The reorganization meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:00 PM January 6, 2014 at the Municipal Building located at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd. Mr. Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. The salute to the flag followed.

Mr. Zingaretti reminded everyone that no public comment would be taken during the reorganization meeting.

Mr. Zingaretti declared all positions vacant.

The following motions were made and seconded as follows:

Temporary Chairman: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Mr. Masi-seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Temporary Secretary: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Paula Weihbrecht-seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Chairman: motion made by Mr. Smith to appoint Mr. Zingaretti-seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Vice Chairperson: motion made by Mr. Popple to appoint Mr. Masi -seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.
Roadmaster: motion was made by Mr. Masi to appoint Mr. Smith-seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.
Secretary/Treasurer: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Paula Weihbrecht-seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Open Records Officer: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Mr. Popple-seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.
Zoning/Code Reports to: A motion was made by Mr. Smith to appoint Mr. Masi to oversee the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Zoning Officer: A motion was made by Mr. Masi to appoint Fred Pape, seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. Vote: unanimous yes.
UCC Code Enforcement: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Building Inspection Underwriters- seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti, yes.
Sewage Enforcement Officer: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Frank Egenski– seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Sewage Enforcement Officer Alternate: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Steve Egenski– seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Engineer (includes Planning and Zoning): motion made by Mr. Masi to appoint Pennoni Associates – seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.
Solicitor (Board of Supervisors): motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint William Vinsko-seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Solicitor (Planning Board): motion made by Mr. Masi to appoint William Vinsko-seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Solicitor-(Zoning Hearing Board): motion made by Mr. Popple to appoint Angelo Terrana –seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

EMA-Primary: motion made by Mr. Smith to appoint Chris Keats -seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
EMA-Secondary: motion made by Mr. Smith to appoint Ed Jasulevicz - seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Regular Meeting Day: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to retain the first Monday of each month– seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Regular Meeting Time: motion made by Mr. Smith to retain 6:00 PM – seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Secretary-Planning Board: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Karen Kollar – seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Secretary-Zoning Board: motion made by Mr. Smith to appoint Paula Weihbrecht – seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Planning Board Member: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Mark Petlock- seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.
Planning Board Member: One vacancy on the Planning Board. No one was nominated.
Zoning Hearing Board Member: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Frank Butry– seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.
Vacancy Board Member: motion made by Mr. Smith to appoint Gary Slusser – seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.
Convention Voting Delegate: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Mrs. Koval- seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Depository General Funds: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to use Franklin Security Bank – seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.
Administrator of Pension Plan: motion made by Mr. Smith to appoint the Township Secretary/Treasurer – seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Signature Requirements: motion made by Mr. Popple that 2 Supervisor signatures plus the signature of the Treasurer required on all checks and necessary bank papers – seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Mileage Rate: a motion was made by Mr. Smith to pay mileage at the IRS approved rate for travel on Township business –seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Supervisors Labor: a motion was made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint each supervisor to do labor as needed to the extent permitted by second class township code- seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Popple to adjourn the Reorganization portion of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

Before the start of the Meeting this evening, the following were sworn into office:

Supervisor: Gary Zingaretti – term ending December 2019.
Supervisor: Ruth Ann Koval – term ending December 2019.
Tax Collector: Tracey O'Day – term ending December 2019.
Auditor: Joan Belcher – term ending December 2019.
Auditor: Brian Zingaretti – term ending December 2017.

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the December 2, 2013 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Masi to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

The treasurer's report for December 2013 was read by Mr. Zingaretti:

RECEIPTS: Income for the month of December 2013 was $47,248.00. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of December 2013 were $30,151.65. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for December 2013. Issued were 1 building permit, 1 certificate of occupancy, 2 zoning permits, and 2 contractor's licenses for a total of $545.00. BIU fees collected for December were $2777.80.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read the report for the month of December 2013; 16 calls for the month, 10 of which were motor vehicle accidents.142 callouts for the year.

STATE POLICE REPORT: December 2013 had 51 calls to the township. Collisions were the number one reason for the calls for the year.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Snow removal. Issues with all vehicle. Plowing still being taken care of. There is one vehicle in the shop at this time. Mr. Smith mentioned parked cars and basketball nets hanging over township roads are interfering with plowing. The Board will look to address the problems.

ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT: The total expenses were just under $12,000.00. We had budgeted $14,300.00. We are still working with a two man crew instead of three which is the reason behind the difference.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 1-2014: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the resolution establishing the Township Fee Schedule, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 2-2014: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the resolution establishing the UCC Fee Schedule, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Resolution 3-2014: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the resolution authorizing the advertisement for a CPA to prepare the 2013 audit, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 4-2014: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the resolution to extend the contract with BIU for code enforcement until 12/31/2014, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Resolution 5-2014: A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the millage rate for the township at 0.4412 or 44.12 cents per $100 of assessed value, .01103 of this is awarded to our volunteer hose company, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 6-2014: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the Township establishing Franklin Security as the primary depository, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Resolution 7-2014: A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve a resolution which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to approve a contribution to Bear Creek Baseball for the repair of the fence at the recreation field, not to exceed $1300.00, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 8-2014: A motion was made Mr. Masi to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a Highway Occupancy Permit for the Bear Creek Charter School and Bear Creek Foundation by the Board of Supervisors for storm water management improvements within PennDOT's right of way, for the project currently pending before the Township, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

PLANNING BOARD RECCOMENDATIONS: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Concini matters: No update.

Aqua PA: Deposition has been postponed.

Weiss Road Acquisition: No update.

