

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Supervisor James Booth, Clerk Judy Berney, Treasurer Susan Avery, Janis Sanderson and Trustee Marian Buchanan. Others present: Assn't. Fire Chief Duane Roddy, Doug Wellman (Whitehouse Disposal Service) and nine citizens.

**ITEMS APPROVED:**

Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson to approve Jan. 18, 2011 Regular Mtg. minutes.

All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Avery moved, seconded by Sanderson to approve paying list of township bills as presented.

All Ayes. Motion Passed. Total \$9,257.67.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson to allow Supervisor Booth to sign contract with Whitehouse Disposal Services for operation of the recycle facilities. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson to charge fifty cents per bag for recycling fee starting April 1, 2011. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson to amend Poverty Guidelines Resolution to read "File a claim with the Supervisor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all people residing in or having an ownership interest in the property". All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Avery moved, seconded by Sanderson to hold Board of Review on March 8, 2011, March 17 and 18, 2011. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Berney moved, seconded by Avery to allow assessor to attend Board of Review workshop.

All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Booth moved, seconded Buchanan to hold a budget workshop on March 10, 2011 at 1 P.M.

All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Booth moved, seconded by Berney to hold a joint meeting with Mentor Twp. to discuss the Streetscape in downtown Mio. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's** report was accepted. Savings \$62,420.46, Checking \$4,566.99, Cemetery \$777.93, Fire Checking \$537.82, Fire Savings \$30,450.64, Parks \$3,495.91, Roads \$53,440.44. Total \$155,690.19. Township received payment from US Forest Service for the Mapes Road Fire and the Mapes Line Fire.

**Fire Report:** Assn't. Fire Chief Duane Roddy gave report on fire department activity. Discussion Enbridge Pipe Line and how often they did pipe line testing.

**Assessor Report:** Assessment roll is completed and turned into the county. Notices to be mailed are being printed.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- 1 Under old business the board discussed the recycle facilities. Whitehouse Disposal Services present a contract to be approved. Board also discussed charging a fee for recyclables.
- 2 Supervisor discussed with board the poverty guidelines issue on more than one owner of property and whether all finances of each owner should be considered.
- 3 Supervisor requested alternates dates for the March Board of Review and to attend a Board of Review workshop.

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- 4 Letter was received from Steiner Museum requesting donations. Board cannot donate but since township is part owner can contribute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Discussion on putting recycling out for bids and getting better lighting in the parking lot.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Steiner Museum and MI Liquor Control Commission

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Supervisor Booth reconvened meeting at 7:54 to call for a motion to hold joint meeting with Mentor Twp. on March 10, 2011 at 10 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Judy Berney  
Big Creek Township Clerk