

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 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 Marian Buchanan and Trustee Janis Sanderson. Others present: Fire Chief Kelly Smith, Assn't. Fire Chief Duane Roddy and eight citizens.

ITEMS APPROVED:

Buchanan moved seconded by Sanderson to approve Nov. 15, 2011 Regular Mtg. as presented. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Avery moved, seconded by Sanderson to pay township bills as presented. All Ayes Motion Passed. Total \$19,613.23.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Berney to allow firemen to use township property to host a Christmas tree drop off for burning. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Avery moved, seconded by Buchanan to allow firemen to remove trees for helicopter landing zone. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Berney moved, seconded by Buchanan to allow supervisor to sign letter to Alcona County Central Dispatch concerning shared use of frequencies. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson to adopt Resolution 2011-07 for creating precinct boundaries based on 2011 Oscoda County redistricting. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Resolution declared adopted and on file with minutes in clerk's office.

Avery moved, seconded by Berney to give supervisor permission to pursue funding to complete Mio Dam Park project. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Berney moved, seconded by Buchanan to hold a workshop on January 12, 2012 at 10 A.M. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Avery moved, seconded by Sanderson to sign and adopt Resolution 2011-08 Agreement with Consumers Energy Company to make changes to street lights. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Resolution declared adopted and on file with minutes in clerk's office.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Berney to allow Supervisor to sign Letter of Understanding with Consumers Energy Company. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Avery moved seconded by Buchanan to go into closed session as requested. All Ayes. Motion Passed. Regular meeting reconvened at 8:07 P.M.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson to approve Ronald Riedel's application to join the fire department on a conditional probationary basis. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Berney to remove Terry Hepler from the fire department roster. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report was accepted. GF Savings \$128,870.13, GF Checking \$2,282.93, Cemetery \$3,416.47, Parks \$21,401.50, Roads \$60,923.67, Fire Savings \$36,970.04, Fire Checking \$767.84 and Fire Millage \$47,695.39.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Kelly Smith gave report on department activity. Discussion allowing firemen to remove some trees on township cemetery property and to have a Christmas tree drop off site. Fire department will be offering a tree burning day. Fire department is in need of a new pressure washer.

Consensus of board was to table request until January meeting and look at the budget.

Chief Smith presented board with a new application in which a closed session was requested by applicant to interview him. Chief also requested that Terry Hepler be removed from roster since several attempts to contact him have been made with no response.

Supervisor/Assessor Report: Supervisor is reviewing sales study from the county, approved two Qualified Forestry Property Tax exemptions and held December Board of Review. A report on the meeting with Consumers Energy and others concerning the Mio Dam Park was given. Township needs to apply for DNR grant and contact others for additional funding.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Discussion on the fire department removing some trees for the helicopter landing.
- Explanation on the Letter of Understanding between Consumers Energy Company and Big Creek Township for the Mio Dam Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Question on the completion of the park project. Supervisor explained the phases of the project.

BOARD COMMENT: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Judy Berney

Big Creek Township Clerk