Liem Litigation: The township was served discovery and our responses are due within 30 days.

Laurelbrook Road Acquisition: No update.

Weiss Road line painting: No update.

Contractor's License Issue: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: Mr. Masi reported that project is shut down for winter and will resume when the weather breaks.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Gaming Grant: The Township has submitted a Local Share Account application seeking approximately $400,000.00 to build a new public works garage up behind the Rec field.

Real Estate Project: Mr. Smith updated the Board regarding the compilation of all records, deeds, surveys etc. of Township properties.

Ambulance Association: A request was received from the Ambulance Association seeking a letter of support for their attempt to secure a USDA loan to purchase an ambulance. Mr. Zingaretti drafted a letter to be sent.

Mr. Zingaretti reminded everyone that a seat on the Planning Board is still open and if anyone is interested they can submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

- Township Reports
    - Treasurer
    - Zoning Officer
    - Fire Department
    - State Police
    - Act 537
    - Road Report
        - Street Light Request (Thornhurst & Meadow Run Rd)
        - Ridge Road
    - Road Financial Report
    - Open Records Officer Report
    - Recycling Report

- Ordinances and Resolutions:
    - Centralized Public Works Building Grant Resolution

- Planning Board Recommendations:
    - Boykidz Minor Subdivision

- Solicitor's Report
    - Concini
    - Aqua PA
    - Weiss Road Acquisition
    - Liem Litigation
    - Weiss Road Line Painting

- Old Business
    - Zoning Map/Requests for changes – Mr. Masi
    - SBA Proposal
    - Trailwood Park Project
    - 911 Mapping

- Correspondence/New Business
    - Bear Creek Community Easter Egg Hunt request letter
    - Proposed ordinance revisions

- Public Comment

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 6, 2014 Reorganization Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

PLANNING BOARD RECCOMENDATIONS:

Resolution 9-2014: A resolution approving the Boykidz Minor Reverse Subdivision, the combining of three lots into one. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Resolution 10-2014: A resolution granting the request of the Bear Creek Foundation, LLC for a waiver of a 6' high fence requirement under Section 827.19. The fence would surround the detention basin to be located adjacent to the Bear Creek Community Charter School. The waiver will require only a 4' fence around the basin. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith and Mr. Popple abstained, Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

Resolution 11-2014: A resolution granting the request of the Bear Creek Foundation, LLC for a waiver of the slope disturbance requirement under Section 803D.2. The Bear Creek Foundation has adequately demonstrated that there is no way to avoid disturbing land with slopes greater than 25 percent, given the topography involved in this project, but there are mitigation efforts that have been employed to minimize any harmful effects. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith and Mr. Popple abstained. Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

Resolution 12-2014: A resolution granting the request of the Bear Creek Foundation, LLC for a waiver of the requirement to post financial security for storm water improvements prior to final plan approval under Section 827.9. The waiver is granted with the understanding that a certificate of occupancy cannot be granted without the storm water management facilities and improvements being installed adequately and properly. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith and Mr. Popple abstained. Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti yes.

The treasurer's report for January 2014 was read by Mr. Zingaretti:

RECEIPTS: Income for the month of January 2014 was $13,714.99. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of January 2014 were $33,517.37. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for January 2014. Issued were 1 reverse subdivision, 2 certificates of occupancy and 1 zoning permit. BIU fees collected for January were $608.00.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read the report for the month of January 2014; 8 calls for the month, 6 of which were motor vehicle accidents.

STATE POLICE REPORT: January 2014 had 51 calls to the township.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: All three trucks needed repair last month. There are some issues with the new truck and they are being addressed with Sherwood. Mr. Smith is in process of getting quotes through a piggy back program for a new pickup truck and also quotes for a bobcat. Winter road materials are running low but we should be ok for the remainder of the year.

ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT: For the month of January we were $6,100.00 under budget but we are still one man short on the road crew.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: None

RECYCLING REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read the recycling report for the fourth quarter of 2014. He reported that Bear Creek Village will no longer be participating in our recycling program. 194,807 pounds of materials were recycled in 2013.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 13-2014: A resolution authorizing the Board of Supervisors to submit a 2013 LSA Grant Application to consolidate the public works facilities into one facility at a cost of $385,200.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Resolution 14-2014: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the award of the heating oil contract for Bear Creek Township to Newell Oil at $3.348 per gallon, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Two bids were received, one from Newell for $3.348 and one from Button Oil for $3.349 per gallon.

Resolution 15-2014: A resolution to issue an RFP and advertise for the property boundary survey for township owned properties. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Concini matters: Depositions for the Concini's scheduled for the end of the month. Discussion is also need with the engineer for dollar amounts.

Aqua PA: Deposition not rescheduled yet.

Weiss Road Acquisition: No update. No decision yet. A decision should be made by next Monday (2/10/14) by the Board of View.

Liem Litigation: The Township was served discovery and responses have been forwarded to our counsel.

Laurelbrook Road Acquisition: No update.

Weiss Road line painting: No update.

Contractor's License Issue: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: No update.

911 Mapping: With all the new roads that have been created, we will need to get street signs for these roads. Mrs. Koval has spoken with Lou from the county he said he would forward her a list. Mr. Smith asked that we send a formal letter to 911 to request this information.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

A letter was received from the Bear Creek Foundation regarding the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 12, 2014 at the Rec Park and Community Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Popple, 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. Vice Chairman Masi called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, and Mrs. Koval were present. Pledge to the flag followed.

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

PLANNING BOARD RECCOMENDATIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

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

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

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

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

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

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

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

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

Liem Litigation: Discovery responses done.

Laurelbrook Road Acquisition: No update.

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

Contractor's License Issue: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

SBA Proposal: No update.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

A letter was received

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

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

A moment of silence was held for Tony Fazzi, Bear Creek Township road foreman, who passed away on April 1st.

Mr. Zingaretti announced that an Executive Session was held on March 18th to discuss legal and personnel matters.

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 3, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes. Mr. Popple and Mr. Zingaretti abstained. Motion passes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the treasurer's report.

RECEIPTS: Income for the month of March 2014 was $106,838.39. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of March 2014 were $21,027.88. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for March 2014. There was 1 certificate of occupancy, 1 zoning hearing and 1 Planning Board hearing for an easement for a total of $550.00.00. There were no BIU fees collected for March.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read the report for the month of March 2014; there were 7 calls for the month.

STATE POLICE REPORT: March 2014 had 59 calls to the township, most of which were motor vehicle accidents.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Smith reported that the majority of activity for the month was plowing and vehicle maintenance.

Mr. Southward asked Mr. Smith about damage to the new pavement in Laurelbrook. Mr. Smith said the township engineer will take a look at the damage and Pennsy will be contacted to see what can be done.

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

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: None

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS::

Resolution 16-2014: The Board approved the Anderson/Totino Subdivision Easement extinguishment subject to conditions to be met by applicant. A motion for the conditional approval was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 17- 2014: Bear Creek Foundation Major Land Development final approval. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. Vote: Mr. Smith and Mr. Popple abstained. Mr. Zingaretti voted yes. Motion passes.

Resolution 18-2014: A resolution approving the Storm Water Systems Maintenance Agreement between Bear Creek Foundation and Bear Creek Township. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith and Mr. Popple abstained. Mr. Zingaretti voted yes. Motion passes.

Resolution 19-2014: A Resolution approving an Easement Agreement between Bear Creek Foundation and the Township of Bear Creek. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. Vote: Mr. Smith and Mr. Popple abstained. Mr. Zingaretti voted yes. Motion passes.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 20-2014: A Resolution approving the purchase of a 2014 GMC Sierra Pickup Truck through the costars program at a cost of $32,722.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 21-2014: A Resolution authorizing the solicitation of bids for the sale of Township assets which include a 1996 Ford F800, a 2006 Chevy Silverado and a 1980 Case W-18 loader. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 22-2014: A Resolution authorizing the Repository Sale Agreement for parcel #04-114S3-003-004-000 to David Jones-North First St. in Bear Creek Twp. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 23-2014: A Resolution authorizing the Township to enter into an agreement to acquire the Nextel tower and associated equipment, excluding batteries and radios at 335 Swanson Road. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Concini matters: Trial scheduled for May 12. Attorney Vinsko will circulate settlement information to the Board.

Aqua PA: Attorney Vinsko is scheduled to be deposed on Friday, April 11th.

Weiss Road Acquisition: No update.

Liem Litigation: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: Project is scheduled to resume on April 22nd.

911 Mapping: No update

DPW Building Grant: Luzerne County Gaming Grant awards are scheduled to be announced on May 8th.

Township Property Surveys: Mr. Smith reported that surveying is done on the Swanson Road property, Aspen Road and the Municipal building and Rec areas. The Bear Mart sign is not on Township property as previously thought. Trailwood and Meadow Run property has not yet been surveyed.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Laurelbrook Entrance: Mr. Smith said he feels the median in the entrance way to Laurelbrook needs to be addressed. The Board will discuss what can be done with the median that runs down the center of Laurelbrook Drive.

Bear Creek Baseball Online Contest: Mr. Smith explained that Bear Creek Baseball is involved in an online contest with the W-B Scranton Railriders. The Little League organization receiving the most votes will get their field made over at no cost to them. The link for this contest is available on the Township Facebook page.

Road Crew Position: A part time position will be posted soon to the Township website.

Recycling Performance Grant: The township received a performance grant from DEP in the amount of $608.00 for 2012. It reflects 107.5 tons of materials recycled.

Bald Mountain Wind park: A letter was received from the people who run the Bald Mountain Wind Park. They short-paid the amount owed for this year's payment for the annual fee for the turbines that were out action for 8 months or more in each of the two prior calendar years. Mr. Zingaretti has asked them to look at some old payments which may not have been correct and has also asked that we receive monthly reports again.

PADOT Traffic Study: Several months ago the Board asked PA Dept. of Transportation to look at Route 115 again. They conducted a traffic study and have concluded that there is no reason to change the layout of the 115 at this time. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Southward: Mr. Southward asked why the CPA who does our annual audit did not see that the payments from the Wind Park were incorrect. Mr. Zingaretti explained the details of the contract with the wind farm and it is not the place of the CPA to scrutinize the contract. A lengthy discussion followed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. 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. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Pledge to the flag followed.

Mr. Zingaretti announced that an Executive Session was held on April 30th to discuss legal, personnel and land acquisition disposition matters.

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple and Mr. Zingaretti yes. Mr. Masi and Mrs. Koval abstained.

Mr. Zingaretti read the treasurer's report for the month of April.

RECEIPTS: Income for the month of April 2014 was $64,373.06. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of April 2014 were $72,494.40. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith no. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for April 2014. There was 2 certificates of occupancy, 1 zoning permit, 3 building permits and 1 Zoning Board hearing for a total of $530.00.00. BIU fees collected for the month of April were $402.80 for a total of $932.80.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read the report for the month of April 2014; there were 18 calls for the month including several for brush fires.

STATE POLICE REPORT: April 2014 had 45 calls to the township, most of which were motor vehicle accidents. Mr. Smith reported that there have been several daytime burglaries in the Township.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Smith reported the new pickup truck delivery has been delayed due to an issue GM is having with the company who manufactures the plow assembly. A letter will go out to PennDot concerning the antiskid that's been left on Route 115. Mr. Smith toured the roads in Laurelbrook with a rep from Pennoni. Pennsy and Pennoni both say that the cracking is from a bad winter and is normal. Mr. Smith is going to ask Pennsy and Pennoni to tar the cracks at Pennsy's expense. The road crew has been out with the street sweeper and have also been out pot hole patching.

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

Four applications have been received for the part time road position and interviews will be held.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: One request was received and response was sent within the allotted time frame.

RECYCLING REPORT: For the first quarter of 2014 we received a recycling grant and received monies for aluminum cans and newspaper. Total income for the quarter was $809.75 with expenses at $1251.89 for a net loss of $442.14. Newspaper rebate is down $10 per ton and we no longer have Bear Creek Village contributing to our recycling program.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS::

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Concini matters: Has been moved to a high low arbitration. Info will be circulated among the Board.

Aqua PA: There is an offer to settle on the table from the insurance company but they are addressing issue. It is a preliminary discussion but no payment will be required out of the township.

Weiss Road Acquisition: No update. Is currently in the Board of View's lap.

Liem Litigation: An email was received and Attorney Vinsko reached out to insurance counsel regarding the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: The project has restarted and it is anticipated that it will be complete within 3-4 weeks if weather cooperates.

911 Mapping: No update

DPW Building Grant: Luzerne County Gaming Grant awards are scheduled to be announced sometime in May.

Twp Truck Replacement: Should be received in August.

Twp Truck Disposal: No update.

Township Property Surveys: Mr. Smith reported that surveying is done on the Swanson Road property, Aspen Road and the Municipal building and Rec areas. We have all the deeds and once we receive them from the surveyor we will have full sized copies of the surveys for the Twp office and garage.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Free Electronics Collection: Luzerne County Recycling has announced two opportunities to recycle small electronics. The first collection will be on Saturday, June 7th at the Butler Twp Fire Hall from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. The second will be held on Saturday, June 14th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Hanover Jr/Sr High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matt Hrabousky- Mr. Hrabousky previously made a complaint about a neighbor dumping ashes onto a vacant lot. He feels it is an eyesore. He wants to know what the township is going to do about it. The Board felt it was a civil matter. The Board will view the pictures the Zoning Officer has and will make a decision from there.

Will Kresge- Mr. Kresge asked what the outcome of the letter was that was supposed to be sent to PennDot regarding 115 being reevaluated. Mr. Masi said he sent the letter and received a response which concluded that they felt no change was necessary. Mr. Kresge feels that we are sitting back and taking whatever PennDot says. He said he would circulate a petition if necessary to force them to change the layout of the road. Discussion followed.

Mr. Kresge also asked about the speed bumps on Golf Course Road. He thought they were removable and wants to know what will be done with them now that they are damaged. Mr. Smith is going to see what is needed to make the speed bumps permanent.

Robert Concini- Mr. Concini had concerns about large trucks that have been parking in the lower lot of the baseball field. Mr. Zingaretti said we would see whose vehicle these are and notify them about parking there.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Popple, 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. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Mr. Smith was absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the May 5, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mrs. Koval to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes for all present.

Mr. Zingaretti read the treasurer's report for the month of May.

RECEIPTS: Income for the month of May 2014 was $97,682.90. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes for all present.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of May 2014 were $47,897.28. A motion was made by Mr. Masi to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes for all present.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for May 2014. There was 1 certificate of occupancy, 4 zoning permits, 8 building permits, 1 driveway permit, 1 timbering permit and 1 demolition permit for a total of $755.00.00. BIU fees collected for the month of May were $777.80 for a total of $1532.80.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: Mr. Zingaretti read the report for the month of May 2014; there were 10 calls for the month including several for brush fires and motor vehicle accidents.

STATE POLICE REPORT: No update.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT: For the month of May we were under budget by $3000.00 but still undermanned by one crew member.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: No requests for May.

RECYCLING REPORT:

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Concini matters: Final hearing Wednesday.

Aqua PA: Waiting to hear from Tom Geroulo on settlement offer

Weiss Road Acquisition: No update.

Liem Litigation: Discovery complete.

Engineer Agreement: Pennoni has requested a written agreement between the Township and their firm. Attorney Vinsko to handle agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: Paving has begun and pad put down for basketball court. We need to order back boards and nets. Mr. Masi would like to rededicate Sullivan March stone and marker in Trailwood Park once the project is complete.

911 Mapping: Mrs. Koval has contacted Lou from 911 and he will be sending her a list of what is left to be done for the project.

DPW Building Grant: Announcements will be made in July.

Twp Truck Replacement: Should be received in August.

Twp Truck Disposal: No update.

Laurelbrook Paving- Mr. Southward asked what was decided about the cracking that occurred on the newly paved roadways in Laurelbrook after the engineer and contractor reviewed the situation. Mr. Popple responded that Pennsy would be returning to seal the cracks.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Street Signs: The Board is considering placement of a street sign at the intersection of every public and private road. Mr. Smith will seek pricing for the highly reflective signs.

