The January 3, 2017 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 the first portion of the meeting would be the reorganization and no public comment would be taken during that time.

The following motions were made and seconded as follows:

All positions were declared vacant.

Temporary Chairman: motion made by Mr. Smith to appoint Mr. Masi-seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. Vote: unanimous yes.
Temporary Secretary: motion made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Paula Weihbrecht-seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith voted no. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.
Chairman: motion made by Mr. Popple to appoint Mr. Zingaretti-seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.
Vice Chairperson: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint Mr. Masi, seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. Vote: Mr. Smith voted no. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.
Roadmaster: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint John Krumsky- seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.
Secretary/Treasurer: motion was made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint Paula Weihbrecht-seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Open Records Officer: motion was made by Mr. Smith to appoint Mr. Popple- seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Zoning/Code Reports to: motion was made by Mr. Smith to appoint Mr. Masi-seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. Vote: unanimous yes.
Zoning Officer: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint John Watkins- seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote unanimous yes.
UCC Code Enforcement: motion was made by Mr. Masi to appoint Building Inspection Underwriters, seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.
Sewage Enforcement Officer/Alternate: motion was made by Mr. Masi to appoint Frank Egenski as SEO and Steve Egenski as alternate- seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.
Engineer (includes Planning and Zoning): motion was made by Mr. Masi to appoint Pennoni Associates- seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.
Solicitor (Board of Supervisors): motion was made by Mr. Masi to appoint William Vinsko- seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.
Solicitor (Planning Board): motion was made by Mr. Masi to appoint William Vinsko, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes
Solicitor-(Zoning Hearing Board): motion was made by Mr. Masi to appoint Angelo Terrana, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.

EMA-Primary: motion was made by Mr. Masi to appoint Chris Keats primary EMA-seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.
EMA-Assistant: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint Jim Smith-seconded by Mr. Masi. Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.
Regular Meeting Day/Time: motion was made by Mr. Popple to retain the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Secretary-Planning Board: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint Karen Kollar, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Secretary-Zoning Board: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint Paula Weihbrecht, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Planning Board Member: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint Anthony Ciliberto, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Planning Board Member: Vacant
Zoning Hearing Board Member: motion was made by Mr. Zingaretti to appoint James Gorman, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Vacancy Board Member: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint Gary Slusser, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Convention Voting Delegate: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Depository General Fund: motion was made by Mr. Popple to retain FNCB, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Administrator of Pension Plan: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint the Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
Required Signatures: motion was made by Mr. Popple to require 2 Supervisors signatures for all checks written, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.
IRS Rate: motion was made by Mr. Smith to pay mileage at the IRS approved rate for township travel, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.
Supervisor Labor: motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint each supervisor to do labor as needed to the extent not prohibited by second class township code, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 1-2017: A resolution establishing the Bear Creek Township fee schedule for 2017. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 2-2017: A resolution establishing the Bear Creek Township Uniform Construction Code Fee Schedule for 2017. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 3-2017: A resolution setting the Township *Per Capita* Tax rate at $0.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 4-2017: A resolution extending the contract with Building Inspection Underwriters to December 31, 2017 as third party administrator of the Uniform Construction Code. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr.

Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

Resolution 5-2017: A resolution establishing a millage rate for Bear Creek Township for 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to retain the millage rate at .4412 and further that the Bear Creek Volunteer Hose Company shall be awarded ¼ mil (.1103) for 2017, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 6-2017: A resolution establishing the Bear Creek Township Homestead Exemption at a value of $20,000 property reduction. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 7-2017: A resolution reappointing Bear Creek Volunteer Hose Co. as primary fire and rescue unit in Bear Creek Township. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Resolution 8-2017: Ambulance Service- A resolution continuing the current arrangements with the primary BLS responder being Plains Twp, which does not include the WHP development. White Haven Ambulance is the primary BLS for the WHP development. Plains Twp Ambulance will remain the primary ALS responder for the entire Bear Creek Township. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Regular Meeting:

MINUTES: Minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for December 2016.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of December 2016 were $63,362.86. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of December 2016 were $40,619.90. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of December: 1 Building Permit, 1 Certificate of Occupancy for a total of $90. Fees collected under UCC were $255.21.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 12 calls for the month of December 2016, with a total of 122 calls for the year.

STATE POLICE REPORT: Report not available.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Smith reported that Pennoni is in process of completing the road evaluation. The multimodal transportation grant for $425,000.00 that we applied for the Old East End and Pittston Blvd reconstruction project that was previously denied has now been partially approved in the amount of $100,000.00. Mr. Smith asked that in addition to resurfacing the road, he would like to insure that the drainage is also evaluated along these roadways. Two vacancies on our Road Crew have been filled with the hiring of Robert Kachinko and Robert Suchocki.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Significantly underspent for the year but if you take into account the $400,000.00 for the DPW building which was deferred until next year, with that we are about 10% under budget for the year. This is due to less actual overtime than had been budgeted and also not having a full crew for the latter part of the year.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: No requests.

RECYCLING REPORT: Not available.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 9-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to hire Robert Kachinko for the road crew at a rate of $17 per hour, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Resolution 10-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to hire Robert Suchocki for the road crew at a rate of $13 per hour, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Resolution 11-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to appoint John Krumsky as the foreman of the road crew at a rate of $20.00 per hour, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote:

Resolution 12-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to revise the pay rate for the township secretary/treasurer to $19.00 per hour seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Brian Vinsko reported:

Aqua PA: No update.

Weiss Road Acquisition: No update.

Intergovernmental Agreement: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

WHP Tree Trimming:

Zoning Map Requests/Changes:

New DPW Building:

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Kelly: From Energy Unlimited regarding the Crystal Lake wind park. Mr. Kelly is now responsible for this wind park. He is evaluating the project with the help of A & E Engineering to see what benefits there are to the township which seem to be $75,000-$100,000 per year and also to see what the permits and other costs would be to continue the project forward. He stated he has been in contact with DEP and DCNR. He wants to make sure the zoning ordinance is approved under the original plan they put forward and the original process they went through.

Mr. Zingaretti: Issue of the zoning under the old ordinance is a non-issue. We have a new ordinance. The old application was rejected. Mr. Zingaretti stated that he doesn't believe that the assertion that they can put it back under the old ordinances is legally accurate. If your plan is still viable under the new regs, so be it. If not the options would be to go in front of the zoning board for a variance or we could revise all of our zoning ordinances.

Mr. Kelly stated he doesn't want to go through a process that will ruffle a lot of feathers. He said as he understood it as it having been approved under the old ordinance it would be a carry forward. Discussion followed and it was decided that a conversation should happen between attorneys before anything could move forward.

Paul Groncki: Mr. Groncki said he is still waiting for a decision regarding the dock issue with a neighboring property. He said he was promised an answer in December but got no answer. He said it is a simple set back and the township needs to enforce it.

Mr. Zingaretti stated that it is a dock in question and a dock is not in our ordinances. He believes our attorney had addressed this in his September memo regarding the matter. Mr. Zingaretti asked for a motion from the Board to provide the variance. No motion was made. Mr. Zingaretti then asked for a motion to approve a resolution confirming our solicitor's opinion is in fact that of Bear Creek Twp and authorizing Mr. Groncki to take whatever action he feels appropriate. A motion was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Willard Kresge: Mr. Kresge gave an update on the monument project he has been working on. He stated he is not happy with the aluminum tablet for the monument and feels granite would be the best for this project. He got a price, including shipping, for the granite and it was $1000 less than the aluminum.

A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve an amount not to exceed $7500.00 for the monument project, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Mr. Smith announced that a crime watch committee is forming in the Forest Park development and they will be meeting the first week of February at the Charter School. Anyone interested can call Mr. Smith for more information.

Mr. Smith also announced that a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Ed Jasulevicz will be held at the Charter School on Sunday, February 19th.

Mrs. Koval mentioned that she has received complaints regarding the drag lodge property. The office has received complaints as well and Mr. Watkins is aware of the matter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The February 6, 2017 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.

Monument Project: Mr. Zingaretti called on Willard Kresge to give the Board an update on the monument project. Mr. Kresge reported that the current sign at the site of the monument contains incorrect information and he would like permission to remove it. He noted he will be traveling to Quebec to visit the company that will be making the replacement plaque for the monument. Mr. Kresge said he will also be looking to install a flagpole and lighting at the site. He also informed the Board that a dedication ceremony will be held on June 24th.

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for January 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of January 2017 were $20,413.78. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Popple, seconded by Mrs. Koval.. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of January 2017 were $71,766.95. 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. Watkins reported for the month of January: 2 Building Permits, 2 Certificate of Occupancy for a total of $190. Fees collected under UCC were $370. There were 4 complaints with 3 being them resolved. Mr. Watkins also commented on the dumping incident behind the municipal building. The perpetrator turned himself into the police and we will issue a fine.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 14 calls for the month of January 2017, with the majority being motor vehicle accidents.

STATE POLICE REPORT: A report was provided to the public and Trooper Piekanski, a community service officer from the State Police was in attendance and offered help in setting up crime watch groups in the township.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported that they have been plowing and cold patching. All equipment is in good shape. The crew is working on their Spring plan and are cutting some trees on the sides of the roads.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Total spending for the month was $15,292.00 with the budget at $11,605. Off by $3600.00 which was the pressure washer.

Mr. Zingaretti reported that Pennoni did a road evaluation. Old East End Blvd and Forest Park were the poorest roads. They have been held off because they are in the Act 537 area. The poorest roads come in at $818,000.00 for repair. The roads that came in at "fair" will run around $1.9 million to repair. Information will be presented at a future public meeting.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: No requests.

RECYCLING REPORT: Not available.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Brian Vinsko reported:

Aqua PA: No update.

Weiss Road Acquisition: No update.

Intergovernmental Agreement: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

WHP Tree Trimming: Pennoni to put out for bid in the Spring.

Zoning Map Requests/Changes:

New DPW Building: Will begin to spec out.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Little League Fence: 3 bids were received:
Brittany James Inc at $23,440.00 (vinyl coated) or $24,980 (galvanized).
Meadow Run Landscaping at $16,900.00 (will pull all old fencing and posts)
Beach Fence at $14,400.00 but would add an additional $3,500.00 to pull and haul old fencing and posts.
A motion was made by Mrs. Koval to approve Meadow Run Landscaping to pull old fence and install new fencing at the LL field for an amount not to exceed $16,900.00, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Unanimous yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Glen Cronauer: Announced Bear Creek Baseball is here to stay. They have a new Board and have a stronger commitment than ever. He stated baseball will take on the project of repairing the old candy stand where they store their equipment. They will also look into LED lighting for the pavilion, stand and equipment shed.

Mrs. George: Asked what is happening with Act 537. Mr. Zingaretti explained that it is currently in Limbo because of the costs the state wants us to charge the public for hook up and monthly fees. Once it is approved the township will be bound to it so they voted to stand down until they can find a way to make it more affordable.

Mr. Zingaretti said the court order mandates a centralized collection system. Since it does not state that we have to pipe it down the mountain we may be able to treat it on the mountain but there is no definite plan for either. Discussion followed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The March 6, 2017 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. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Mr. Smith and Mr. Masi were absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the February 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for February 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of February 2017 were $125,274.50. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Popple, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of February 2017 were $31,498.93. A motion was made by Mr. Zingaretti to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Popple abstained. Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes. Motion approved.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of February: 1 Building Permits, 1 Zoning permit and 1 Land Development application for a total of $600.00. Fees collected under UCC were $432.00. There were 4 complaints filed and investigated during the month.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 15 calls for the month of February 2017, including one for the tornado and the majority of the rest being motor vehicle accidents. Mr. Zingaretti thanked the Fire Department for all their help with the cleanup after the tornado

STATE POLICE REPORT: A report was provided to the to review.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported that they have been working on storm drains, sweeping roads, took care of storm damage on several roads and have begun servicing and readying equipment for the summer.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Total spending for the month was $12,122.00. Budget for the month was $10,383.00. We will continue to be overbudget since at the time the budget was planned it only included 2 full time road crew employees and we now have 3.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: No requests.

RECYCLING REPORT: Calendar year 2016. Income is limited to grants and aluminum can recycling. Approximate income for the year was $800.00 with expenses at approximately $4800.00.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 14-2017: A resolution approving Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Unanimous yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Brian Vinsko reported:

Aqua PA: A judicial conference was scheduled. Attorney Vinsko asked for a continuance. Should be scheduled for later in the month.

Weiss Road Acquisition: Complete. Should have liquid fuels for this year.

Intergovernmental Agreement: No update. Attorney Vinsko to discuss with Mr. Smith.

OLD BUSINESS:

WHP Tree Trimming: Pennoni to put out for bid in the Spring.

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update

New DPW Building: Mr. Zingaretti and the Roadmaster will meet with Pennoni to discuss plans for the new public works building.

Township Road Evaluations: Pennoni reviewed all township roads and put them in categories of good, fair and poor. The poorest roads estimate for repair is $818,000.00. Fair roads came in at $1.9million. The Board will come up with a five year plan for getting these roads repaired.

Liquid Fuels notification: Bear Creek Township will be receiving $100,495.56.

Bridge Replacement Projects: Three separate bridge projects will be coming up in future months in the township. Mr. Zingaretti will be requesting a representative from PennDOT to attend our next meeting and give an update.

State Police Coverage: Commonwealth of PA budget for next year includes a charge for any municipality that does not have their own police department. They are assessing at $25 per person. For Bear Creek Township that would be approximately $70,000 per year. Discussion followed.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

New Computer: Mr. Zingaretti thanked the IT person from the Charter School for assisting in the installation and setup of the new computer in the township office.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Willard Kresge: Mr. Kresge gave an update on the monuments. He gave a copy of the inscription to the English Department at Wilkes to make sure there is no errors. A committee is being formed for the ceremony. Mr. Kresge brought a copy of the program for the ceremony and asked that the Board take a look and see if anything needs to be added. They are also looking to use the flag pole from the old charter school. Mr. Zingaretti asked that they touch base with Mr. Smith regarding the flag pole.

Waiving of Permit fees: Mr. Zingaretti said we are expecting residents in the areas affected by the tornado to be coming in for permits. He proposed there be no permit charges for anyone in the township to repair damages from the tornado. Residents would need to show a copy of their insurance claim to be able to get the permit at no charge.

Resolution 15-2017: A resolution waiving township and BIU permit fees for a period of three months starting today, for any resident who can demonstrate that they had damage from the tornado with proof from an insurance claim. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Zingaretti, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Roger Southward questioned what was included in the fees being waived. Mr. Zingaretti clarified that any and all fees would be waived that are tornado related. Mr. Southward took issue with the Board waiving the fees for BIU. Mr. Zingaretti stated that he felt no one should be charging permit fees for damage from the tornado but he would have the conversation with them if need be. He further explained that the majority of the damage done would fall under township fees.

A resident asked when the road would be closed for the bridge replacement on Bald Mountain Road. The Board felt the date was sometime in August but they would confirm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The April 3, 2017 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 of the Board had been held this evening prior to this meeting.

Mr. Zingaretti called for a moment of silence in honor of Joe English, a township resident and former township employee, who passed away recently.

Bridge Projects: Several representatives from PennDOT were in attendance to discuss upcoming projects in and around the township. Gerald Babinski, Julianne Lawson and Eric Pehala presented an overview.
-Currently Suscon Bridge over Interstate 81 is closed. It is estimated that the repairs will take approximately 6 weeks.
-The bridge project at Shades Creek on Route 115 will consist of a run-around. No detour. Project will run April/May 2017.
-Meadow Run/Suscon Road at Mountain Lake utilizing a temporary road is scheduled for May through September 2017.
-Suscon Road, Jenkins Township-road closure/detour-Summer 2018.
-Bald Mountain Road at Lake Aleeda-road closure/detour-July/August 2017.
-Bald Mountain Road at Pittston Blvd-closure/detour-April/May 2018.

Mr. Zingaretti commented that the 2018 project on Bald Mountain Road with road closure and 20-mile detour is unacceptable. The detour will add too much time for emergency responders and school buses. He asked the reps from PennDOT to see if the project could be reconfigured so that a road closure is not utilized.

Barry Trieval- asked what the status was to reopening a second lane going up (south) on Route 115. Mr. Zingaretti responded that they originally requested to have from Swanson Road up to be two lanes but they only added the second lane from after the old school for a short distance. It was suggested those concerns could be taken back to the higher ups a PennDOT. Discussion followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith and Mr. Masi abstained. Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for March 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of March 2017 were $148,336.35. Liquid Fuels money included in the deposits was $100,495.56. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of March 2017 were $57,991.87. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr.

Masi. Vote: Mr. Popple abstained. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of March: 5 Building Permits, 1 Zoning permit and 2 Occupancy Permits for a total of $500.00. There were no permits under the UCC. There was one stormwater complaint and Mr. Watkins assisted with a disabled vehicle. Mr. Watkins informed the Board there were two permits issued for storm damage from the tornado.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 17 calls for the month of March 2017, including 7 motor vehicle accidents. Mr. Smith thanked the fire department and all the departments from surrounding areas that responded to a house fire this past Saturday.

STATE POLICE REPORT: A report was provided to the public for review.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported that the road crew spent a bit of time plowing and cleaning up after the snow storm. They are now gearing up for Spring and getting equipment ready. Mr. Zingaretti thanked the road department for all their efforts in keeping the roads clear following the storm.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Total spending for the month was $16,554.00. Budget for the month was $10,062.00. We will continue to be overbudget since at the time the budget was planned it only included 2 full time road crew employees and we now have 3. We also had more overtime this past month than we did so far, this year.

Mr. Zingaretti reported that PEMA through FEMA is requesting money to help municipalities and nonprofits who spent money on snow cleanup. The county had to exceed $1.58 million in order to make the obligation to the state. The sum of all the counties has to exceed $18.2 million in order for that to go to FEMA. Mr. Smith interjected that there was an announcement that the commonwealth did not meet the obligation.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: One request made but has not been answered yet.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bear Creek Foundation land development- Joe Stachokus, representing the Foundation for the land development explained that the plan is for a new maintenance garage adjacent to the old one and to create an overflow parking lot for 60 cars. The parking lot is planned for just off the cul-de-sac. The project will have no impact on sewage since there will be no water to the new facility which will be used for storage of equipment only.

Mark Petlock from the Planning Board stated that the only issue was in answer to the Foundations' question regarding a bond for the storm water improvements. Mr. Stachokus stated that the original project for the school was around $1 million and there was no request for a bond. The storm water management portion of this project is around $10,000 and a bond is being requested.

Resolution 16-2017- A resolution approving the Bear Creek Foundation land development plan subject to the establishment of a $12,000 escrow to satisfy the bond requirement. A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti, yes.

Mark Petlock asked about Meadow Run Landscaping that recently opened in the old St. Christopher's building. He stated they went before the zoning board but did not go before planning. He wanted to know if they should go before them after the fact for work they did to the property. He also asked that going forward anything that goes before Zoning should be sent to the engineer to make sure it does not need to go to Planning as well. Discussion followed.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Aqua PA:.

Weiss Road Acquisition:.

Intergovernmental Agreement:.

OLD BUSINESS:

WHP Tree Trimming: Pennoni to put out for bid in the Spring.

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update

New DPW Building: Mr. Zingaretti reported that the Board met with the engineer to spec out what they want. The idea is to have it here at the property where the muni and fields are and be able to sell off the current property where the garage and equipment are housed.

Township Road Evaluations: No update

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Stupack from the Lions club wanted to know if there were any changes for the program for the dedication ceremony for the monument. Mr. Smith asked to have the donor of the flagpole mentioned in the program.

Barry Trievel lives on Bear Run Lane and said it took an ambulance over an hour to find them. He said very few GPS units utilized by delivery persons and home health workers can find their addresss. Mr. Zingaretti said he will address this with 911. He explained that the assistant EMA for the township has recently sent all the major GPS companies the address change information.

Baseball- Mark Petlock said he saw a sign that baseball is fund raising for lights at the baseball field. He asked if baseball had the Boards approval. Mike DeFrancesco from baseball said they would take the signs down until they have a better idea what can be done and have the ok from the Board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: unanimous yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The May 1, 2017 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 called for a moment of silence in honor of Chris Keats, EMA coordinator and member of the Ambulance and Fire Departments and Pat Moore, long time township resident, both of whom recently passed.

Old East End Blvd Project: Chad Lello from Pennoni Associates gave an overview of the project. He stated the first phase of the project will be storm water upgrades that will include replacing some existing roadway cross pipes that are township owned. They will also be putting in some additional storm water infrastructure. The second part of the projects will include replacing driveway culvert pipes that are deteriorating. Swales will be cleaned or cut as needed. The next step will be paving.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Lello if this project would change the course of the water. Mr. Lello stated it would not change the course. Mr. Smith also asked if any of Mr. Wasilewski's landscaping (bushes etc.) would be removed during this project. Mr. Lello stated that they would not be removed.

Discussion followed. Mr. Lello said they would like to award the job by the end of May and have construction begin mid-June.

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for April 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of April 2017 were $75,469.65. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of April 2017 were $56,310.10. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Popple abstained. Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of April: 10 Building Permits, 4 Zoning permits, 2 Occupancy Permits, 2 Demolition permits and 1 Zoning Hearing for a total of $1330.00. There were 5 permits issued under the UCC totaling $1077.00. Mr. Watkins investigated 3 complaints.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 17 calls for the month of April; 2017, including 9 motor vehicle accidents.

STATE POLICE REPORT: A report was provided to the public for review.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported the pavilion has been readied for the summer season. The crew spent some time on Gorge Road, making it accessible again after the winter. The water at the Rec field and the Muni has been sent out for testing. Fuel tanks have been replaced at the firehouse in White Haven Pocono. Mr. Krumsky stated they are looking for a plate tamper. They have priced them and they ran between $1500 and $2000.

Resolution 17-2017: A motion was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Popple to seek pricing from three vendors and then purchase a plate tamper. Cost not to exceed $2000.00. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES:

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: One request was made for tax information. Part of the request has been answered. We are working to see if the second part of the request must be answered under the Right to Know guidelines.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bear Creek Foundation land development- Joe Stachokus, representing the Foundation for the land development explained that the plan is for a new maintenance garage adjacent to the old one and to create an overflow parking lot for 60 cars. The parking lot is planned for just off the cul-de-sac. The project will have no impact on sewage since there will be no water to the new facility which will be used for storage of equipment only.

Mark Petlock from the Planning Board stated that the only issue was in answer to the Foundations' question regarding a bond for the storm water improvements. Mr. Stachokus stated that the original project for the school was around $1 million and there was no request for a bond. The storm water management portion of this project is around $10,000 and a bond is being requested.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Aqua PA: The final paperwork has been prepared and letters have been circulated about a potential resolution which has not yet been consummated by the insurance company or the other side. Should be taken care of by June 1st.

Weiss Road Acquisition: Complete. Waiting on state to add to liquid fuels. Mr. Smith

Intergovernmental Agreement: On hold for now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Trimming: Tree trimming needs to be addressed throughout the entire township.

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update

New DPW Building: No update

New Address Issue: At last month's meeting a resident stated they had an issue with an ambulance not being able to find their home. Issue occurred because GPS has not been updated or updated properly. We have notified 911 and have sent updated information to them which includes cross streets and closest address to newly named roads.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike DeFrancesco: Requested on behalf of the Bear Creek Little League to be able to use the main little league field for the Fall for a developmental league. Mr. DeFrancesco also told the Board that lighting from a high school field has been donated to Bear Creek Little League.

The Board had no issue with a Fall League as long as they conferred with soccer so there would be no conflicts for field use. They did request to see plans including cost and maintenance associated with lighting the field.

Mr. DeFrancesco also brought to the Boards attention concerns about ticks on the ball fields. He asked if something could be done about this. Mr. Smith said it could cost up to $2000 to spray the field and will not last the entire length of the season.

Mr. DeFrancesco invited the Board to opening day/homecoming/Hall of Fame induction to be held on May 20th.

Jim Wesser: A resident of Forest Park asked what the lot requirements were for building. It was explained that generally a two-acre lot in an R-1 district is required unless the lot was subdivided before the changes to the zoning ordinance. Someone could build on a smaller lot if they could meet all setbacks and well and septic requirements.

Mr. Wesser also asked if there was anything that could be done to the ditch near his house to get the water moving properly. Mr. Krumsky said he would take a look.

Willard Kresge: Updated the Board on the progress of the monuments at Trailwood park. The tablets are up and they will be installing a light on the flagpole.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The June 5, 2017 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 1, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for May 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of May 2017 were $84,312.96. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Popple, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti, yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of May 2017 were $32,711.17. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of May, 8 zoning permits, 8 building permits, 1 certificate of occupancy, 2 certificates of demolition and 1 zoning hearing for a total of $1375.00. There were 10 UCC permits issued totaling $3882.87.

Resolution 18-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Masi to extend the period to waive building permit fees for work to be done as a result of the tornado until September 12, 2017, at that time the Board will reevaluate the resolution. Motion seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 8 calls for the month of May, 63 calls for the year so far.

STATE POLICE REPORT: A report was provided to the public for review.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported they have made it around the township once with the flail, it will be serviced and then another round will be made around the township. Mr. Krumsky reported Old East End Blvd is being destroyed by the trucks bringing stone in for a PPL project. The roadmaster also reported they purchased the plated tamper and would now like to request a chipper. Mr. Krumsky was instructed to seek quotes for new and used chippers.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Mr. Zingaretti reported for the month of May $14,280.00 were spent on roads and road related issues. $9,000 was budgeted. Year to

date is being driven by the capital expenditure savings because we have not made the purchase yet. There was also a $2000 overrun for repairs and payroll for the month.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: None

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PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

A proposal was received from SBA whereby we would continue to receive a fixed fee rent and a 50% share of all net income off the tower. There are term increases every five years. A $25,000 sign on bonus was included.

Resolution 19-2017: A resolution approving the written consent of the extension of the lease with SBA properties pending the removal of certain language from the agreement. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

A letter was received from a township resident requesting permission to close a portion of West Parkway between Sylvan and Forest Roads in Forest Park for a community block party on Saturday, July 8, 2017 from approximately 12 noon until 8 PM.

Resolution 20-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Popple and seconded by Mrs. Koval to approve the request to close a portion of West Parkway on July 8th. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No update.

Aqua PA:

Weiss Road Acquisition:

Intergovernmental Agreement:.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Trimming: No update.

Zoning Map Requests/Changes: No update

New DPW Building: No update

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Old East End Blvd Project: Three sealed bids were received for reconstruction, repaving, tree removal and drainage work to be done on Old East End Blvd. The electronic bids were received from American Asphalt for $293,577.00, Papillon & Moyer for $341,089.00 and Pennsy Supply for $311,596.00.

Resolution 21-2017: A resolution approving the bid received from American Asphalt, not to exceed $293,577.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Willard Kresge: Mr. Kresge reminded everyone that the dedication of the monuments in Trailwood Park would be held on June 24th from 10 AM-Noon with the reenactors being there at 9 AM. Everything is ready with the exception of the landscaping that is being completed by Meadow Run. Mr. Kresge would also like to line the parking lot.

Mr. Zingaretti informed the audience that the Board was looking into having cameras installed at Trailwood, one of which will cover the monuments. Mr. Masi met with an electrician and received a quote to run electric to the pavilion and power to the flagpole at the monument. The quote will be forwarded to the Board for discussion. No work will be done until after the monument dedication.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The July 3, 2017 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. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Mr. Smith and Mr. Masi were absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the June 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for June 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of June 2017 were $111,764.26. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Popple, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of June 2017 were $61,741.77. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Popple abstained. Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti vote yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of June: 5 zoning permits, 5 building permits, 1 certificate of occupancy a total of $500.00. There were 5 UCC permits for $1455.37. Mr. Watkins reported there was 1 complaint investigated during the month.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 12 calls for the month of June 2017, including 5 motor vehicle accidents.

STATE POLICE REPORT: The state police report was not available.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported they have been running the flail and cutting grass. Mr. Krumsky asked if there were any updates on the Old East End project and was told not yet. He then asked the Board to reallocate funds from the WHP tree trimming project to the purchase of a chipper. He stated the road crew would be able to then handle the majority of the tree trimming project themselves. Discussion followed.

Resolution 22-2017: Mrs. Koval made a motion to reallocate monies from the WHP tree trimming budget to purchase a wood chipper, motion seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: $68,000 underbudget, $70,000 was the project that was just reassigned.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: None

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PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No update

Aqua PA:

Weiss Road Acquisition:

Intergovernmental Agreement:

OLD BUSINESS:

DPW Building: No update

Tornado Permit Fees: (update in September)

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Petlock: Mr. Petlock commended the Lions Club on the dedication of the new monuments. He asked if the two speeches that were given at the dedication could be put on the website. Mr. Zingaretti said they would be added to the website as well as the township Facebook page.

Mr. Petlock also complained about big trucks on Laurel Run Road. Mrs. Koval said she would speak with PennDOT about the signage.

Stephanie Cibello: complained about an area of Pike road that has water running across it, coming from a property where a resident has widened his drive. Mr. Zingaretti asked Mr. Krumsky and Mr. Watkins to touch base with Attorney Vinsko and Pennoni to see what can be done to correct this situation.

Paul Groncki: Mr. Zingaretti asked Mr. Groncki to wait until after the meeting to speak with him about his ongoing issue. Mr. Groncki refused to wait and continued that he had an after-meeting discussion after the last meeting and he wanted to make sure that it was noted in the minutes that he spoke with the attorney after the meeting and set a time which was also done in December and both meetings were cancelled. (the information

about the arranged meeting was not noted because it had transpired after the meeting was adjourned)
Mr. Zingaretti asked Mr. Groncki if he received the letter our solicitor sent him last September and he acknowledged that he had. Mr. Zingaretti state that the letter laid out the position of the Board. Mr. Groncki disagreed and said that the letter did not answer his complaint about side line setbacks. Mr. Zingaretti offered to phone Attorney Vinsko afterwards but Mr. Groncki said that notes and emails had already been sent.

Mr. Zingaretti recapped by stating Mr. Groncki's issue is the side line set back and it has to do with an object and the distance it is from the side line setback. That object in this case is a dock. Mr. Groncki agreed. Mr. Zingaretti continued that in our ordinances a side line set back applies to a structure. A dock is not defined in our ordinances, it is not a structure. The case law said a dock is something you pull up to that is in water for loading and unloading. It is not a building on land that would fall under the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Zingaretti stated Mr. Groncki was told this in September, then in January Mr. Zingaretti called for a motion to ignore the solicitor and let Mr. Groncki have what he wanted but we didn't get a motion. A resolution was then voted upon to say that the Board is done with this and Mr. Groncki could take whatever action he felt necessary.

Mr. Groncki stated there was a memorandum after his that was submitted the following year. Mr. Zingaretti said the solicitor stands by his memorandum. The Board has acted on the request and this is the Boards' interpretation of the ordinances. Mr. Zingaretti advised Mr. Groncki if he did not like the decision of the Board there were legal recourses he could take.

Mr. Groncki continued to argue. Mr. Zingaretti apologized that Attorney Vinsko did not keep the phone appointment last month but iterated that the Board had already made its decision and it had been noted in the January 2017 minutes. Mr. Groncki questioned Mr. Zingaretti as to whether this matter was voted upon in January and Mr. Zingaretti read from the portion of the minutes where the matter was addressed.

The discussion continued with Mr. Groncki repeating the same things over again. Mr. Groncki then said he did not feel well. Mr. Krumsky asked him if he wanted an ambulance and he replied yes and that he also wanted an aspirin. A member of the audience gave him an aspirin and an ambulance was called.

Once the meeting resumed Mr. Zingaretti asked if there was anything further from the audience.

Mark Petlock: Mr. Petlock asked if the side walk in front of the community room could be looked at since it appears the walk is sinking. Mr. Krumsky said it would be addressed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The August 7, 2017 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, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Mr. Popple was absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

MINUTES: Minutes from the July 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mrs. Koval to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Zingaretti. Vote: Mr. Smith and Mr. Masi abstained. Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for July 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of July 2017 were $28,739.52. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti, yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of July 2017 were $83,684.27. A motion was made by Mr. Masi to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of July: 12 Building Permits, 3 Zoning permits, 2 Occupancy Permits and 1 permit issued under the UCC totaling $1094.00. Mr. Watkins investigated 3 complaints.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 13 calls for the month of July 2017, including 6 motor vehicle accidents. Mr. Zingaretti also congratulated the Fire Department on a successful picnic that was held over the previous weekend.

STATE POLICE REPORT: A report was provided to the public for review.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported the crew utilized the new chipper on several roads throughout the township. Mr. Krumsky asked the Board if there was an update on the planned Old East End Blvd project. Mr. Smith stated the culverts will be done first and paving will be done after the current PPL project in the area is complete so newly paved roads won't be damaged.

Mark Petlock: Asked if the road crew could trim back some brush at Balsam and Frontier and also asked if a NO TRUCK sign could be installed on Oakridge. The roadmaster said he would take care of both requests.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Expenses were $50,868.31 with a budget of $8488.00. $38,000 of that difference was because of the chipper purchase and also offset by salaries.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: One request was made for detailed payment information for property taxes. The tax collector claimed that the tax collector is not subject to the

Open Records regulations. A 30-day extension was requested and granted. Attorney Vinsko will issue a legal opinion to the Board.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Aqua PA: Attorney Vinsko reported this settled with specifics to be ironed out.

Weiss Road Acquisition: Complete. Waiting on paperwork.

John Krumsky asked if a "welcome to Bear Creek Township" sign should be erected at the entrance to Weiss Road. The Board instructed him to do so.

Intergovernmental Agreement: Will be taken off the agenda for now.

OLD BUSINESS:

New DPW Building: No update

Tornado Permit Fees: (update in September)

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Alternative Electric Supplier: The Board chose not to act on a proposal that was submitted by an alternative electric supplier. They felt the rate proposed were high.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Kentusky: Wanted to discuss the sewage issues in Forest Park. He and his wife have expressed their concerns to the Board in the past. He has spoken with the SEO on several occasions. Mr. Kentusky continued to speculate about where the sewage is coming from and suggested one of his neighbors needs to put in a new drain field.

Jason Finnegan: Wanted reiterate what Mr. Ketusky said. He claims it's so bad his children must wear boots in the yard to play. He said he warned the neighbor before they purchased the property that there were septic issues. The SEO has been out for testing. A dye test was not performed since the suspected problem property owner would not give permission. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Zingaretti explained that in the 1970's there was funding to install sewers in specific areas of the Township. The Board at that time did not act. In 2000-2010 there was no funding available. This current Board made a decision not to push the sewers even though there was a court order to do so. The reason was that DEP wanted us to charge a $5000 per household hook up fee and a monthly fee of $125-$170. The $5000 fee did not even connect the house to the system.

Mr. Watkins was instructed to accompany the SEO the following day when he returned to Forest Park.

Willard Kresge: Asked about electric at the park. Mr. Masi said we have a quote for the electric and just need to vote on it. Mr. Zingaretti said he has a quote on two strands of dark fiber that will allow a camera system to be installed.

Mr. Kresge asked about the solicitation he received from Plains Twp. Ambulance for a donation for ambulance service in Bear Creek. Mr. Zingaretti confirmed that Plains had been named as the first responder. Mr. Smith expressed concern about the dates this coverage would be valid for. The solicitation said coverage was from July 2017-July 2018. The Board appoints the ambulance January to January. Mrs. Koval noted that if you are on Medicaid, you cannot partake in the membership and there are other stipulations as well.

Mr. Kresge also asked if the Board will do anything to force the issue and make the old ambulance company account for some outstanding matters. Mr. Masi stated that the ambulance's own board members could have done something. In 2015 the Board asked for an audit of the ambulance but could not be completed because there were no records so there was no subpoena power. Mr. Smith said anyone can call the DA's office but there were no records to present. Mr. Smith asked if there was anything left in the ambulance bay. Mr. Krumsky said nothing of any real value.

Resolution 23-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Smith that any remaining emergency service supplies abandoned by the Bear Creek/Buck Twp. Ambulance and left in our building are to be donated to Bear Creek Volunteer Hose Co., seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: unanimous yes.

Mr. Kresge reminded everyone that the annual Lions Club pig roast and car show would be held on Saturday, August 26th.

Mr. Zingaretti announced the next meeting would be held on Monday, September 11th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The September 11, 2017 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 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mrs. Koval to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes. Mr. Popple abstained.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for August 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of August 2017 were $108,855.07. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti, yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of August 2017 were $48,118.05. A motion was made by Mr. Masi to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of August: 10 Building Permits, 2 Zoning permits, 1 Zoning Hearing, 1 Occupancy Permit and 2 permits issued under the UCC totaling $1569.20. Mr. Watkins investigated 6 complaints.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 16 calls for the month of August 2017, including 7 motor vehicle accidents. Total of 112 call so far for the year.

STATE POLICE REPORT: A report was provided to the public for review.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported the crew continued to utilize the new chipper in WHP and also installed a new sign on Weiss Road as well as one on Oakridge. Mr. Krumsky said they are preparing plows for winter and road materials will be ordered soon.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Expenses were $11,386.00. We had budgeted $8488.00. The on going overage is from salaries, budgeted for 2 road crew members and having 3.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: Satisfied the outstanding request for tax information and responded to another requesting information regarding employee wellness programs.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Aqua PA: Attorney Vinsko reported this settled and we should have an outline and payment info by end of week. Settlement to be voted on at October meeting.

Weiss Road Acquisition: Complete. Attorney Vinsko will provide paperwork for file.

OLD BUSINESS:

New DPW Building: Looking to have our engineer put the specs together and guidance on samples of soil and its ability to hold up to the building. The building should be around $400,000.00 with 7 bays so all equipment can be in one place. Currently there are three different buildings housing the equipment.

A $225,000. grant was received for this project. Engineer fees for feasibility, design services and bidding preparations came in at $56,400.

Resolution 24-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to engage Pennoni Associates for the scope of the project as defined for a fee not to exceed $56,400, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Tornado Permit Fees: A motion was made by Mr. Smith to extend the period to waive fees for permits needed due to tornado damage from last February until February 28, 2018, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Minimum Municipal Obligation: We have received notice of the MMO for 2018 and the obligation will be $18,381.

Liquid Fuels: Notification for the 2018 allocation has been received and it is $103,573.09.

Malone Variance Request: Steve Egenski addressed the Board regarding the Malone property on Fairway Drive, stating a new area was needed for a septic system, the closest they could come would only allow a distance of 80 feet between the system and the well, violating the 100-foot isolation distance required. The Malones therefore requested a variance allowing them to install the new system on their property without meeting the required distance. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. The Board agreed that should the Malones sell this property they should disclose the facts surrounding this variance. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Trailwood Electric Proposal: A proposal was received from Advanced Electric to install electric service in at the park for lighting, security lighting and cameras. A motion was made by Mr. Masi to approve the proposal of $4150.00 seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Unanimous yes.

Mr. Zingaretti asked Mr. Watkins or Mrs. Weihbrecht to get bids and specs on security cameras, both wired and wireless. Mr. Zingaretti said he has a quote from PenTelaData for fiber connection from the park to the muni.

2017 Luzerne County Tire Recycling: Events will be held on October 7th at Drums Elementary School and on October 14th at Hanover Area Jr/Sr High School.

2018 Budget: Capital items and project proposals for 2018 need to be forwarded to Mr. Zingaretti for budgeting purposes for next year. The budget will be presented in November.

Luzerne County Gaming Grants: Mr. Zingaretti reminded the Board that if they had any projects to be submitted for gaming grants, the applications are due by December 31st.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Wolfe: Mrs. Wolfe asked for help in getting her address corrected with the tax collector and the fire department. The secretary said she would take care of it. Mrs. Wolfe also said she is having a problem with snakes coming from a property nearby with unkempt grass. Mrs. Koval said the property is owned by PennDot and she would contact the county manager to have it addressed.

Allison Christian: States she has been working with code enforcement over the last year and a half regarding a property in her neighborhood. The grass is overgrown and there are leaking barrels on the property. She also stated the tenant is the one responsible for taking down the new street sign. Attorney Vinsko will send a certified letter to the resident outlining the consequences if the sign is removed again. Attorney Vinsko will also look into the nuisance portion of the complaint. A copy the complaint is included in this meeting's minutes.

Jack Morris- Purchased a property with an existing outdoor wood furnace. He would like to be able to operate the furnace from September through May. The township ordinance only allows for operation during October through April. Attorney Vinsko advised that if the furnace was installed prior to the ordinance being enacted he would be grandfathered in and would be able to run it year-round. Mr. Watkins will look to see when the permit was issued.

Jason Finnegan: Still has the same complaints regarding sewage in his neighborhood in Forest Park. Steve Egenski said they have been doing fecal colony analysis. Levels have varied at different times and at times can be a natural occurrence or partially treated effluent. Dye testing has been performed at certain homes in the area and have yet to pin

point the cause. A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Zingaretti stated we need to see if any dye surfaces, if nothing shows, the remaining homes should be tested.

Mr. Masi asked the members of the Board, Attorney Vinsko, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Egenski to stay for an executive session to follow immediately following this meeting.

Jason Finnegan complained about his neighbor putting cameras up facing his property. Mr. Smith advised that this is a civil matter and he could take it to the magistrate. Mr. Finnegan also expressed his concern with the township code enforcement officer that he drives around Forest Park and doesn't cite other people for issues with their properties (high grass) and wants to know why the code officer carries a gun and if he is certified to do so. The Board responded that Mr. Watkins carries for personal protection. He travels our very large rural township, alone and without a police force to back him up.

Mr. Zingaretti announced the next meeting would be held on Monday, October 2nd.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The October 2, 2017 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 11, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's Report for September 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of September 2017 were $49,262.69. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Popple, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti, yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of September 2017 were $23,204.91. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Masi. Vote: Mr. Masi, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of September: 9 Building Permits, 2 Zoning permits, 1 Zoning Hearing, 1 Occupancy Permit, 1 Driveway permit and 1 permit issued under the UCC totaling $1039.00. Mr. Watkins investigated 5 complaints.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 11 calls for the month of September 2017, including 4 motor vehicle accidents. Total of 123 calls so far for the year.

STATE POLICE REPORT: Report not available.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported the crew has been cutting grass, preparing trucks/plows for winter and waiting on delivery of salt. Mr. Krumsky asked the Board if money for a flail could be included in the budget for next year.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Expenses for the year were $158,000.00. We had budgeted $258,000.00. The difference being money that had already been budgeted for a flail mower.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: We had a request regarding vendor and bill payment information. The request was denied based on Section 705 of the Act. Bear Creek Township does not possess the information requested in the format in which it was requested.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Aqua PA: Attorney Vinsko reported they have been working with the attorneys from Aqua PA in terms of how to finalize this litigation with funds coming from us and funds coming from the insurance company. Attorney Gerulo is spear heading the Aqua PA piece in terms of getting that coordinated. Attorney Vinsko will send a memo with the details of the settlement.

Weiss Road Acquisition: Complete. Attorney Vinsko finishing up paperwork.

Wood Burning Ordinance: A resident asked at a previous meeting if he could run his wood stove from September to May. (ordinance allows for October to April). Attorney Vinsko stated that since the times of use were not established until 2007 and the residents permit was from 2006, he was grandfathered in and could use his stove year-round.

Street Sign Issue: Attorney Vinsko reported a letter was sent with no response as of yet to an individual who has removed a street sign several times. Richard Bella had complained in the past about this neighbor and reported that after confronting him after he again removed the sign on September 28th, this individual shot him in the back with a pellet gun.

Attorney Vinsko asked the Board to stay for an executive session to discuss a plan of action regarding this matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

New DPW Building:

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Burridge: Mr. Burridge requested a street light at Route 115 and Old East End Blvd, northbound near the truck ramp. Mr. Zingaretti instructed the secretary to contact PPL to see about getting a light installed.

John Krumsky: The roadmaster informed the Board there was going to be a preconstruction meeting the following morning for the Old East End Blvd project at 8:30 am at the job site.

Ruth Koval: Mrs. Koval informed the Board that she did speak to someone at Penndot about a property they own on Old East End Blvd and someone was sent to cut the grass and clean it up.

Penndot announcement: The township was notified that Penndot would be paving Bear Creek Blvd (route 115) from the Turnpike to Meadow Run Road in the Spring of 2018.

Mr. Zingaretti announced the next meeting would be held on Monday, November 6th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The November 6, 2017 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. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Masi, were present. Mr. Zingaretti was absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

Meadow Run Mountain Lake Park Association: Mark Evitts, a board member of the MRMLPA, at the urging of Rep. Mike Carroll, made a request that Bear Creek Township apply for Local Share funds on behalf of the MRMLPA for an erosion control project on the Meadow Run Dam. Mr. Evitts presented engineering plans and quotes for the project. Discussion followed.

Resolution 34-2017: A resolution adopting the local share request for the Meadow Run Mountain Lake Park Association. Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Masi; yes.

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 2, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith abstained, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Masi voted yes.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's Report for October 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of October 2017 were $27,231.81. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Masi, yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of October 2017 were $64,414.14. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Masi voted yes.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of October: 11 Building Permits, 1 Zoning permits, 1 Occupancy Permit, 1 Subdivision and 1 permit issued under the UCC totaling $1024.00. Mr. Watkins investigated 7 complaints.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 12 calls for the month of October 2017, including 4 motor vehicle accidents.

STATE POLICE REPORT: Copies provided for the public.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported 600 tons of road salt were delivered, he met with PPL for plans for installation of a new light at Old East End Blvd and Route 115 and winterizing of the pavilion is on the schedule for the upcoming week.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Expenses for the year were $169,000.00. We had budgeted $297,000.00. The difference primarily being money that had already been budgeted for a flail mower.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: No requests for October.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: Blakeslee subdivision.

Resolution 35-2017: A resolution approving the Blakeslee subdivision as recommended by the Bear Creek Township Planning. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Masi; yes.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Aqua PA: Attorney Vinsko reported they have been working to finalize this litigation with funds coming first from the insurance company and then from the Township.

Weiss Road Acquisition: Attorney Vinsko is now working towards getting the road designated properly for liquid fuels.

Street Sign Issue: Attorney Vinsko reported that once the criminal portion of the issue is addressed, the township will address the other issue. Richard Bella asked what was going to happen regarding the condition of the property next to him. Attorney Vinsko said it will all be addressed in the complaints.

OLD BUSINESS:

New DPW Building: A meeting was held earlier with the engineers to firm up plans for the facility which will be built up near the ball fields.

Old East End Blvd road project: Mr. Smith said the work looks good and any issues that arose surrounding the project have been addressed.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joanne English: Asked about the fund drive from Plains Ambulance. Mrs. English said they are mailing these requests to her old address and she is concerned why the ambulance does not have the correct address. Mrs. Koval was also concerned about the amount of money they are requesting. She feels it should be done by household, not per person. Discussion followed.

Mark Petlock: Asked about signage again for Laurel Run Road banning truck travel. Mrs. Koval said she will follow up with Penndot.

Budget Presentation: Mr. Masi presented the proposed operating budget for 2018. The proposed budget was made available to the public this evening and will remain available for review online and at the township office during normal business hours. The proposed budget will be voted on at the December 4, 2107 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Executive Overview
For calendar year 2018, Bear Creek Township ("Bear Creek" or "the Township") puts forward a proposed budget which has no tax increases. This is the ninth consecutive year that tax rates have been the same or even lower than the prior year. Tax reductions previously implemented including the Homestead Tax break and the elimination of the Township's share of the Per Capita Tax remain in place.

• **Operating Revenues** are expected to fall by $23,546 or 2.8% compared to 2016.
• In 2017, a one-time payment of $25,000 was received as part of the contract extension with SBA Properties for cellular tower management.
• Excluding this nonrecurring payment, operating revenues are projected to grow by $1,454.

Operating Expenses are expected to increase by $68,071 or 12.5% over 2017.
• General Government increases by $38,649 over 2017. This is detailed below:
o Professional services (legal and engineering) in 2017 have run low the past two years. The 2018 budget is based on prior years, resulting in an increase of $18,000.
o Expanded communications initiative increases the budget by $14,400. This includes a complete redesign of the township website ($5,000), a new color copier ($5,400), and postage for quarterly newsletters ($4,000).
• Insurance and Employer Taxes increase by $25,729 over 2017. This is detailed below:
o The pension contribution is expected to be $9,700 higher than in 2017 based on data received from pension administrator.
o Health insurance increases by $6,400 based on most recently available quotes.
o Workers Compensation insurance is expected to be $3,200 higher than 2017.
o Property insurance is expected to be $3,000 higher than 2017.
o Township introduces a vision and dental employee benefit at a total cost of $2,500.

• **Capital Expenditures** (net of grants) increase from estimated $385,114 in 2017 to $426,000 in 2018.
• Old East End Boulevard repaving will be completed and paid for in 2017. Bear Creek Township obtained a $100,000 grant for this project. This grant is not expected to be received until 2018 after all paperwork is submitted and processed by the state.
• The new Consolidated Public Works Building will be completed this year. The total cost of this project is partly offset by a grant of $225,000.
• The remaining projects have been included in prior budgets but subsequently deferred. These are now critical investments for the township.

Cash Flow
Consolidated Operations & Capital Expenditures yields a net reduction in cash of $221,053. The current projection of cash on hand for year end 2017 is $1,537,659 which is projected to be $1,216,606 at year end 2018.
Next Steps
• Budget will remain available for inspection at office and on-line.
• Public comment accepted tonight and at December 4, 2018 (6:00) public meeting.
• Adjustments and corrections can be made to the original budget.
• After public comment, the board may vote on the proposed budget so long as:
o Total Revenues do not change by more than 10%.
o Total Expenses do not change by more than 10%
o No major category of revenue or expense changes by more than 25%

Mr. Smith confirmed with the Roadmaster that no roads were included in the budget for paving in 2018. Money is being budgeted to be included with the grant money awarded for the new DPW building. In addition, Mr. Smith mentioned the Board is working to replace playground equipment. $150,000 was budgeted to replace the equipment at both Trailwood and the Rec field. Mr. Smith will apply for grant funds for this project. If there is not enough funding for both parks, Trailwood would be done first. Several options are being presented and Mr. Smith has the information posted on Facebook and also here with him this evening. He is looking for feedback from the public as to what equipment would work best in our parks. All equipment meets ADA requirements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The December 4, 2017 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, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Mr. Masi was absent.

Cub Scout Pack 2000 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mrs. Koval to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval voted yes. Mr. Zingaretti abstained.

Mr. Zingaretti read the Treasurer's report for November 2017.

RECEIPTS: Deposits for the month of November 2017 were $91,327.94. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti, yes.

DISBURSEMENTS: Expenses for the month of November 2017 were $90,585.29. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti voted yes. Mr. Popple abstained.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Watkins reported for the month of November: 1 Building Permit, 1 Zoning permit, 2 Occupancy Permits, 1 Demo permit and 1 Zoning Hearing. There was 1 permit issued under the UCC. Total permits issued $594.00. Mr. Watkins investigated 4 new complaints.

FIRE DEPT REPORT: There were 11 calls for the month of November 2017, including 2 motor vehicle accidents.

STATE POLICE REPORT: Copies provided for the public.

ACT 537 REPORT: No update.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: The roadmaster, John Krumsky reported that they have been winterizing buildings and preparing vehicles for winter weather.

ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES: Expenses for the month were $45,651.00.

OPEN RECORDS REPORT: One request received and answered.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Aqua PA: Attorney Vinsko reported that there has been an amount agreed upon and the paperwork will be circulated.

Weiss Road Acquisition: Attorney Vinsko is working towards getting the road designated properly for liquid fuels.

Street Sign Issue: Attorney Vinsko reported that once the criminal portion of the issue is addressed, the township will address the rest, i.e. property maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS:

New DPW Building: The new building will be up the Rec field near the LL field. The engineer will take the preliminary drawings and run them by some contractors to get an idea of cost to see if it is in the range of what we have available to spend. Intentions are to put this out for bid in the spring.

Old East End Blvd road project: Mr. Smith said the work looks good and any issues that arose surrounding the project have been addressed.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

Category 4 Casinos: Act 42 of 2017 authorized the placement of "mini-casinos" within the Commonwealth. The Act also grants the municipalities of the Commonwealth to prohibit such casinos within the individual municipality.

Resolution 36-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Smith to prohibit the location of an Act 42 Casino within the boundaries of Bear Creek Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Old East End Paving Blvd Paving Project: Payment request has been received.

Resolution 37-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve an amount not to exceed $294,641.18 to be paid in total for the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Laurelbrook turning lane: Mr. Popple phoned and emailed PennDot to request a turning lane (southbound) into the Laurelbrook development. Nothing came of the requests. Now that PennDot is planning on repaving Route 115 through this area, Mr. Zingaretti suggests we apply for gaming money for this project.

Resolution 38-2017: A resolution authorizing the Board to pursue any grant opportunity for a turning lane off 115 southbound into Laurelbrook. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Resolution 39-2017: A resolution authorizing the Board to pursue local share gaming grant monies for a turning lane off 115 Southbound in the Laurelbrook development. A

motion to approve was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Security Window: Pricing was obtained for a new reception window in the township office.
Resolution 40-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Smith to accept the proposal from Mesko Glass for installation of a security window in the township office at an amount not to exceed $2,975.00, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

2018 Budget: Mr. Zingaretti recapped the proposed budget which had been presented at the November meeting. Capital spending for the upcoming year include projects spending an estimated $751,000 of which specific to those projects we have a grant for $225,000 and will receive the monies from the $100,000 grant awarded last year but not yet received. We will only draw $221,000 from our prior year reserves. Even after this spending we anticipate still having a little over $1.2 million. This reserve is being built to fund future paving projects.

Resolution 41-2017: A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the 2018 Budget as presented on November 6, 2017 seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Smith, Mr. Popple, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti; yes.

Discussion followed regarding plans for new playground equipment for the two township parks. Mr. Smith commented that it will run around $100,000 per park. The Board will seek grant opportunities for the project and hope to have at least one park done in 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Zingaretti thanked the Cub Scouts for attending and leading the pledge.

Next meeting is Reorganization followed by the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary