

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2011
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Supervisor James Booth, Clerk Judy Berney, Treasurer Sue Avery, Trustee Janis Sanderson and Trustee Marian Buchanan. Others present: Fire Chief Kelly Smith, Commissioner Joe Stone, Prosecuting Attorney Kathleen Solomon, Larry Merrill (MTA Representative), Ken Gauthier (MTA District Representative), and eight citizens.

ITEMS APPROVED:

Buchanan moved seconded by Sanderson to approve May 17, 2011 Regular Mtg. minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson to approve township bills as presented. All Ayes. Motion Passed. Total \$23,068.61.

Avery moved, seconded by Sanderson to approve Clarence Smith's application for firefighter on a conditional probationary basis. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Sanderson moved, seconded by Buchanan to remove Matt Wilson, Klint Mitchell, Thomas Read, Brian Roddy, Dillon Stefani and Zachory Pillars from the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department roster. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Sanderson moved, seconded by Berney to allow fire department the use of Comstock-Nelson Park and the Northwoods Club tables for the July 4th festivities. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Avery to approve the METRO Act Permit Application for use of Big Creek Township public right of ways from Merit Network, Inc. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Berney to accept Premier Electric's bid of \$852.00 for changing out two lights in the hall parking lot. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report was accepted. Savings \$131,142.98, Checking 1,153.88, Cemetery \$6,333.03, Parks \$22,512.38, Roads \$93,348.24, Fire Savings \$58,270.92, Fire Checking \$602.29 and Fire millage \$47,665.09.

Fire Report: Chief Kelly Smith gave report. An application for Clarence Smith to be approved on the fire department was reviewed. Discussion took place on getting a safe to keep some smaller expensive items in, getting cel phones for fire trucks, and problems with radio communication.

Assessor Report: Worked on industrial property tax report for the State of Michigan.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Larry Merrill and Ken Gauthier from the Michigan Township Association addressed the board about MTA functions and services to the townships.
- Discussion on request for dust control for Hughes Lake Road. No action taken.
- Discussion on township paying insurance for fireworks. Motion made at May meeting to provide insurance for fireworks and no further action was taken.
- Propane bids from Fick & Sons and Blue Flame were received. Supervisor will contact companies concerning costs of fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Discussion on the revenue sharing from the State of Michigan and how the recycling arrangements were doing. Commissioner Stone reported that the Prosecuting Attorney were putting together a meeting concerning meth labs.

Board Comment: The township has been approved for the Title II funds to do work on the Luzerne River Park and Mio Damn Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Judy Berney

Big Creek Township Clerk