Continuous Yard Sale: Mrs. Koval asked if there was an ordinance regarding yard sales or selling merchandise on the side of the road. A home on Bear Creek Blvd constantly

has items out for sale. The code enforcement officer has been out to the home numerous times. Neighbors have complained that accidents have occurred because of motorists slowing down to see what items are on the roadside. Attorney Vinsko will review the ordinances to see if there is anything that can be done and the code officer will continue to monitor the activity.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Popple. 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. Supervisor Koval called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval were present. Mr. Masi and Mr. Zingaretti were absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the June 9, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval, yes; Mr. Smith abstained.

The Mrs. Weihbrecht read the treasurer's report for the month of June.

RECEIPTS: Income for the month of June 2014 was $58,585.45. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes for all present.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of June 2014 were $35,151.03. The report reflects a figure of $67,878.03 which includes a check for $32,722.00 for the new pickup truck. The check had been written in a prior month and not yet given to the vendor. Our bank has since changed hands and a new check needed to be issued under the new account. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes for all present.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for June 2014. There was 3 certificates of occupancy, 1 zoning permits, 7 building permits, and 1 zoning permit for a total of $1090.00.00. BIU fees collected for the month of May were $244.00 for a total of $1344.00.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: The fire report was unavailable.

STATE POLICE REPORT: Motor vehicle accidents and false burglar alarms made up the majority of calls for the month of June.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Smith reported that there have been several issues with the flail. Replacement parts were purchased and the flail is back in service. The new pickup truck should be delivered by the third week in August. The front end loader will be put out for sealed bid sale. The road sealing in Laurelbrook has been completed. The Board will be holding interviews in the near future for a part time position on the road crew.

Mr. Southward felt the cracks in the roads in Laurelbrook should have been filled before they were sealed. Mr. Smith reported that Pennoni felt we should not be concerned and that this was the proper course to take. Pennsey did the sealing at no charge. Mr. Smith said he will go back and ask Pennoni to review this fix and see if there is anything else that should be done.

ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT: .

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: One requested during the month of June which was fulfilled within the required time frame.

RECYCLING REPORT:

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Concini matters: Preliminary decision that will be circulated.

Aqua PA: A settlement has been put out there through the insurance company with no out of pocket for the township. The township would be able to keep the funds collected.

Weiss Road Acquisition. No update.

Liem Litigation: Discovery complete.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: Mr. Smith reported that the striping for the basketball court needs to be done yet. There are also some concerns about how the dirt is being leveled between the pavement and the fields. The dirt surrounding the walking trail is rocky and uneven. Board will follow up.

The Charter School has donated new picnic tables for Trailwood Park and two bridges will be built in the near future.

911 Mapping: There are nine roads left to complete project

Surveys: All properties with the exception of the land off of Meadow Run have been surveyed.

DPW Building Grant: Announcements should be made soon.

Street Signs: Street signs will be budgeted to be replaced over the course of the next few years.

Twp Truck Replacement: Should be received in August.

Twp Truck Disposal: No update.

Laurelbrook Paving- Mr. Southward asked what was decided about the cracking that occurred on the newly paved roadways in Laurelbrook after the engineer and contractor reviewed the situation. Mr. Popple responded that Pennsy would be returning to seal the cracks.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Will Kresge: Asked when the speed bumps will be replaced. Mr. Smith will be in touch with the engineer to make sure these permanent speed bumps are up to standard. Mrs. Koval suggested we utilize LTAP for this project.

Sue Dule: Had concerns about the property next to her on Hickory Rd. It was recently purchased and she wanted to know if the proper permits were taken out for the repairs. Mr. Pape has visited the home on several occasions, the last several times no one was at the property. Mr. Pape will follow up and the SEO will be sent to check if there are any sewage issues.

Roger Southward: Asked what happened with the property that had the continuous yard sale. He was told that the owner phoned the Township and said he will not have any more sales. Nothing has been seen in front of his property since.

Mr. Southward also asked about the possibility of a new Twp garage facility on the muni/rec property. Mr. Smith responded that the Township has applied for a grant and has had a survey done but that is as far as it has gone.

Mr. Southward asked if the township should pursue obtaining the old PennDot building across the street. Discussion on the matter followed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. 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. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Mrs. Koval was absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the July 7, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Popple and Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Masi and Mr. Zingaretti abstained.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for July 2014.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of July 2014 were $43,180.57. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes for all present.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of July 2014 were $47,327.77. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes for all present.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for July 2014. There was 2 certificates of occupancy, 1 zoning permit and 4 building permits for a total of $330.00. BIU fees collected for the month of July 2014 were $4048.62 for a total of $4378.62.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 4 calls for the month.

STATE POLICE REPORT: There were 40 calls for the month of July.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Smith reported Pennoni responded to the follow up regarding the crack sealing in Laurelbrook. Mr. Smith reported that the cracks were sealed and it was completed according to PennDOT specifications.
-Guidance was received from LTAP relating to the permanent speed hump on Golf Course Road. This info has been turned over to Pennoni to put together a bid package.
-Bid forms are available for surplus township equipment; currently there is a loader and a dump truck up for bid.
-Highly reflective street signs have been purchased and installed from the Municipal Building to the Plains Twp. border. Funds will be budgeted next year to continue the project in the Trailwood and Forest Park sections of the township.
-The flail is back on the road.
-Crack sealing is planned for WHP and Mr. Smith will look into complaints made about low hanging trees.
-Mr. Smith reminded the Board that the roof on the muni and community room are leaking and the pole barn roof needs to be replaced. The garage doors on Swanson also need to be replaced.
-Fuel oil bids have been published.

-Charter School employees helped the Township road crew with work at Trailwood Park.
-The Board of Supervisors and the Bear Creek Foundation are sponsoring a Picnic in the Park for residents of Bear Creek Township. The picnic will be held Sunday, September 7th at Trailwood Park and will feature food, refreshments, childrens games and music.

Mr. Smith thanked Patti Kane and Nicki Pachucki for organizing the events to be held at the picnic and Jenny Mika White for her donation for new benches for Trailwood park.

GAMING GRANT: Announcements should be made at a meeting scheduled for September.

ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT: Aside from the normal monthly expenses the majority of expenses for July was for signs and vehicle maintenance.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: No requests for July.

RECYCLING REPORT:

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 24-2014: A resolution naming ESSA bank as the depository for the Township. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple and Mr. Zingaretti, yes. Mr. Smith abstained.

Resolution 25-2014: A resolution to submit a letter of no objection to the repository sale of the Scheuer property. A motion to approve made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple and Mr. Zingaretti, yes. Mr. Masi, no.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Concini matters: The decision was found in favor of the Concini's. The insurance company will pay $10,000.00 and the Township will pay $45,000.00. The Concini's cannot come after the Township for any future water problems on their property.

Aqua PA: Waiting for answers from insurance counsel. An offer was formally submitted that would require 0 contribution from the Township.

Weiss Road Acquisition. A second Board of View has been constituted. Dennison Township has joined in the request to formally allow the transfer immediately.

Liem Litigation: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: Mr. Masi reported that the striping for the basketball court needs to be done yet. Grass issues still need to be resolved.

911 Mapping: No update. Mr. Smith said the Township emergency responders still do not have updated maps with recent road changes

DPW Building Grant: Announcements should be made soon.

Twp Truck Replacement: Should be received in August.

Twp Truck Disposal: No update.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board letters of interest: Letters were received from Frank Haduck and Lynn Nehilla expressing interest in the position. Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Lynn Nehilla to the Planning Board, Mr. Masi seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi and Mr. Zingaretti, yes. Mr. Popple abstained.

Engineering Letters: The Township received letters from PennDOT regarding work to be done next year. A bridge will be replaced in front of Meadow Run/ Mountain Lake and an alternate route will be utilized around the work area. Bridge work will be done on Bald Mountain Road with one lane restrictions and a traffic light.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Denise Garafalo: Asked for help with tractor trailers going down the mountain off the turnpike and tractor trailers traveling Laurel Run Road and coming up Giants Despair. She stated that the signage on Laurel Run Road is confusing regarding trucks on the road. Discussion followed. Mr. Zingaretti said a letter would be sent to PennDOT as well as our state legislators to see what can be done.

Janet Maulik- Asked if faded stop signs in WHP could be replaced and if tree growth in front of signs throughout the development could be trimmed back. Mr. Smith said the problem will be addressed.

Paul Castiglione- Asked what can be done about the foliage overgrowth onto Weiss Road and into the public right of way? A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Smith said he

would look at the area in question and the Board will make a decision on how to address the matter.

Fran Columbus- Has issues with traffic coming off of 115 onto Ridge Road at a high rate of speed. Mr. Zingaretti explained that an LTAP study and traffic study was done and the traffic study result showed that the majority of vehicles were traveling 30 mph or lower. The Township will work with PennDOT to get the lay of the road off 115 and onto Ridge changed. Discussion followed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Popple. 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. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 4, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes. Mrs. Koval abstained.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for August 2014.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of August 2014 were $58596.55. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of August 2014 were $92577.83. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for August 2014. There was 1 certificate of occupancy, 1 zoning permit and 8 building permits for a total of $520.00. BIU fees collected for the month of August 2014 were $31042.40 for a total of $31562.40.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 4 calls for the month.

STATE POLICE REPORT: There were 48 calls for the month.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Smith reported:
- the bids for the plow for the new GMC work truck had to be rebid. The winner of the re-bid was EM Kutz with a bid of $5463.00.
-Two vehicles and a piece of equipment were put up for sale through a bid process. The W-18 loader was sold for $2,777.00, the Chevy Silverado for $11,800.00 and the Ford dump truck for $600.00
-Recommendations for the speed humps and signage at Golf Course Road were provided by Pennoni. Speed humps cannot be placed at a signalized intersection. They also recommended trees be trimmed. The road is a private road and Attorney Vinsko has been working with Pennoni and the General Municipal Authority of W-B to secure permission to do the work on that private road. Attorney Vinsko said this would be addressed at a meeting on September 23rd. He also said no Resolution would be necessary since we passed Resolution 27-2013 authorizing the installation of permanent speed bumps.
-Trees at intersections in the White Haven Pocono development have been trimmed back and several stop signs replaced. The bottom of Old Ford Road was re-graded. Illegal

dumping in WHP was investigated and taken care of. Weiss Road is overgrown and beyond the capabilities of the road crew. A private contractor may need to be hired.
-Flail is off the road again and the 2005 GMC is in for repairs.
-Quarterly bids were received for fuel oil.
-Ambulance thanked the Board for assistance in registering them on the Township Ford Fleet account, allowing them to save $4500.00.
-PennDOT will be bidding out a project for a rock wall on 115 in Plains Twp. The project will most likely affect travel through Bear Creek Township.
-Mr. Smith thanked all those involved with the Picnic in the Park.
-Final blasting will be this coming week for the road leading up to the new Charter School site. Signs were installed on 115 leading up to the construction area.

Ridge Road- Mr. Zingaretti reported that PennDOT was contacted regarding changing the road entrance and PennDOT said a HOP is necessary and a design from our engineer would need to be submitted with the application. The same process will need to be followed if a turn lane is done for entering Laurelbrook. Pennoni will be contacted to get a quote on them doing the designs.

Trucks on Laurel Run Road- PennDOT is working with Wilkes-Barre Twp. and their police force to make sure there is proper signage and enforcement concerning tractor trailers coming up Giants Despair.

GAMING GRANT: Announcements should be made tomorrow.

ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT:

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: One request for August.

RECYCLING REPORT: Report for the second quarter was presented.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 27-2014: A resolution awarding the fuel oil bid to Button Oil. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Resolution 28-2014: A resolution to approve the purchase of a 8.5 foot Meyers Super V plow from EM Kutz for $5463.00. A motion to approve made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Resolution 29-2014: A resolution authorizing the sale of the Case W-18 loader to Dominic's Equipment for $2777.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Resolution 30-2014: A resolution authorizing the sale of the 1996 Ford Dump Truck to Jack Husband for $600.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Resolution 31-2014: A resolution authorizing the sale of the 2006 Chevy Silverado with plow to Justin Burridge for $11,800.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Aqua PA: No update.

Weiss Road Acquisition. No update.

Liem Litigation: No update.

PSATS Trust Agreement: Original Trust Agreement regarding insurances and pension need to be updated. Will approve subject to review at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: Mr. Masi reported that a final inspection needs to be done. Some re-seeding of grass needs to be done and everything else looks good.

911 Mapping: Mrs. Koval reported that she will be working more closely with Louie from 911 to get projected moving more quickly.

Resolution 32-2014: A resolution approving the hiring a part time 911 project manager, not to exceed 20 hours per week at $14 per hour. Position is only until year end and this person will report to Mrs. Koval. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DPW Building Grant: Announcements should be made tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Trailwood Project Payment: Invoicing and an application for payment was received from Pennoni on behalf of Chilewski Enterprises for work done in Trailwood Park. The

engineer has suggested a hold back of 5% for anything that needs to be done after the final inspection. The original bid was $130,047.00. After change orders the new total was $166,104.23.
Amount payable at this time is $157,799.01. We will request more detailed change orders.
A motion to approve the payment as recommended by our engineer for $157,799.01 was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

MMO 2015: The Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2015 through Trustees of PA Municipalities Retirement Plan is $9721.00.

Pension Distress Score: For the current period we have received a 0 distress score.

Tire Recycling Event: Luzerne County residents can recycle tires on Oct. 4th at the Butler Twp. Firehouse or on Oct. 11th at the Hanover Jr/Sr High School.

Natural Gas Pipeline: Twp. residents have been receiving letters concerning a pipeline through the township that will carry natural gas from Marcellus Shale to Trenton, NJ. This project is at a very early stage. Public hearings would be held before anything could be approved.

Part Time Hiring: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the hiring of Bill Pfeffer as a part-time road crew member, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple and Mr. Zingaretti: yes, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Koval: no.

Mr. Smith announced his resignation as Roadmaster effective October 15, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Petlock: Reported he saw Plains Twp. Police parked in Bear Creek Township and would like to know if there is an agreement between the townships concerning enforcement. Attorney Vinsko said there is no agreement and as long as they don't try to pull someone over in Bear Creek Township there is no issue.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Zingaretti, seconded by Mr. Popple. 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. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Mr. Smith was absent Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the September 8, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mrs. Koval to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for September 2014.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of September 2014 were $155,000.66. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of September 2014 were $220,175.35. Mr. Zingaretti noted that the disbursement to the fire department and the disbursement for the MMO were pass through items. We received the revenue from another source and passed it along. A motion was made by Mr. Masi to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes. Mr. Popple abstained.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for September 2014. There were 4 certificates of occupancy, 1 zoning hearing and 3 building permits for a total of $955.00. BIU fees collected for the month of September 2014 were $2118.60 for a total of $3073.60.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 10 calls for the month of September, the majority being MVA's. Total of 86 calls for the year.

STATE POLICE REPORT: Not available.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Zingaretti reported that September 30th was Mr. Smith's last day as Roadmaster. Mr. Smith sent an email to the Board indicating that all winter supplies have been purchased and equipment prepped.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Expenses for the month were $15,448.00. $82,000.00 was budgeted. The Capital Outlay budget of $70,000.00 is for repairs to roofs for this year. These repairs will not be done this year so we will carry this figure for the rest of the year.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: None for September.

RECYCLING REPORT:

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Aqua PA: Our insurance counsel has not been able to get any responses from the other sides' attorney.

Weiss Road Acquisition. Attorney Vinsko is continuing to work on this matter and hopes to have it complete soon.

Liem Litigation: Attorney Murphy has not heard anything from Liems counsel.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

Trailwood Park project: Mr. Masi reported that a final inspection has not yet been done. The contractor has agreed to come back in the Spring and clean up the edging and reseed the area.

911 Mapping: Mrs. Koval reported that she has met with Louie from Luzerne County 911. They are currently waiting on the Post Office to approve some changes made. They are presently working in the Thornhurst Rd and Meadow Run/Mountain Lake area. Mr. Zingaretti would like to have the entire list of what needs to be changed. Mrs. Koval responded that they are only getting the project in pieces from the county. Mr. Zingaretti asked Mrs. Koval if she knows the names of all the streets that need to be changed. She listed the streets that the County has given her but she does not have the complete list.

Emanuel Posluszny, a resident of Bear Creek Township recently had his address changed and felt it was going to cause many problems for him. Discussion followed.

BUDGET: Budget will be presented at the November 3rd meeting.

GAMING GRANT: Bear Creek Township has been awarded $225,000.00 for a centralized DPW facility.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Resolution 33-2014: A resolution approving the hiring of Steve Seicko in accordance with Resolution 32-2014 for the 911 readdressing project. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Resolution 34-2014: A resolution accepting the resignation of Bill Pfeffer from the road crew as a part time laborer. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Replacement of Mr. Smith as Roadmaster: Mr. Zingaretti asked that the road crew report to him until a new Roadmaster is appointed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A member of the audience asked what the Board knows about the gas line coming through the township. Mr. Zingaretti responded that the project is in its early stages. The application has not been made yet FERC. They are currently trying to lay out a route. It is an interstate transmission line so it falls under Federal regulations and not the townships.

Emanuel Posluszny asked how they can get the township to take over their road. Mr. Zingaretti responded that the road would need to be brought up to PennDOT standards.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Popple. 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. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Mr. Smith was absent Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 6, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for October 2014.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of October 2014 were $38,353.34. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of October 2014 were $81,684.53. A motion was made by Mr. Masi to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes. Mr. Popple abstained.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for October 2014. There was 1 zoning permit, 1 zoning hearing and 2 building permits for a total of $430.00. BIU fees collected for the month of October 2014 were $607.00 for a total of $1037.00.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 13 calls for the month of October 2014, with a total of 99 calls so far this year.

STATE POLICE REPORT: There were 39 calls in September and 38 calls in Bear Creek Township for October.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Popple reported that the road crew has been preparing for the winter months. The crew would like a ten ton jack. The jack they have is broken and for the cost to repair it, it would be better to purchase a new one. The new street signs have been ordered for the 911 project.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Expenses for the month were $53,516.00, $43,000 was budgeted. The operating supplies were over by approximately $8000 because of the road salt purchase. Salaries are still underrun because of being down one man.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: None for October.

RECYCLING REPORT:

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 35-2014: A resolution authorizing the Township to purchase a 10 ton floor jack from Cook Brothers Truck parts, not to exceed $1100.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Aqua PA: No update.

Weiss Road Acquisition: A meeting will be held with the Dennison Twp. solicitor and it is Attorney Vinsko's goal to have the deed by the end of the year.

Liem Litigation: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

911 Mapping: Mrs. Koval reported that 52 address change letters for 12 roads went out on 10/29/14. Meadow Run/Mountain Lake road names have been changed and the county is currently working on renumbering these roads. Next area to be looked at is White Haven Pocono.

GAMING GRANT: Bear Creek Township has been awarded $225,000.00 for a centralized DPW facility. No update on the building at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Presentation: The budget being presented tonight will be voted on at the December 1, 2014 meeting. It will be advertised and will be available this week for public inspection at the township building. It is already available on the township website. A copy of the Executive Overview will be included in the minutes.

Mark Petlock asked how the truck situation was and if any would be replaced this coming year. Mr. Zingaretti responded that the next truck is not expected to be purchased until 2016 or later.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Southward asked about the Wind turbine agreement and what the stipulations were that they would not pay. Mr. Zingaretti explained that a turbine would have to be down for 8 months during a year.

Joann English asked if the township received the 2013 audit yet. Mr. Zingaretti responded that we have not.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Popple. 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. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present.

Mr. Zingaretti announced that an Executive session was held following the November 3, 2014 meeting for personnel matters.

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 3, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for November 2014.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of November 2014 were $70,565.59. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of November 2014 were $23,382.75. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:
Mr. Pape read the Zoning and Code Enforcement report for November 2014. There were 3 zoning permits, 2 driveway permits, 1 certificate of occupancy and 2 building permits for a total of $875.00. BIU fees collected for the month of November 2014 were $1733.20 for a total of $2608.20.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 15 calls for the month of November 2014, with the majority being motor vehicle accidents.

STATE POLICE REPORT: There were 45 calls for the month of November.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Popple reported that the road crew has been preparing for the winter months. The backhoe currently has a broken brake line.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Expenses for the month were $11465.00, $14,190.00 was budgeted. Salaries are still underrun because of being down one man.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: One requested received and answered in the month of November.

RECYCLING REPORT: 3rd Quarter recycling report: $192.15 received for newspapers and aluminum cans. Net expenses were $913.48.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Vinsko reported:

Aqua PA: A detailed outline was received from Tom Geroulo regarding resolution of the matter.

Weiss Road Acquisition: A December 17th conference is scheduled to finalize matter.

Liem Litigation: No update. Attorney Vinsko requested an outline on this matter to see where it is headed.

OLD BUSINESS:

2015 Proposed Budget: The budget was presented at the November 3, 2014 public meeting. It was advertised on November 7th and was available for 20 days before action may be taken as required by second class township code. No tax increases. Net cash flow projected at a positive $276,000.00. Approximately $600,000.00 of capital expenditures planned for 2015 including consolidated DPW building. Projected ending cash is at $682,000.00.

A motion to approve the 2015 budget as presented was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update.

SBA Proposal: No update.

911 Mapping: Mrs. Koval reported Meadow Run/Mountain Lake road names have been changed and renumbered as well as White Haven Pocono and 4 roads off of Laurel Run Road. Next area planned to work on is Trailwood and Forest Park.

DPW BUILDING GRANT: No update on the building at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ray Wasilewski: Mr. Wasilewski from Old East End Blvd asked the Board what could be done about his neighbor blowing leaves in front of and onto his property. He was told it was a matter between neighbors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary