

The monthly meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Bear Creek Township Municipal Building on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Koval called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval were present. Pledge to the flag followed.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the March 6, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Petlock to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**Treasurers Report:** For month ending March 2023, total income was \$160,145.46. Total expenses were \$187,356.36. Cash at the beginning of the period was \$1,725,657.01. Cash at the end of the period was \$1,701,620.88

**RECEIPTS:** Deposits for the month of March 2023 were \$220,220.46. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Suchocki. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Expenses for the month of March 2023 were \$244,256.59. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Petlock. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Watkins reported for the month of March: 2 zoning permits, 1 building permit, 1 Certificate of Demolition, 1 Land Development application and 4 UCC permits were issued for a total of \$3668.63. There were no new complaints addressed. There was a discussion concerning a septic issue at the bottom of Bear Creek Blvd originating at the Grumpelt property.

Mr. Petlock asked Mr. Watkins about residents using shipping containers as storage units. He wanted to know if a permit was needed to put one of these units on a property. Mr. Watkins explained that these units are not specifically mentioned anywhere in the ordinance and are considered movable structures, not requiring a permit.

**FIRE DEPT REPORT:** Mr. Suchocki read the fire reports for March 2023. There were 15 calls for the month with 9 being motor vehicle accidents.

**STATE POLICE REPORT:** The report was not available.

**ACT 537 REPORT:** No update.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** Mr. Krumsky reported that residents of Old East End Blvd requested more NO PARKING signs on their road.

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Mr. Krumsky asked the Board about paving projects for the year. Attorney Vinsko relayed that Aqua has asked that the township hold off on paving in Forest Park until 2024 so they can coordinate a plan.

Mr. Petlock said he met with Joe Mullen recently and his suggestion was that the township do the ditch, pipe and culvert work which should not interfere with the work Aqua is anticipating later.

Mrs. Koval felt we should just move forward with the Forest Park project because it has been delayed long enough.

Attorney Vinsko said if we move forward, we need to put Aqua on notice to when we will be doing the work.

Mr. Petlock asked if the Board could meet in an executive session with Joe Mullen on April 17<sup>th</sup> and they could plan to put the work out for bid.

Mr. Popple suggested that we award the entire project to one bidder so the work is consistent, It can be done as one project but done in phases.

Mr. Krumsky asked about Old 115 and Mr. Petlock said that was also discussed with Joe Mullen.

Mr. Popple asked what is being done with the old PennDOT building, it looks terrible. Mrs. Koval told him it is in process of being transferred.

Mr. Petlock shared the quotes for the add ons for the new truck. The lowest bid was \$46,871.77 from Powells and the highest bid was from Bradco for around \$68,000.

**Resolution 20-2023:** A motion was made by Mr. Petlock to approve the bid of \$46,871.77 from Powells for the add on work for the new truck, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval; yes

**ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES:** For the month of March 2023 total expenses, related to the Road Department were \$220,986.45. The majority being capital outlay for the new DPW building.

**OPEN RECORDS REPORT:** One new request was received and answered in March.

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

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**Laurel Run Road Emergency Access:** A waiver was received from the Turnpike Commission asking the township to authorize the PA Turnpike Commission and its agents use of township owned land to access and construct an emergency access road for emergency vehicles use during the time the Laurel Run Road bridge is closed and under construction. Mrs. Koval asked that we have the wording changed from “if” the work is completed to “is” completed in the agreement.

**Resolution 21-2023:** Mr. Suchocki made a motion to execute the waiver granting the PA Turnpike Commission the right to access the land and to waive any rights under the Eminent Domain Code, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Petlock; no, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval: yes.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Attorney Vinsko reported:

**Everest Infrastructure Wireless:** Attorney Vinsko has been working with Vicki at Everest and exchanging information.

**Aqua PA/Forest Park:** Discussed earlier in meeting.

**Weiss Road:** No update.

**SBA:** Waiting on Everest info before going back to discuss with SBA.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DPW Building:** Work is continuing on the structure. John Krumsky had concerns about the integrity of the concrete work. Mr. Popple wondered if it should be pulled up and re-done. It was poured in freezing weather and there are cracks already. John Krumsky says he has pictures of the work. A lengthy discussion followed. The Board decided to request a core sample study be done. Attorney Vinsko will contact Joe Mullen to set it up.

**Mountain Lake Abandoned Home:** No update.

**CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Koval received a letter from PennDOT concerning Laurel Run Road/Giants Despair truck traffic issues. The letter asks that Bear Creek Township to request a traffic study. The wording of the letter suggests that depending on the results of the study, Bear Creek Township would be liable for signs and enforcement. The Board has no issue with a study being done but is opposed to being held responsible for signage and enforcement. Mr. Petlock feels it is a signage issue and needs to start on 80 and other major roads where the truck traffic is coming from. Discussion followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Chris Roberts:** Concerning Aqua and the Forest Park work, they should have a plan on running these lines, an overlay. We should see if they would share that with us so we could get our work done and see what areas would be disturbed and work around each other. Mr. Popple felt that it was a nice idea but doubts Aqua would share anything.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Suchocki, seconded by Mr. Petlock. Vote: All present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Bear Creek Township Municipal Building on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Koval called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki and Mrs. Koval were present. Mr. Popple was present via Zoom. Mr. Krumsky was absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Petlock to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Suchocki. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**Treasurers Report:** For month ending February 2023, total income was \$93,308.33. Total expenses were \$243,113.20. Cash at the beginning of the period was \$1,875,252.75. Cash at the end of the period was 1,725,657.01.

**RECEIPTS:** Deposits for the month of February 2023 were \$154,229.96. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Suchocki, seconded by Mr. Petlock. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Expenses for the month of February 2023 were \$303,825.70. A motion was made by Mr. Suchocki to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Petlock. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Popple and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mrs. Koval read the report for the month of February: 3 zoning permits, 1 building permit, 2 Certificates of Occupancy, and 4 UCC permits were issued for a total of \$5082.00. Five new complaints were addressed.

**FIRE DEPT REPORT:** Mr. Suchocki read the fire reports for January and February 2023. The majority of the calls for both months were motor vehicle accidents.

**STATE POLICE REPORT:** The report was not available.

**ACT 537 REPORT:** No update.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** Mr. Petlock reported the road department is doing Spring maintenance, preparing equipment. Also, the Trailwood Park gate will be opened on March 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES:** For the month of February 2023 total expenses related to the Road Department were \$220,986.45. The majority being capital outlay for the new DPW building.

**OPEN RECORDS REPORT:** No new requests were received for February.

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**Resolution 18-2023:** Fee Schedule - A motion was made by Mr. Petlock approving the UCC Fee Schedule using BHW Construction Consultation Services, Inc as the Third-Party Inspection Agency for Bear Creek Twp., seconded by Mr. Suchocki. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Pople and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**Resolution 19-2023:** A motion was made by Mr. Petlock to approve the contract agreement with BHW construction Consultation for third party UCC inspection services, seconded by Mr. Suchocki. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Pople and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney Vinsko reported:

1. Cell Tower Lease Options Before finalizing with anyone else, I am working with Vicki Mastalski of Everest Infrastructure who wants to provide us with multiple options for the cell tower, none of which are obligating Bear Creek to anything. After several discussions, she sent the following email to me:

Hello Bill, thank you for your time on the phone today. I wanted to briefly outline our conversation and give you more information regarding Everest Infrastructure Partners. Everest Infrastructure Partners works with landowners and municipalities to maximize the revenue on all telecom agreements. We founded Everest in 2016 with a focus on acquiring and managing wireless telecom assets throughout the country. Our portfolio of assets includes cell towers, broadcast towers, rooftops, water towers, and in-building distributed antenna systems. In addition to acquiring and managing existing assets, we have an experienced development team focused on identifying areas of carrier coverage need for future tower development. We would welcome the opportunity to present you with an accurate representation of the value of your site. If possible, please provide a copy of your current leases and any amendments or a summary showing the lease start date, expiration date including all renewals, current rent and escalator and if there is a first right of refusal. With those details we can provide you with an accurate proposal. No obligation of course. We do have both long-term revenue options as well as short term. Thanks again for your time and please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you. Vicki Mastalski | Director of Acquisitions

The purpose of this is to get the information requested to her (which she will have tomorrow) and then she will present the Board several options to review. I am holding off on comparing with the SBA until we have the options for you to consider.

2. Road Crew Work. Mark Petlock and I spoke this week regarding the recovery of costs for the road crew when recovery is requested or court-ordered. Clearly, there is more than just the hourly rate. We are entitled to the actual losses, which include the hourly rate, pro-rated health insurance, a cost for the equipment, gas, and any other expenses which are necessary. I researched the matter and we can prepare an ordinance for the April, 2023 meeting which sets a permissive resolution which outlines the exact costs as they are so we have these numbers available. Then, once the ordinance is in effect, the Board can modify the numbers by resolution if costs change. Since we can proceed, please let me know if we can schedule this ordinance for the April, 2023 meeting. I will work with Mark on the initial costs once we confirm we are moving forward.

3. Aqua Pennsylvania No response from Rick Polachek yet about what we previously discussed, and I am sure that he is waiting for direction from Aqua. I hope to have an update ahead of the meeting, but if not, I will follow through this week and report back to you. This also covers the Fire Department Hydrant issue.

4. Roger Southward. Mr. Southward sold his home in Laurelbrook Estates on November 17, 2022 and no longer resides in the Township. My recommendation is to put a copy of this report in his file since the statute of limitations has long since passed on any attempt to recover permit fees. As a result, I would mark this matter closed, and should he make any further request, refer him to my office.

5. BHW Inspections. They are officially our inspector. I am waiting for the updated fee schedule from Jason Humananski. (It may already be at the Township). We will pass via resolution once received.

Mr. Petlock asked Attorney Vinsko about putting together a fee schedule for replacing and repairing township property damaged by individuals such as street signs etc. damaged due to a car accident etc. The schedule should include materials and labor. Attorney Vinsko will put something together for review.

Regarding Forest Park roads, Mr. Petlock asked if we should have the engineer get a bid package put together for the roads, ditch and cross pipe work. The Board agreed and Mr. Petlock will touch base with Attorney Vinsko during the week and contact the engineer.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**DPW Building:** Work is continuing on the structure. Currently waiting on the garage doors. There was a change order for some wiring for welders and compressors and pipe access to run power. Mr. Petlock felt the sensor lighting wasn't necessary.

**Mountain Lake Abandoned Home:** No update.

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**CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Petlock. Vote: All present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary



The monthly meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Bear Creek Township Municipal Building on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Koval called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky and Mrs. Koval were present. Mr. Suchocki and Mr. Popple were absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

Attorney Vinsko announced an Executive Session was held on January 23, 2023.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the January 3, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Petlock to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Krumsky. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**Treasurers Report:** For month ending January 2023, total income was \$77,506.35. Total expenses were \$66,756.38. Cash at the beginning of the period was \$1,868,036.03. Cash at the end of the period was 1,875,252.75.

**RECEIPTS:** Deposits for the month of January 2023 were \$78,077.89. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Petlock, seconded by Mr. Krumsky. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Expenses for the month of January 2023 were \$70,861.17. A motion was made by Mr. Petlock to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Krumsky. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Watkins reported for the month of January: 1 building permit, 1 Certificate of Occupancy, 1 subdivision and 1 UCC permit were issued for a total of \$1298.50. One new complaint was addressed.

Mr. Petlock asked about the trailer/camper on Bear Creek Blvd that has been there for the last several years. Mr. Watkins said they removed the deck and it doesn't appear that anyone is living in it. Attorney Vinsko is to send a compliance notice.

Mr. Petlock also asked about the sewage issue at the bottom of 115. Mr. Watkins said the resident is working with the SEO to correct the matter.

**FIRE DEPT REPORT:** The fire report for January was not available.

**STATE POLICE REPORT:** The report was not available.

**ACT 537 REPORT:** No update.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** Mr. John Krumsky reported the no truck signs requested by Mr. Wasilewski have been installed on Pittston Blvd. The Laurelbrook signs are up and the lights are working. One Forest Park sign has been installed and the other will be up soon depending on weather. The resident of Park Road does not want the township to do anything with the road. Attorney Vinsko will contact the resident because this road is

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dedded to the Township. All agreed that much work would need to be done if the township were to consider plowing and maintaining it.

Mr. Krumsky reminded the Board that if they are ordering a new truck, it needs to be done soon. After comparing quotes, the Board decided to go with the International.

**Resolution 14-2023**: Mr. Petlock made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 International CV 515 Chassis not to exceed \$ 82,000 from Allegiance, seconded by Mr. Krumsky. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES**: For the month of January 2023 total expenses related to the Road Department were \$20,070.09. The largest expenses were payroll and vehicle expenses.

**OPEN RECORDS REPORT**: Two requests were made and both answered.

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**: None

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**:

**Resolution 15-2023**: A motion was made by Mr. Petlock approving BHW Construction Consultation Services, Inc as the Third Party UCC Inspection Agency for Bear Creek Twp., seconded by Mr. Krumsky. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**Resolution 16-2023**: A motion was made by Mr. Petlock to retain Steve Egenski as the township Sewage Enforcement Officer, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**Resolution 17-2023**: A motion was made by Mr. Petlock to approve the franchise agreement between Bear Creek Twp and Breezeline, seconded by Mrs. Koval. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky and Mrs. Koval; yes.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**: Attorney Vinsko reported:

**Everest Infostructure**: Proposal coming.

**Forest Park/Aqua**: No update. John Krumsky stated the roads are terrible in Forest Park and the road crew is frequently stopped by residents to complain about road conditions. Mrs. Koval said Oakridge Road needs to be addressed with the side collapsing.

**Property Cleanup Ordinance**: No update.

**SBA tower offer**: Proposal coming.

**Roger Southward matter:** Attorney Vinsko will give the Secretary copy of the letter.

**Weiss Road/Liquid Fuels:** No update.

**Fire Department Water Issue:** No update

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DPW Building:** Work is continuing on the structure. It is about 70% complete.

**Mountain Lake Abandoned Home:** No update.

**CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**John Parsons:** Mr. Parsons from Bear Creek Village and a member of their Council was looking for documentation and information regarding the Rising Light Ridge camp project. The entrance to the camp is situated in the Village (borough) and many in their community have expressed concerns about safety due to the increased traffic that is expected. Matt Anderson from Rising Light Ridge was present and he and the Board answered questions from Mr. Parsons and explained how far they are in the process.

Mr. Parsons also asked for an update on the Laurel Run Bridge project. Mrs. Koval explained that the project has been delayed and will be put out for bid in 2023 and construction is expected to start in 2024.

Mrs. Koval also updated those in attendance about the Giants Despair/Truck issue and explained the different options that were presented at a meeting. She also shared a letter she received requesting a study for traffic changes in the problem area.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Koval, seconded by Mr. Petlock. Vote: All present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary

The organizational and regular meeting of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Bear Creek Township Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Popple called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Suchocki and Mr. Popple were present. Mrs. Koval was absent. Pledge to the flag followed.

Mr. Popple, as temporary Chairperson, declared all positions vacant.

**Resolution 9-2023**: Mr. Popple made a motion to appoint **Mrs. Koval as Chairperson**, seconded by Mr. Krumsky. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Suchocki and Mr. Popple; yes.

**Resolution 10-2023**: Mr. Petlock made a motion to appoint **Mr. Popple as Vice-Chair**, seconded by Mr. Krumsky, Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Suchocki and Mr. Popple; yes.

**Resolution 11-2023**: A motion to appoint the following was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Suchocki. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Suchocki and Mr. Popple; yes.

**Roadmaster**: John Krumsky

**Secretary/Treasurer**: Paula Weihbrecht

**Open Records Officer**: Jeffrey Popple

**Zoning Officer**: John Watkins

**SEO Alternate**: John Watkins

**Engineer**: Pennoni Associates

**Solicitor-Board of Supervisors**: Vinsko & Associates

**Solicitor-Planning Board**: Vinsko & Associates

**Solicitor-Zoning Hearing Board**: Angelo Terrana

**EMA Primary**: Jason Krumsky

**EMA Secondary**: Ed Jasulevicz

**Regular Meeting Day**: The First Monday of each month

**Regular Meeting Time**: 6:00 PM

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**Secretary-Planning Board:** Karen Kollar

**Secretary-Zoning Board:** Paula Weihbrecht

**Planning Board Member:** Richard Kresge

**Zoning Hearing Board Member:** Jim Smith

**Vacancy Board Member:** Willard Kresge

**Convention Voting Delegate:** Ruth Koval

**Depository General Fund:** FNCB

**Administrator of Pension Plan:** Township Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve **Resolutions 1, 3, 5, 6,7 and 8** as follows, seconded by Mr. Petlock. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky and Mr. Popple; yes.

**Resolution 1-2023:** A resolution establishing the Bear Creek Twp. fee schedule for 2023.

**Resolution 3-2023:** A resolution setting the Township *Per Capita* Tax rate at \$0.00.

**Resolution 5-2023:** A resolution establishing a millage rate for Bear Creek Township for 2023 to retain the millage rate at .4412 and further that the Bear Creek Volunteer Hose Company shall be awarded ¼ mil (.1103) for 2023.

**Resolution 6-2023:** A resolution retaining the Bear Creek Township Homestead Exemption at a value of \$20,000 property reduction.

**Resolution 7-2023:** A resolution reappointing Bear Creek Volunteer Hose Co. as primary fire and rescue unit in Bear Creek Township.

**Resolution 8-2023:** 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.

**Resolution 12-2023:** A motion was made by Mr. Petlock and seconded by Mr. Krumsky to (1) Require at least 2 Supervisors to sign all checks and necessary bank papers, (2) Pay mileage at IRS approved rate for township travel, (3) Appoint each Supervisor to do labor as needed, to the extent not prohibited by 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Township Code.

**Resolution 2-2023:** A resolution keeping the existing UCC fee schedule until a decision is made about a third-party inspection agency. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Krumsky, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky and Mr. Popple; yes.

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**MINUTES:** Minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Petlock to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Suchocki and Mr. Popple; yes.

**Treasurers Report:** For month ending December 2022, total income was \$50,393.18. Total expenses were \$43,921.50. Cash at the beginning of the period was \$1,861,310.17. Cash at the end of the period was 1,868,036.03.

**RECEIPTS:** Deposits for the month of December 2022 were \$59,672.27. A motion to approve the receipts, subject to audit was made by Mr. Popple, seconded by Mr. Suchocki. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Krumsky, Mr. Suchocki and Mr. Popple; yes.

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Expenses for the month of December 2022 were \$52,946.41. A motion was made by Mr. Popple to approve the disbursements, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Krumsky. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky and Mr. Popple; yes.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Watkins reported for the month of December: 3 Zoning Permits, 1 building permit, and 2 Certificates of Occupancy along with 3 UCC permits were issued for a total of \$1056.50. One new complaint was addressed.

Mr. Petlock asked about the sewage issue on Route 115. Mr. Watkins said the SEO got the results and it was enough to send notice to the property owner.

**FIRE DEPT REPORT:** The fire report for December included 13 calls, the majority being motor vehicle accidents.

**STATE POLICE REPORT:** The report was not available.

**ACT 537 REPORT:** No update.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** Mr. John Krumsky reported the road crew has been plowing and treating roads as needed.

He asked about Park Road in Forest Park. An individual in Forest Park asked about Park Road being plowed. It is an unpaved road that belongs to the township. Mr. Krumsky said the road would need to be brought up to spec before they could maintain/plow it.

There is one home on the road but it could be accessed another way. Mr. Popple suggested this matter be discussed further in an executive session.

Mr. Krumsky asked what was the status on the Laurelbrook signs. Mr. Popple stated he spoke with the company redoing the signs and we will have them by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Popple asked if there was anyone present that wanted to speak about the signs.

**Linda Pacewicz** from Laurelbrook was in attendance. She said many are asking where the signs have been so long and also felt the entrance to the development looked unattractive without them. She also stated people were missing the entrance without the signs and it appears the lights that shown on the signs are no longer on.

Mr. Popple explained it was he who decided to have the signs re-done, they needed to be reconditioned and painted. He is hoping they will be done soon as promised by Mozip.

Ms. Pacewicz also mentioned the condition of the roads in Laurelbrook. The edges and shoulders are crumbling and need to be addressed. Mr. Popple asked Mr. Krumsky if he and his crew could handle these repairs. Mr. Krumsky said it is beyond their capabilities and the work should be contracted out.

Ms. Pscewicz also asked about Service Electric and if their non-compete agreement with the township will ever come to an end. Attorney Vinsko explained that it is not a non-compete but a franchise agreement which is a service agreement. Any company can do the same.

Mr. Petlock asked what can be done to make Aqua move forward with Forest Park. Can we just go ahead and do our paving and force them to repave after their work is done. Attorney Vinsko said we will probably need to just go ahead and give them notice. All of this will be discussed in the executive session.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT FINANCES:** For the month of December 2022 total expenses related to the Road Department were \$17,546.14. The largest expenses were payroll and vehicle expenses.

**OPEN RECORDS REPORT:** No new requests.

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

Mr. Petlock asked if there was anything come in from Rising Light. Attorney Vinsko spoke with George Albert and explained that everything with Rising Light so far has been preliminary work. Once the actual development planning begins we will be sure they are notified.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**Resolution 13-2023:** A Resolution adopting **Act 57**. This resolution amends the local tax collection law and requires taxing districts that impose taxes on the assessed value of real property to adopt a resolution or ordinance directing the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Popple and seconded by Mr. Petlock. Vote: Mr. Petlock, Mr. Suchocki, Mr. Krumsky and Mr. Popple; yes.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney Vinsko stated that all the matters on his report will be covered at the upcoming executive session.

**Everest Infostructure:** No update.

**Forest Park/Aqua:** No update.

**Property Cleanup Ordinance:** No update.

**SBA tower offer:** No update.

**Roger Southward matter:** Attorney Vinsko will give the Secretary copy of the letter.

**Weiss Road/Liquid Fuels:** No update.

**Fire Department Water Issue:** No update

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DPW Building:** Mr. Petlock stated that the project is progressing. Mr. John Krumsky said the concreted floor and apron are finished. The steel building will be coming soon. They do not have info on the pole barn yet.

**Mountain Lake Abandoned Home:** Mr. Watkins asked Attorney Vinsko what the next steps would be since the citation has gone unclaimed? For the most part the home is secure. Attorney Vinsko will send a letter from his office.



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**CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Ray Wasilewski:** Mr. Wasilewski from Old East End Blvd stated there has been a lot of strange traffic on his road including tractor trailers. Vehicles are riding in the ditch and causing damage. He would like to be put on the list for repair. John Krumsky said they will take care of it in the Spring.

**Mr. Popple announced the Board will hold and executive session on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Petlock, seconded by Mr. Popple. Vote: All present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary