advised that they would look into the matter further. As a follow up matter, the Board agreed to advise Mr. Wasilewski of the conclusion of their review in 2 weeks.

Mary Falcone- a resident of White Haven Pocono, asked if anyone followed up on the complaint that Patty Murray made about the blasting going on outside of their development. Attorney Vinsko responded that he has been in contact with Bob Fraley of WHP concerning this matter. State and Federal mining and blasting regulations have been pulled and they are working on the facts concerning this situation and will be reviewing them to see how they are affected by the law. Attorney Vinsko stated he should have some answers for them by the next meeting.

Roger Southward-asked if we could keep the Laurelbrook roads topic on the agenda.

Public comment was closed and Mr. Zingaretti presented the proposed 2009 operating budget to the audience. The budget narrative is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Slusser, seconded by Ms Wasilewski, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary



2009 BUDGET

Presented: November 10, 2008

I. Executive Overview

For calendar year 2009, Bear Creek Township (“Bear Creek” or “the Township”) is projecting revenues of \$ 844,009 and expenses of \$ 766,749. Included in the revenue figure is a \$100,000 Community Block Grant from DCED. This grant is anticipated to be received before year end 2009 and is restricted in its use – it is for the resurfacing of Hillcrest Road. The current projection of cash on hand for year end 2008 is \$509,893; year end 2009 is expected to be \$ 587,153.

Of note, the 2009 budget proposes the reinstatement of millage in Bear Creek. In 2005, the Board of Directors set the millage rate to zero. Prior to this, the Township’s millage was set at 5 mills – of which 3 mills are payable to the Bear Creek Township Volunteer Hose Company¹. Since 2005, the Township has continued to pay the Hose Company their 3 mills despite not collecting any local real estate taxes. In addition to the old 5 mills, the Township’s budget reflects an additional 7 mills for a total of 12 mills. These 7 mills will be restricted in use for road repair / repaving and purchase of much needed equipment.

Beyond the operating revenues and expenses of the township is the obligation to keep our roads passable and in good condition. This creates the need for large, capital spending including vehicles and road paving projects. These are outlined in the Capital Spending section of this budget presentation.

Lastly, the budget reflects all expenses included in completing and submitting our updated Act 537 Plan to DEP. It does not reflect any reimbursement of Act 537 Plan expenses, as the most likely scenario is that this payment would be received in early 2010.

¹ Resolution 10-2004, adopted at Public Meeting of December 20, 2004.

II. PROJECTED CASH BALANCES

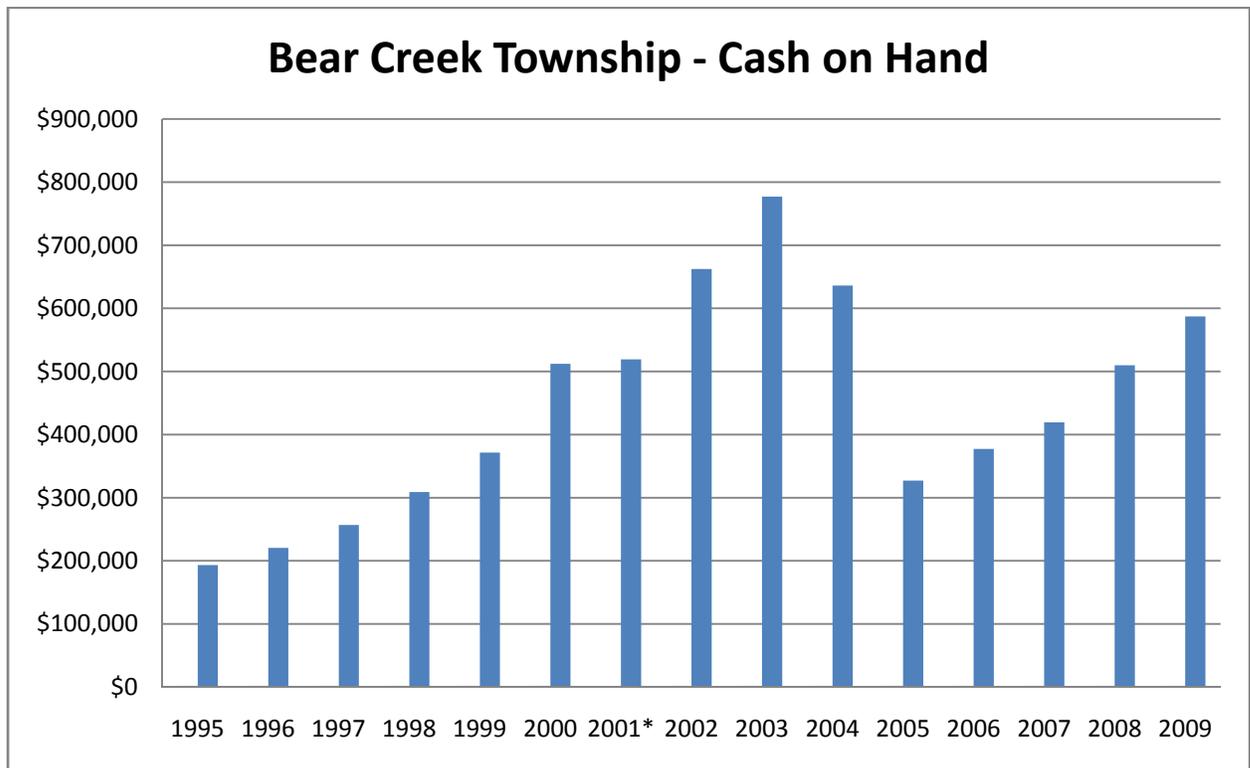
The following table shows the cash balance maintained by Bear Creek over the recent history.

Y/E	General	Liq Fuels	Capital	UCC	In-Kind	Wind	Total
1995	\$ 117,338	\$ 10,063	\$ 65,835				\$ 193,236
1996	\$ 91,423	\$ 5,699	\$ 123,419				\$ 220,541
1997	\$ 31,585	\$ 30,137	\$ 195,069				\$ 256,791
1998	\$ 40,000	\$ 63,263	\$ 205,648				\$ 308,910
1999	\$ 34,985	\$ 50,969	\$ 285,452				\$ 371,406
2000	\$ 3,304	\$ 84,564	\$ 424,200				\$ 512,068
2001*	\$ 7,309	\$ 85,235	\$ 426,525				\$ 519,068
2002	\$ 99,114	\$ 114,741	\$ 448,415				\$ 662,269
2003	\$ 170,728	\$ 152,953	\$ 453,300				\$ 776,980
2004	\$ 172,144	\$ 4,839	\$ 459,099				\$ 636,082
2005	\$ 115,970	\$ 4,228	\$ 206,845				\$ 327,043
2006	\$ 254,780	\$ 43,685	\$ 66,754	\$ 5,640		\$ 6,426	\$ 377,285
2007	\$ 227,418	\$ 17,371	\$ 143,843	\$ 9,127	\$ 20,600	\$ 1,018	\$ 419,377
2008	\$ 246,460	\$ 38,072	\$ 146,631	\$ 18,427	\$ 23,032	\$ 37,271	\$ 509,893
2009	\$ 275,047	\$ 5,395	\$ 209,231	\$ 24,677	\$ 23,632	\$ 49,171	\$ 587,153

* Balance is through November 30, 2001

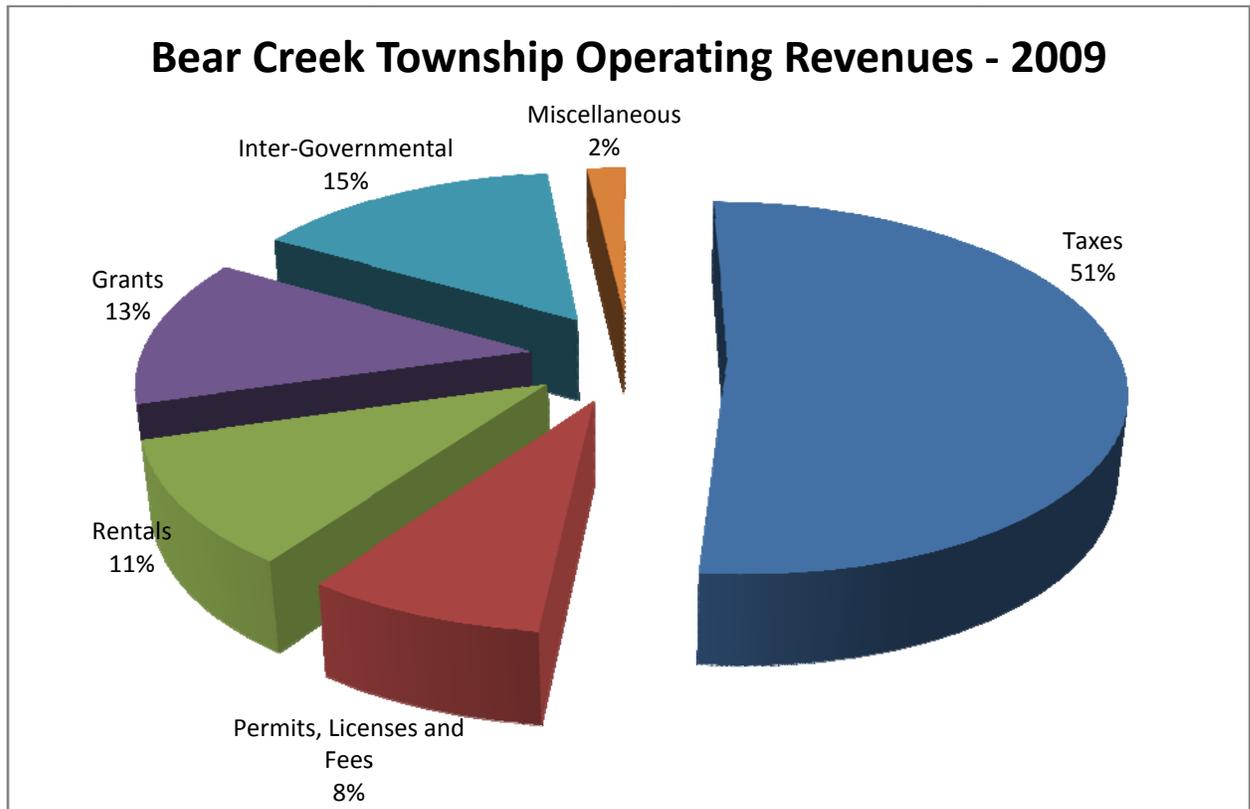
Bear Creek has been fortunate in that there has been no requirement to take on debt to run the Township. Based on cash flow projections for 2009, this will continue. However, as outlined in the Capital section of this report, we do face some problems with roadways that

are in varying levels of disrepair. While it is always our preference to obtain grants for these significant expenditures, these grants may not be available or may be insufficient to satisfy near term requirements. As is illustrated in the following graph, cash ramps up when minimal capital activities occur (1995-2003), but major projects cut in to the funds available. An example of this is the 2005 decline in cash on hand of over \$ 300,000 which was due primarily to a major paving project in the Forest Park section of the Township.



III. OPERATING REVENUE

The 2009 Operating Revenue budget for Bear Creek is \$ 844,009. This represents a 36% increase over projected 2008 revenues. The 2009 budget includes a \$ 100,000 DCED grant; excluding this grant the growth rate over 2008 revenue is approximately 20%. In the budget for 2009, we have reestablished the real estate millage at the levels last used in 2004 (5 mills). We have also projected the impact of adding another seven mills which would be reserved for road improvements and equipment. Excluding this from the total, 2009 operating revenues would be nearly identical to the 2008 revenues – only about ½ of 1 percent revenue growth.



Beginning in 2005, the Board of Supervisors elected to set the real estate tax rate (the millage) to a rate of zero. This means that from 2005 through 2008 the Township did not collect any current real estate taxes. In 2004 current real estate taxes collected by the Township totaled \$ 41,972. To illustrate the financial shortfall that has been created by the decision to take the millage to zero, we have prepared the following table. This compares the revenues received from the windmills to the real estate taxes which have been forgone by the Township using straight line growth from the 2004 figure to the 2009 values at 5 mills.

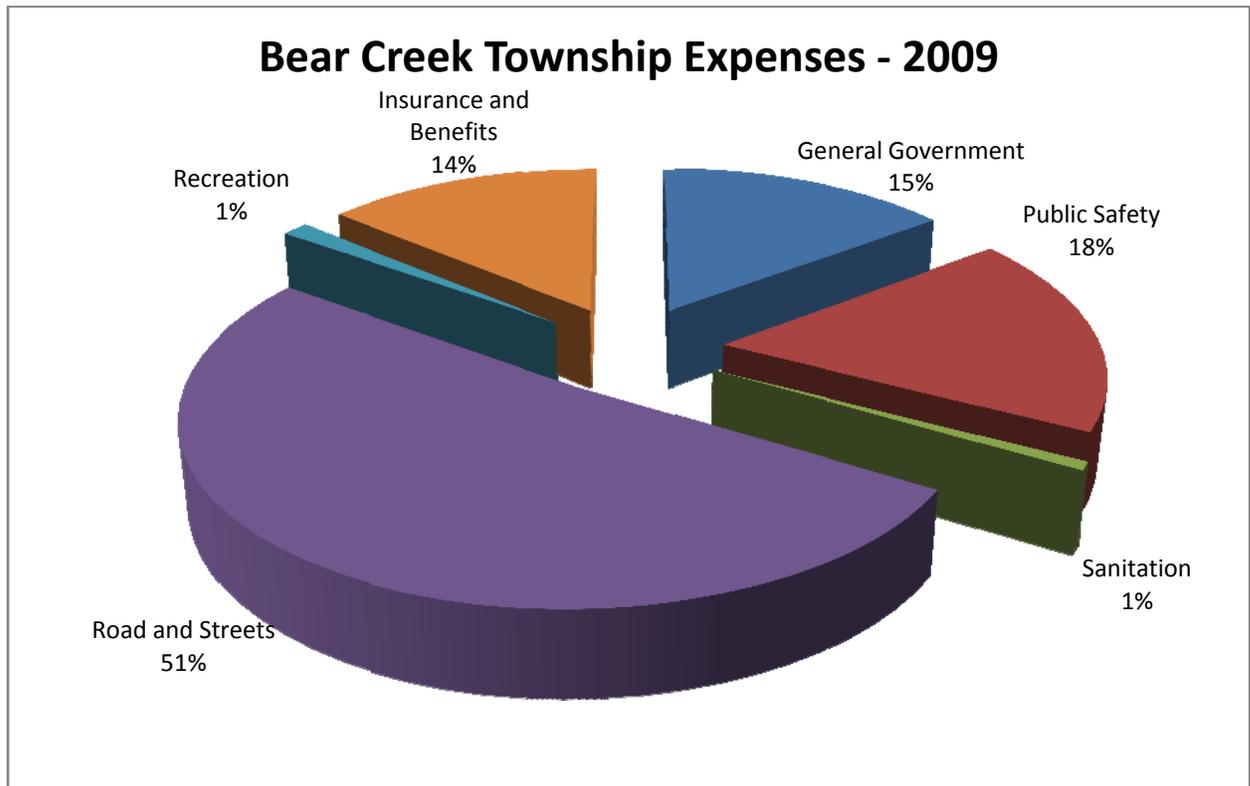
Year	Real Estate Taxes*	Windmill Annual Fee	Difference
2005	\$ 42,439	\$ 0	-\$ 42,439
2006	\$ 44,876	\$ 45,370	\$ 494
2007	\$ 46,327	\$ 30,000	-\$ 16,327
2008	\$ 47,779	\$ 35,700	-\$ 12,079
Total			-\$71,336

*Assumes even growth in tax base from 2004-2009

The township supervisors continue to evaluate other, new revenue producing ideas. An example of this is the evaluation of the site directly adjacent to the Township building for possible revenue-producing opportunities.

III. OPERATING EXPENSES

Expenses, including capital improvement projects are expected to be \$ 766,749 in 2009. Slightly more than ½ of this total is for Road and Streets, as shown below.



From a staffing perspective, the budget assumes a three-man road crew. This crew will earn an average rate of \$ 15.33 per hour. On an annual basis, we anticipate overtime will be slightly less than 4%. All of this overtime is projected to occur in either January – March or November – December, in anticipation of winter weather.

The budget also continues the summer employment program. We project hiring 4 employees at a rate of \$ 7.15 per hour. This will run for 10 weeks during the summer, with employees working 4 full days per week (32 hour weeks).

Recycling is budgeted to be in place for all of 2009. The new program calls for two employees to man the recycling center on Saturday of each week. The recycling area is budgeted to be open for six hours per day and the employees will earn the same rate as our summer hires - \$ 7.15 per hour. This recycling approach works out to an average monthly

expense of about \$ 370. Our township road crew will deliver the recycling for processing as bins become full. They will do this during normal business hours, so no overtime will be incurred; the only cost will be fuel for the vehicles we use to deliver the recycling. The end result is a savings over our old plan of about \$ 2,000 per year. Also, we are in discussion with Bear Creek Village to enter a Multi-Municipality agreement to provide partial funding of our program. A fee of \$250 per month has been included in the revenue budget to offset part of the recycling costs.

Act 537

The 2009 budget reflects the Act 537 expense contractually agreed to with Reilly Associates. There is no recovery of these expenses shown in the 2009 budget. While 50% of the expenses are reimbursable from DEP, the Act 537 approval is expected late in 2009. From a timing standpoint, it is unlikely that the payment from DEP would be processed before 12/31/2009. Since Bear Creek Township operates on a cash basis, this cash would be recorded as income when received – more likely early 2010.

IV. CAPITAL SPENDING

The 2009 capital expenditures are estimated to be \$ 165,000. This includes the \$100,000 earmarked for the Hillcrest Road paving project for which DCED funds have been approved. An additional \$ 50,000 is anticipated to be spent to replace one of the Township's dump trucks/plows. This is a 1996 truck which in recent years the Township has incurred high

costs in repairs and maintenance. Lastly, we have projected \$ 10,000 to be used for the recreation areas including Trailwood Park.

There remain other roadways within the Township which are in varying need of repair. In the aggregate, Bear Creek owns and maintains 16.43 miles of Township roadways. With roads that are 18 feet wide, this works out to a total of over 173,000 square yards of paved roads. In 2007, the Township spent nearly \$300,000 repairing several roads in the White Haven / Poconos area which equated to \$ 12.36 per square yard. Using this average rate, the cost of repairing and repaving all Township roads would be in excess of \$ 2.1 million. If we were to save the entire 5 mills which would be earmarked for road improvements, and were able to earn 5% interest on that funding, it would take us 21 years to generate enough income to tackle the road repair issues.

During 2009, the Board of Supervisors will undertake to prepare a five-year capital spending plan. This plan shall evaluate the condition of all township roadways and prioritize them based on their condition and traffic flow. We shall also include an evaluation of all Township equipment to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees and our residents. As 2009 progresses, the Township will move forward with developing, reviewing, and implementing this capital plan.

V. PROJECTS NOT INCLUDED IN 2009 BUDGET

2009 Gaming Grants

Bear Creek Township applied for three gaming grants, all of which will result in improvements in health and safety to mitigate the impact of gaming on the Township. These projects are:

1. Purchase a new fire truck for Bear Creek Volunteer Hose Company. Grant application total of \$ 205,958.
2. Improve warning signage at the Bear Creek Community Charter School. Grant application total of \$ 39,600.
3. Install a wired/wireless surveillance system to monitor key Township locations. Grant application total of \$ 44,500.

None of the expenses or grant income for these projects are included in the 2009 budget. Within the engineering budget there is funding sufficient to evaluate the feasibility of improving the school zone signage. This will only be spent if the project is approved for funding.

Specific Recreation Improvements

The following are projects which would not be undertaken unless the Township was to obtain grants which provide project funding. These include

1. Refinishing the basketball court at Trailwood Park.
2. Adding tennis courts to one of the Township recreation areas.
3. Paving a 1,300' long x 8' wide walking path at the Township baseball field.

Roadway Improvements

As the results from the capital needs assessment are available, it is possible that the Township may find it necessary to make roadway improvements for high-risk areas. Should this occur, funding through grants would be the first choice. If this is not possible, the Township may by resolution make supplemental appropriations for any purpose from any funds on hand or estimated to be received within the fiscal year and not otherwise appropriated, including the proceeds of any borrowing authorized by law. Supplemental appropriations may be made whether or not an appropriation for that purpose was included in the original budget. (*See Second Class Township Code § 3202(c).*)

VI. OTHER INFORMATION / NEXT STEPS

Millage Information.

For informational purposes, the proposed 12 mill real estate tax represents a fee of \$ 1.20 per each \$100.00 of assessed value. Based on the tax roll – using old tax values - the average property owner will pay less than \$ 52.00 **annually** in real estate taxes to Bear Creek Township. Nearly half of all taxable properties in the Township – 46% - will pay less than \$30.00 per year in real estate taxes based on 12 mills. The table on the next page illustrates a breakdown by the percentage of properties experiencing various levels of real estate taxes.

Less than \$ 10 / year	32.1%
\$ 10 - \$ 20 / year	6.8%
\$ 21 - \$ 30 / year	7.0%
\$ 31 - \$ 50 / year	12.2%
\$ 51 - \$ 100 / year	26.1%
\$101 - \$200 / year	14.2%
Over \$200 / year	1.5%

To determine the current value of applying the millage rate (\$12.00 for each \$ 1,000 of assessed property value), the Township is using the old assessed property values. We are not using the values which have been calculated by Luzerne County in the reassessment project. If Luzerne County adopts the new reassessment before the end of 2008, the Township may be required to use these new figures. This should not change the total amount of real estate tax collected by the Township.

Time Line.

The Township budget as presented on November 10, 2008 shall be available at the Township office beginning tomorrow. In addition, it shall be posted on our township website www.bearcreektownship.org under the “Finances” tab. The budget will remain available for inspection until December 1, 2008. This ensures that the budget shall be available for public inspection for a period of 20 days as required under Second Class Township Code.

At the December 1, 2008 public meeting, a public comment session will be held to allow questions and input on the budget. After this public input session concludes, the Township supervisors will vote on the budget, presuming the revenues and expenses do not increase more than the Township Code allows. This means no more than 10% in the aggregate and no more than 25% in any major category.

Bear Creek Township
2009 Budget Summary

	Total		General	Capital	In-Kind	Liquid Fuels	UCC	Wind
Est Cash Balance - Jan 1, 2009	\$ 509,893		\$ 246,460	\$ 146,631	\$ 23,032	\$ 38,072	\$ 18,427	\$ 37,271
2009 Budgeted Revenues	\$ 844,009		\$ 539,586	\$ 172,600	\$ 600	\$ 69,323	\$ 25,000	\$ 36,900
Total Available for Appropriation	\$ 1,353,902		\$ 786,046	\$ 319,231	\$ 23,632	\$ 107,395	\$ 43,427	\$ 74,171
Budget Expenditures:								
General Government	\$ 112,564 15%		\$ 87,564	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Public Safety	\$ 138,425 18%		\$ 119,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,750	\$ -
Sanitation	\$ 5,662 1%		\$ 5,662	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Roads & Streets	\$ 393,889 51%		\$ 181,889	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ 102,000	\$ -	\$ -
Recreation	\$ 10,000 1%		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance & Benefits	\$ 106,209 14%		\$ 106,209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 766,749		\$ 510,999	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ 102,000	\$ 18,750	\$ 25,000
Est Fund Balance - Dec 31, 2009	\$ 587,153		\$ 275,047	\$ 209,231	\$ 23,632	\$ 5,395	\$ 24,677	\$ 49,171

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Account	General	Capital	In-Kind	Liq Fuel	UCC	Wind	Total
Income							
300 - TAXES							
301 - Real Estate Taxes							
301.10 - Real Estate Taxes - Current	49,200.00	69,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118,200.00
301.40 - Real Estate Taxes - Delinquent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
301 - Real Estate Taxes - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 301 - Real Estate Taxes	49,200.00	69,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118,200.00
310 - Per Capita Taxes							
310.01 - Per Capita Tax	11,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,500.00
310.10 - Real Estate Transfer Tax	36,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,000.00
310.21 - Earned Income Tax	280,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	280,000.00
310.31 - Mercantile Tax	11,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,500.00
310.51 - Occupation Privilege Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
310.511 - taxes (EMS)	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00
310 - Per Capita Taxes - Other	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Total 310 - Per Capita Taxes	350,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350,500.00
Total 300 - TAXES	399,700.00	69,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	468,700.00
320 - LICENSES & PERMITS							
321.40 - Contractor Licenses	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
321.80 - Cable Television Franchise	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Total 320 - LICENSES & PERMITS	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00
330 - FINES							
331.11 - Motor Vehicle Violations	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
331.12 - Violation of Ordinances	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
331.30 - Code Enforcement Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 330 - FINES	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
340 - INTEREST, RENTS & ROYALTIES							
341.00 - Interest Income	6,000.00	3,600.00	600.00	1,200.00	0.00	600.00	12,000.00
342.10 - Towers	21,372.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,372.00

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Account	General	Capital	In-Kind	Liq Fuel	UCC	Wind	Total
342.11 · windmills	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,300.00	36,300.00
342.20 · Rent of Building	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total 340 · INTEREST, RENTS & ROYALTIES	27,872.00	3,600.00	600.00	1,200.00	0.00	36,900.00	70,172.00
350 · INTERGOVERNMENTAL							
354.01 · State Operating Grants	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
355.01 · Public Utility Realty Tax	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
355.04 · Alcoholic Beverage License	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
355.05 · Pension System State Aid	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
355.99 · All Other Shared Revenues	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
356.02 · Game Commission Lands	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
357.99 · Local Governmental Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
355.100 - State Allocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	68,123.00	0.00	0.00	68,123.00
359.01 · Dennison Township	1,564.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.00
359.05 · W-B Municipal Authority	850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.00
359.06 · Bear Creek Borough	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Total 350 · INTERGOVERNMENTAL	48,514.00	100,000.00	0.00	68,123.00	0.00	0.00	216,637.00
360 · CHARGES FOR SERVICES							
361.30 · Zoning & Subdivision Fees	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
361.34 · Hearing Fees (Zoning & Planning)	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
361.50 · Sale of Maps & Codes	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
362.41 · Building Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
362.43 · Sewage Permits	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
362.45 · Certificate of Occupancy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 360 · CHARGES FOR SERVICES	13,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	38,000.00
380 · MISCELLANEOUS INCOME							
380.01 · Miscellaneous Income	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
380 · MISCELLANEOUS INCOME - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 380 · MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total Income	539,586.00	172,600.00	600.00	69,323.00	25,000.00	36,900.00	844,009.00

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Account	General	Capital	In-Kind	Liq Fuel	UCC	Wind	Total
400 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
400.00 - GOVERNING BODY							
400.11 - Salary - Supervisors	9,375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,375.00
400.20 - Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
400.31 - advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
400.33 - Mileage	650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	650.00
400.42 - Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
400.45 - leasing office equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
400.451 - equipment leasing	4,419.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,419.00
400.46 - Seminars & Conferences	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
400.00 - GOVERNING BODY - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 400.00 - GOVERNING BODY	18,444.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,444.00
402.00 - AUDITING SERVICES							
402.11 - Salary - Auditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
402.21 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
402.31 - CPA	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
402.33 - Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
402.34 - Advertising, Printing & Binding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
402.46 - Seminars & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
402.100 - Bank Service Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 402.00 - AUDITING SERVICES	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
403.00 - TAX COLLECTION							
403.11 - Salary - Tax Collector	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
403.12 - Berkheimer Collection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
403.34 - Printing & Binding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
403.35 - Bonding Insurance	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total 403.00 - TAX COLLECTION	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
404.00 - SOLICITOR/LEGAL							
404.31 - Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total 404.00 - SOLICITOR/LEGAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00

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Account	General	Capital	In-Kind	Liq Fuel	UCC	Wind	Total
405.00 · SECRETARY/TREASURER							
405.11 · Assistant Secretary-Treas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
405.12 · Salary - Secretary	24,570.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,570.00
405.13 · Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
405.14 · clerk typist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
405.21 · Office Supplies/Postage	3,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,900.00
405.321 · Telephone Expense	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00
405.33 · Mileage	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
405.34 · Advertising Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
405.341 · request for copies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
405.35 · Bonding Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
405.45 · Contracted services	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
405.46 · Seminars & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 405.00 · SECRETARY/TREASURER	32,120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,120.00
408.00 · ENGINEERING SERVICES							
408.12 · Engineering Fees	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
408.00 · ENGINEERING SERVICES - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 408.00 · ENGINEERING SERVICES	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
409.00 · MAINTENANCE							
409.12 · Salary - Maintenance	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
409.22 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
409.25 · Repairs & Maintenance	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
409.361 · Electricity	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
409.362 · Heating Oil	9,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,500.00
409.45 · Contracted Services	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
409.70 · Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
409.83 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 409.00 · MAINTENANCE	18,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,500.00
Total 400 · GENERAL GOVERNMENT	87,564.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	112,564.00
410 · PUBLIC SAFETY							

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Account	General	Capital	In-Kind	Liq Fuel	UCC	Wind	Total
411.00 · FIRE PROTECTION							
411.22 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
411.361 · Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
411.362 · Heating Oil	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
411.45 · Contracted Services	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00
411.54 · Firemen's Relief Contribution	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
411.541 · EMS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
411.70 · Dry Hydrants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 411.00 · FIRE PROTECTION	48,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,000.00
413.00 · SEWAGE & CODE ENFORCEMENT							
413.12 · Salary - Code Enforcement	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
413.12 · Code Administration - BIU					18,750.00		18,750.00
413.13 · Sewage Enforcement Fees	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
413.21 · Office Supplies/Postage	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
413.321 · Telephone Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
413.31 · Sewage Study	44,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44,000.00
413.33 · Mileage	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
413.34 · advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
413.46 · Seminars & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
413.100 · Code Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 413.00 · SEWAGE & CODE ENFORCEMENT	60,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,750.00	0.00	79,350.00
414.00 · PLANNING & ZONING							
414.12 · Salary - Planning/Zoning	1,275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,275.00
414.21 · Office Supplies/Postage	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
414.31 · Legal Expense	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00
414.31A · Planning Consultant Fees	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
414.321 · Telephone Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
414.33 · Mileage	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
414.34 · Advertising Expense	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
414.40 · Zoning Hearings	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00
414.42 · dues and subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
414.46 · Seminars & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 414.00 · PLANNING & ZONING	11,075.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,075.00

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415.00 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT							
415.20 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 415.00 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 410 · PUBLIC SAFETY	119,675.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,750.00	0.00	138,425.00
427 · SANITATION							
427.00 · Garbage Collection	5,662.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,662.00
427.45 · septic cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
427 · SANITATION - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 427 · SANITATION	5,662.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,662.00
430 · ROADS & STREETS							
430.00 · General Services							
430.11 · Supervisors' Hourly	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
430.12 · Salaries	110,330.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110,330.00
430.22 · Operating Supplies	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
430.231 · Vehicle Fuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00
430.24 · Other Operating Supplies/Safety	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
430.25 · Bldg. Repairs & Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
430.26 · Small Tools & Minor Equipment	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
430.27 · CDL Testing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
430.321 · Telephone Expense	1,440.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,440.00
430.361 · Electricity	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
430.362 · Heating Oil	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
430.45 · Contracted Services	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
430.46 · Seminars	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
430.54 · non-govt organization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
430.70 · Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 430.00 · General Services	144,270.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	158,270.00
432.00 · WINTER MAINTENANCE							
432.22 · Operating Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00
432.400 · Ice & Snow Removal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 432.00 · WINTER MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00

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433.00 - Traffic Control Devices							
433.24 - Traffic Signs	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00
410.45 - school flashing light Rt 115	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
433.361 - Blinker Lights	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00
Total 433.00 - Traffic Control Devices	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
434.00 - Street Lighting							
434.361 - Street Lighting	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00
434.00 - Street Lighting - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 434.00 - Street Lighting	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00
437.00 - Repairs to Tools & Machinery							
437.25 - Repairs - Tools & Machinery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
437.251 - repair/maintenance/vechicle part	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
437.38 - Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
437.45 - contracted services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
437.70 - Capital Outlay	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00
437.00 - Repairs to Tools & Machinery - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 437.00 - Repairs to Tools & Machinery	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00
438.00 - Road & Bridge Maintenance							
438.25 - Repair to Roads	23,119.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,119.00
438.140 - Maint/Repair - Roads/Bridges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 438.00 - Road & Bridge Maintenance	23,119.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,119.00
439.00 - Construction & Rebuilding Projc							
439.45 - Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
439.100 - Paving Projects	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
Total 439.00 - Construction & Rebuilding Projc	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
Total 430 - ROADS & STREETS	181,889.00	110,000.00	0.00	102,000.00	0.00	0.00	393,889.00

Bear Creek Township
2009 Budget By Fund Type

Account	General	Capital	In-Kind	Liq Fuel	UCC	Wind	Total
450 - RECREATION							
454.00 - Parks							
454.21 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
454.361 - Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
454.45 - Contracted Services	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
454.54 - Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
454.70 - Capital Outlay	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total 454.00 - Parks	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Total 450 - RECREATION	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
480 - MISCELLANEOUS							
480.00 - Miscellaneous	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
483.00 - Pension/Retirement Fund	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
484.00 - Workers' Compensation	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
485.00 - Unemployment Compensation	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
486.00 - Auto & Property Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
486.01 - INSURANCE PUBLIC OFFICIALS	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
486.00 - Auto & Property Insurance - Other	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00
Total 486.00 - Auto & Property Insurance	63,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63,800.00
487.153 - Disability Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
487.156 - Health Insurance	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00
487.158 - Life Insurance	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
487.160 - Social Security (Employers)	10,316.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,316.00
487.161 - Medicare (Employers)	2,393.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,393.00
Total 480 - MISCELLANEOUS	42,409.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,409.00
Total Expense	510,999.00	110,000.00	0.00	102,000.00	18,750.00	25,000.00	766,749.00
Net Income	28,587.00	62,600.00	600.00	-32,677.00	6,250.00	11,900.00	77,260.00

Bear Creek Township Income Statement (2003 - 2009)		2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Forecast	2009 Budget
Taxes	Earned Income Tax	\$ 249,432	\$ 289,657	\$ 277,720	\$ 286,286	\$ 284,924	\$ 287,000	\$ 278,869	\$ 280,000
	Real Estate Taxes	\$ 43,741	\$ 45,103	\$ 5,447	\$ 3,417	\$ 1,033	\$ 3,500	\$ 142	\$ 118,200
	Real Estate Transfer Tax	\$ 35,475	\$ 35,895	\$ 50,116	\$ 46,271	\$ 42,619	\$ 40,000	\$ 35,116	\$ 36,000
	EMS / Local Service Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,253	\$ 10,604	\$ 9,600	\$ 8,119	\$ 8,500
	All Other Taxes	\$ 9,160	\$ 11,734	\$ 13,239	\$ 21,377	\$ 25,339	\$ 13,000	\$ 24,371	\$ 26,000
	Taxes	\$ 337,808	\$ 382,389	\$ 346,521	\$ 365,604	\$ 364,520	\$ 353,100	\$ 346,617	\$ 468,700
Permits Licenses and Fees	Contractor Licenses	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,600	\$ 9,600	\$ 14,905	\$ 18,331	\$ 15,000	\$ 21,820	\$ 20,000
	Zoning & Subdivision Fees	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,770	\$ 3,432	\$ 3,635	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,000
	Building Permits	\$ 28,163	\$ 20,857	\$ 118,950	\$ 38,124	\$ 29,659	\$ 8,000	\$ 24,246	\$ 25,000
	Sewage Permits	\$ 12,010	\$ 13,125	\$ 13,688	\$ 6,125	\$ 6,085	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,875	\$ 6,000
	Other Permits	\$ 1,220	\$ 890	\$ 970	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,850	\$ 3,640	\$ 2,000
	Alcoholic Beverage License	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,500
	Fines	\$ 3,574	\$ 7,575	\$ 4,248	\$ 6,084	\$ 6,537	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,722	\$ 4,000
	Permits, Licenses and Fees	\$ 66,167	\$ 65,247	\$ 151,626	\$ 70,729	\$ 67,382	\$ 39,850	\$ 66,503	\$ 63,500
Rentals	Windmills	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,370	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,700	\$ 36,300
	Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$ 11,670	\$ 13,401	\$ 18,626	\$ 25,256	\$ 22,920	\$ 23,000	\$ 27,031	\$ 25,000
	Towers	\$ 17,967	\$ 18,553	\$ 19,717	\$ 21,064	\$ 17,813	\$ 19,000	\$ 13,947	\$ 21,372
	Rentals	\$ 29,636	\$ 31,954	\$ 38,344	\$ 91,689	\$ 70,733	\$ 77,000	\$ 76,678	\$ 82,672
Grants	State & Local Grants	\$ 58,577	\$ 706	\$ -	\$ 130,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
	Private Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Grants	\$ 58,577	\$ 706	\$ -	\$ 130,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Inter-Gov't	Fees from Other Municipalities	\$ 2,129	\$ 4,286	\$ 2,472	\$ 3,564	\$ 2,109	\$ 4,250	\$ 2,473	\$ 5,414
	Public Utility Realty Tax	\$ 625	\$ 454	\$ 638	\$ -	\$ 528	\$ 600	\$ 473	\$ 600
	Pension System State Aid	\$ 11,103	\$ 8,734	\$ 8,780	\$ 6,101	\$ 7,107	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,483	\$ 5,000
	All Other Shared Revenues	\$ 16,118	\$ 15,901	\$ 18,076	\$ 18,361	\$ 18,456	\$ 18,400	\$ 21,872	\$ 20,000
	Liquid Fuels Allotment	\$ 55,372	\$ 56,416	\$ 56,876	\$ 61,975	\$ 64,182	\$ 71,300	\$ 70,684	\$ 68,123
	Game Commission Lands	\$ 5,335	\$ 5,335	\$ 5,335	\$ 5,335	\$ 26,676	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,006	\$ 16,000
	Inter-Governmental	\$ 90,682	\$ 91,126	\$ 92,177	\$ 95,336	\$ 119,058	\$ 119,550	\$ 116,991	\$ 115,137
Misc	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 273	\$ 466	\$ 2,154	\$ 20,825	\$ 70,396	\$ 200	\$ 3,352	\$ 1,500
	Interest Income	\$ 8,195	\$ 9,935	\$ 15,906	\$ 16,594	\$ 20,954	\$ 17,000	\$ 12,254	\$ 12,000
	Building Rental	\$ 425	\$ 350	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 738	\$ 250	\$ 475	\$ 500
	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 8,893	\$ 10,751	\$ 18,310	\$ 37,669	\$ 92,088	\$ 17,450	\$ 16,081	\$ 14,000
	Total Income	\$ 591,763	\$ 582,173	\$ 646,978	\$ 791,027	\$ 858,781	\$ 716,950	\$ 622,870	\$ 844,009

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Payroll and Taxes	Road & Street	\$ 92,643	\$ 95,640	\$ 91,324	\$ 105,496	\$ 106,798	\$ 104,000	\$ 98,055	\$ 110,330
	Secretary / Treasurer	\$ 18,277	\$ 19,390	\$ 20,288	\$ 20,202	\$ 17,173	\$ 32,000	\$ 21,449	\$ 24,570
	Supervisors' Hourly	\$ 9,720	\$ 9,430	\$ 6,970	\$ 7,275	\$ 5,385	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,928	\$ 6,000
	Salary - Code Enforcement	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 9,425	\$ 8,077	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,927	\$ 10,000
	Salary - Supervisors	\$ 5,625	\$ 5,625	\$ 5,625	\$ 5,625	\$ 5,662	\$ 9,375	\$ 9,375	\$ 9,375
	Salary - Planning/Zoning	\$ 1,677	\$ 850	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,548	\$ 900	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,275
	Salary - Maintenance	\$ 3,017	\$ 6,105	\$ 5,969	\$ 2,540	\$ 3,228	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,492	\$ 3,500
	Salary - Tax Collector	\$ 1,966	\$ 2,099	\$ 8,405	\$ 896	\$ 2	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -
	Social Security (Employers)	\$ 9,103	\$ 9,616	\$ 8,779	\$ 9,363	\$ 9,216	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,312	\$ 10,316
	Workers' Compensation	\$ 17,421	\$ 14,072	\$ 13,477	\$ 16,340	\$ 20,645	\$ 20,000	\$ 11,036	\$ 16,000
	Pension / Retirement Fund	\$ 11,452	\$ 9,558	\$ 9,460	\$ 5,766	\$ 4,525	\$ 9,000	\$ 14,236	\$ 9,000
	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 901	\$ 1,811	\$ 1,501	\$ 1,444	\$ 5,357	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,579	\$ 5,000
	Medicare (Employers)	\$ 2,129	\$ 2,249	\$ 2,057	\$ 2,190	\$ 2,155	\$ 3,600	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,393
	Payroll & Taxes	\$ 186,930	\$ 189,445	\$ 184,279	\$ 189,762	\$ 190,547	\$ 220,475	\$ 191,244	\$ 207,759
Utilities	Electric - Street Lighting	\$ 11,471	\$ 12,735	\$ 14,009	\$ 17,855	\$ 19,151	\$ 22,000	\$ 21,842	\$ 24,000
	Electric - Other	\$ 6,856	\$ 4,539	\$ 5,667	\$ 906	\$ 423	\$ 9,800	\$ 3,728	\$ 4,000
	Telephone - Office	\$ 1,513	\$ 1,509	\$ 964	\$ 1,959	\$ 1,823	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,787	\$ 2,100
	Telephone - Road & Streets	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,450	\$ 2,131	\$ 2,052	\$ 2,410	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,761	\$ 1,440
	Oil & Fuel - Heating	\$ 6,683	\$ 7,503	\$ 2,147	\$ 5,594	\$ 6,508	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,890	\$ 14,000
	Oil & Fuel - Vehicles	\$ 5,991	\$ 5,977	\$ 7,795	\$ 8,851	\$ 11,625	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,905	\$ 14,000
	Utilities	\$ 34,228	\$ 33,713	\$ 32,712	\$ 37,218	\$ 41,940	\$ 57,300	\$ 53,913	\$ 59,540
Professional Fees	Township Solicitor	\$ 25,823	\$ 29,628	\$ 33,743	\$ 35,661	\$ 42,341	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,451	\$ 25,000
	Planning & Zoning - Fees	\$ 4,127	\$ 2,447	\$ 4,079	\$ 5,970	\$ 400	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,165	\$ 2,500
	Consulting	\$ -	\$ 845	\$ 4,545	\$ (6,458)	\$ 3,970	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,003	\$ 3,000
	Code Administration - BIU			\$ -	\$ 22,158	\$ 19,081	\$ -	\$ 13,382	\$ 18,750
	Engineering	\$ 12,784	\$ 17,297				\$ 34,975	\$ 15,865	\$ 16,000
	Tax Collection / Bonding	\$ 8,580	\$ 9,951				\$ 8,900	\$ 1,118	\$ 500
	Sewage Enforcement Fees	\$ 12,298	\$ 13,048	\$ 14,492	\$ 6,445	\$ 6,210	\$ 106,800	\$ 6,845	\$ 50,000
	Audit	\$ 1,624	\$ 3,350	\$ 1,629	\$ 1,839	\$ 1,910	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,763	\$ 2,000
	Advertising	\$ 983	\$ 710	\$ 2,309	\$ 2,627	\$ 2,960	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,154	\$ 3,000
	Professional Fees	\$ 66,218	\$ 77,275	\$ 60,797	\$ 68,243	\$ 76,872	\$ 185,675	\$ 63,746	\$ 120,750
Insurance	Health Insurance	\$ 25,578	\$ 28,905	\$ 15,031	\$ 25,274	\$ 30,426	\$ 34,300	\$ 24,863	\$ 28,000
	Auto & Property Insurance	\$ 19,040	\$ 23,949	\$ 28,029	\$ 28,253	\$ 25,940	\$ 28,500	\$ 28,178	\$ 28,000
	Insurance - Public Officials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,753	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,678	\$ 5,000
	Disability & Life Insurance	\$ 1,805	\$ 3,947	\$ 1,043	\$ 1,691	\$ 696	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,602	\$ 1,700
	Insurance	\$ 46,423	\$ 56,801	\$ 44,102	\$ 55,217	\$ 61,815	\$ 74,800	\$ 59,321	\$ 62,700

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Road Repair and Maintenance	Roads	\$ 5,993	\$ 35,721	\$ 48,525	\$ 7,789	\$ 2,412	\$ 91,300	\$ 13,988	\$ 23,119
	Roads & Streets Supplies	\$ 5,119	\$ 2,921	\$ 827	\$ 1,833	\$ 2,693	\$ 4,000	\$ 11,166	\$ 7,000
	Winter Maintenance	\$ 18,544	\$ 16,683	\$ 18,347	\$ 14,261	\$ 20,742	\$ 10,000	\$ 26,013	\$ 24,000
	Building Repairs	\$ 15,658	\$ 1,591	\$ 6,045	\$ 342	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
	General Maintenance	\$ 868	\$ 6,039	\$ 2,482	\$ 1,105	\$ 234	\$ 500	\$ 1,016	\$ 1,500
	Vehicles, Tools	\$ 1,838	\$ 8,696				\$ 8,000	\$ 6,773	\$ 7,000
	Road Repairs	\$ 48,020	\$ 71,650	\$ 76,226	\$ 25,329	\$ 26,081	\$ 113,800	\$ 58,956	\$ 63,619
Public Safety	Fire Protection	\$ 47,274	\$ 38,270	\$ 45,624	\$ 47,844	\$ 56,660	\$ 58,000	\$ 60,476	\$ 48,000
	Sanitation	\$ 568	\$ 557	\$ 4,119	\$ 5,905	\$ 5,616	\$ 15,500	\$ 4,066	\$ 5,662
	Traffic Control Devices	\$ 1,104	\$ 5,494	\$ 1,633	\$ 1,133	\$ 1,824	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,282	\$ 4,500
	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 481	\$ 2,069	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Public Safety	\$ 48,947	\$ 44,322	\$ 51,857	\$ 56,950	\$ 64,100	\$ 75,500	\$ 68,824	\$ 58,162
Contracted Services	Secretary / Treasurer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,037	\$ 526	\$ -	\$ 1,268	\$ 1,000
	Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 12,914	\$ 183	\$ 431	\$ 706	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,171	\$ 2,000
	Roads & Streets	\$ 480	\$ 233	\$ 220	\$ 2,842	\$ 210	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,326	\$ 5,000
	Recreation	\$ 2,474	\$ 4,345	\$ 1,547	\$ 929	\$ 1,921	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,664	\$ 5,000
	Contracted Services	\$ 2,954	\$ 17,492	\$ 1,950	\$ 5,239	\$ 3,363	\$ 11,500	\$ 13,429	\$ 13,000
Misc Office Expenses	Office Equipment Lease	\$ 981	\$ 426	\$ -	\$ 5,192	\$ 4,762	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,064	\$ 4,419
	Seminars & Conferences	\$ 2,561	\$ 1,456	\$ -	\$ 3,753	\$ 970	\$ 5,600	\$ 2,346	\$ 3,000
	Office Supplies	\$ 2,815	\$ 2,727	\$ 2,530	\$ 5,071	\$ 3,745	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,475	\$ 4,500
	Mileage	\$ 2,128	\$ 1,611				\$ 3,000	\$ 1,767	\$ 2,500
	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 145	\$ 1,167	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,629	\$ 1,340	\$ 2,000	\$ 250	\$ 1,000
	Other	\$ 1,230	\$ 2,867				\$ 800	\$ 641	\$ 800
	Miscellaneous Office	\$ 9,860	\$ 10,253	\$ 3,780	\$ 15,646	\$ 10,817	\$ 19,800	\$ 12,543	\$ 16,219
Capital Outlays	Recreation	\$ 1,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 233,761	\$ 10,269	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
	Vehicles, Tools, and Maintenance	\$ 31,813	\$ 47,299	\$ 27,347	\$ 10,457	\$ 8,281	\$ 2,500	\$ 13,903	\$ 60,000
	Construction & Rebuilding	\$ 2,697	\$ 175,752	\$ 366,682	\$ -	\$ 289,829	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
	Capital Outlays	\$ 35,810	\$ 223,051	\$ 394,029	\$ 244,218	\$ 308,379	\$ 132,500	\$ 13,903	\$ 165,000
	Total Expenses	\$ 479,390	\$ 724,001	\$ 849,732	\$ 697,823	\$ 783,914	\$ 891,350	\$ 535,879	\$ 766,749
	Net Income (Loss)	\$ 112,373	\$ (141,828)	\$ (202,755)	\$ 93,205	\$ 74,868	\$ (174,400)	\$ 86,991	\$ 77,260

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. Supervisors Masi, Koval, Wasilewski and Zingaretti were in attendance. Supervisor Slusser was absent. The salute to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms Wasilewski to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Koval, all were in favor.

Treasurers Report for the month of November was read by Mr. Zingaretti.

RECEIPTS: Motion was made by Ms Wasilewski to approve the November 2008 receipts, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Deferred disbursements from October 2008 were reviewed and a motion was made by Ms Wasilewski to approve, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes. A motion was made by Ms Wasilewski to approve the November 2008 disbursements, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 9 Calls for the month of November were reported, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 structure fire, 2 tree/wire down and 1 public assist.

WIND FARM: Mr. Zingaretti read the report for the Bald Mountain Wind Farm. He reported for the month of November 2008 that net production was 4,444; site availability was not yet available.

ACT 537 REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read a report from Reilly Associates updating the progress of the Act 537 plan for Bear Creek Township. A technical review meeting was held at DEP's office on November 3, 2008. The approach tasks were discussed with the department and there were no major revisions. DEP will provide a written response. Development of GIS base mapping of the borough was also completed.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Andrews, Code Officer reported 9 contractor's licenses, 3 building permits, 1 zoning permit, 1 zoning hearing and 1 certificate of occupancy for a total of \$1997.00 for the month of November.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Mrs. Koval reported that the road crew has been removing fallen branches and debris from road ways. They have also been out plowing and salting the roads as needed. A pipe was installed and part of Pike Road was repaired and repaved. Pavilion was winterized and Christmas lights were hung. Shop work and vehicle maintenance was done. The crew also set up for recycling and took the commingled to the recycler. Light timers were reset with the time change and a structure behind Trailwood was dismantled and disposed of. Mrs. Koval also reminded residents that if they have a problem concerning roads that they should call her, the township garage or the municipal building to report their concern. Mrs. Koval thanked the crew for a job well done.

RESOLUTION 34-2008-A resolution extending the time for a decision for Aqua Pennsylvania on all pending plans submitted. Request is made for an extension to March 10, 2009. Motion to accept was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. Vote: unanimous yes.

RESOLUTION 35-2008-A resolution approving the Anderson reverse subdivision plans. Motion to accept was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Ms Wasilewski. Vote: unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Energy Unlimited- We are in the final stages of discovery portion of the litigation. This stage should be wrapping up by end of year.

Concini Lawsuit-very close to a potential resolution on matter.

Cell Tower Inspections/Local Traffic Ordinance – Will be addressed early next year. We will also be updating the open records policy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycling Project- Every Saturday from 9-3 we accept recycling at the pole barn. There have been many requests for us to accept magazines and junk mail. We will look into it for in the new year. To date we have recycled over 2000 lbs in the last 3 weeks.

Traffic Light- the traffic light at 115 and the turnpike is now in operation.

Zoning Map Changes – will be picked up again at the start of 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

A presentation was made at this time by Mr. Zingaretti answering questions that have been raised since the budget was presented at the November meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Willard Kresge-questioned the increase with the new millage, stating that it would be an overall increase of 320% citing a jump of over a \$100,000 of tax in one year. Mr. Kresge commended the Board for keeping expenses for 2008 far below what was forecasted, but

questioned what was forecast for 2009. Mr. Zingaretti explained that expenses were kept down for 2008 due to the fact that there were no Capital Improvements. Mr. Kresge continued to question the forecasted expenses. Mr. Zingaretti explained that the Board is putting together a five year plan and all township roads will be evaluated. Mr. Kresge questioned monies being spent on the township road crew and suggested that this expense could be contracted out. Discussion followed.

Ed Schoener-representative of Energy Unlimited spoke regarding what monies could be paid to the township if their projected was allowed to proceed. Mr. Schoener expressed his opinion that the Township and Energy Unlimited were not far apart and could work together to resolve the matter. Attorney Vinsko responded to Mr. Schoener reminding him that the matter is currently in litigation and also addressing some inaccuracies in Mr. Schoener's presentation: 1) The Board that voted to deny the plans were not voting against the wind park. The applications were deemed illegal because of the way they were presented and the information was incomplete. 2) Energy Unlimited, after May 1, 2005 was told to resubmit their plan prior to the enactment of the zoning ordinance in July, they chose not to. They chose to litigate. Attorney Vinsko further stated that if this had been addressed appropriately by Energy Unlimited to begin with, things may have turned out differently than it has.

Mark Petlock- Suggested that the township should sit down with Energy Unlimited and work this out. He also asked that of the 2300 taxable properties in the township, how many are land and how many are households. Mr. Petlock also suggested that the Board look into a health care plan with Blue Care Direct with Blue Cross for better rates for a township employee health plan. Mr. Zingaretti stated that a meeting has already been set for 12/2/08 to review alternative health plans.

Frank Tavaris-questioned the Board as to what shape the roads in White Haven Pocono were in when they took them over. He also questioned the expense for recycling and the recreation fields and suggested we charge the users of the recycling center and the recreation area a direct fee.

Gerald Rusinko-Felt that if the taxes were to be reinstated, we should be looking at 7 mils and not 12 to make up for the short fall because the township has plenty of money on hand. Mr. Zingaretti reminded Mr. Rusinko that at \$500,000 in February 2008 the Board was challenged by a resident that the township was only one catastrophe away from insolvency. In February \$500,000 was not enough money and now its so much money we should not do anything. Mr. Rusinko asked if outside groups use our rec field and if they are we should collect a fee from them. The Board assured him that the only time an outside team uses the rec fields is when they are playing one of our teams. Mr. Rusinko also questioned using all the properties in the township to figure the estimated tax instead of using just the residences.

Tom Posluszny-questioned if there were any roads taken over recently. Mrs. Koval responded that the last roads taken over by the township were the Laurelbrook roads in 2004. Stated that he gets nothing for his taxes because he does not live on a township road. He would like the township to take over his road (Roddy Road).

Public Comment Closed

Motion to adopt the 2009 Budget as presented made by Ms Wasilewski, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary