

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPT. 18, 2012  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Supervisor James Booth, Clerk Judy Berney, Treasurer Sue Avery, and Trustee Marian Buchanan. Absent: Trustee Janis Sanderson. Others present: Fire Chief Kelly Smith, Assn't. Fire Chief Duane Roddy, and nineteen citizens.

**ITEMS APPROVED:**

Buchanan moved, seconded by Avery to approve Aug. 21, 2012 Regular Mtg. and Sept. 4, 2012 Special Mtg. minutes. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Berney moved, seconded by Buchanan to pay bills as submitted in the amount of \$25,191.36. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Booth moved, seconded by Buchanan to adopt fire policies #113, #115, #116 and #118. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Avery moved, seconded by Buchanan to approve applicants Robert Ellis, Jerry Schuller, Doug Casterline and Timothy Stadelmayer as Luzerne Fire Dept. firefighters on a conditional probationary basis. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Booth moved, seconded by Avery to levy 1.8434 mills on the December tax bills. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Buchanan moved, seconded by Berney to accept Mio Fence bid for fence at the Luzerne Fire Hall. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Avery moved, seconded by Berney to move forward and have Jim Young install networking in the township hall. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Avery moved, seconded by Buchanan to accept Gaylord Electric's bid for installing electric at the Luzerne River Park. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Berney moved, seconded by Buchanan to allow assessor to attend BS&A workshop. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report** was accepted. GF Savings \$153,808.38, GF Checking \$7,059.58, Cemetery \$8,853.79, Parks \$51,632.17, Roads \$99,770.14, Fire Savings \$50,082.83, Fire Checking \$429.16 and Fire Millage \$95,794.27.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Kelly Smith gave report on department activity. The board discussed some of the fire policies to be approved. The Counseling Statement Standards Policy was tabled to review more. Fire Chief Kelly present board with four new applicants to approve on the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department.

**Supervisor/Assessor Report:** Supervisor submitted the grant papers to the DNR for the Luzerne River Park. The River Park will be done in September. The 4029 Tax Rate Request forms have been sent to the township and are being worked on. The assessor has been working on copies of assessment cards that were requested. The Mio Dam Park is stalled until next spring.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The RAC Committee met to disburse Title II Funds. Some funds were given back to the US Forest Service to do a trail from the Forest Service through Mentor Township and connect to Big Creek's park.
- The fire department is having problems with destruction of the hall property by four wheelers and delivery trucks. A bid was presented for a fence on the property.
- Discussion on the issue of a policy for campaigning on polling place property. The matter was tabled until the November meeting.

- Supervisor mentioned that the township needs to appoint two board members to the Steiner Museum Board. Mr. Norman Caldwell volunteered to be one of the members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**BOARD COMMENT:** NONE

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Judy Berney

Big Creek Township Clerk