

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2012
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Supervisor James Booth, Treasurer Sue Avery, Clerk Rhonda Mundt, and Trustees Karen Mitchell and Robert Palmer. Absent: None. Others present: Fire Chief Kelly Smith, Asst. Fire Chief Duane Roddy, Sheriff Kevin Grace, Commissioner-Elect Jack Kischnick, and 6 members of the public.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was accepted. Gen. Fund: \$168,762.82; Cemetery: \$7,655.64; Parks: \$54,436.70; Road Fund: \$98,615.57; Luzerne Fire: \$42,980.19; Fire Millage: \$95,802.28. Winter tax bills will be mailed next week.

Fire Report: Truck maintenance planned for next regular Fire Dept. meeting. Oil & filters will cost approx. \$580. Also discussed cutting some pines on the back of the lot (1 red pine, 3 jack pine) and burning them for training. Fireman 1 & 2 training will be held at Tri-Town starting in January.

Assessor's Report: Working on sales study; property values down 2%.

ITEMS APPROVED:

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Avery, to accept minutes of October 16, 2012 meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion passed.

Moved by Avery, second by Palmer, to pay bills as presented in the amount of \$11,290.49. All ayes. Motion passed.

Moved by Booth, seconded by Avery, to appoint Palmer to Tri-Town board and Mitchell to Big Creek-Mentor Utility Authority. All ayes. Motion passed.

Moved by Mitchell, seconded by Mundt, to allow Palmer to create and maintain Township Facebook page. All ayes. Motion passed.

Moved by Booth, seconded by Mitchell, to allow new Board members to attend MTA New Official Training on Dec. 6, 2012 in West Branch. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Moved by Avery, seconded by Palmer, to pay Deputy Clerk Berney the \$100 per month allotted to Clerk's office for maintaining the cemetery records. All ayes. Motion passed.

Moved by Avery, second by Mitchell, to request the Road Commission put a "Hidden Driveway" signs on the top of the hills on Brown Cabin Road by Redwater Dr., due to speed of traffic since road was repaved. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1. Motion passed.

Moved by Booth, second by Palmer, to increase wages of Election Inspectors to \$10.75/hr. for Chair, \$10.00/hr. for inspectors, due to long day required on some busy elections, and to pay inspectors for Nov. 6, 2012 at the new rate. All Ayes. Motion passed.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Need to take a look at our website and how it can be improved to make it more informational.

Light parade will be Saturday, 11/25/12, at 6 p.m. in Mio.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheriff Grace discussed Oscoda Co. Drug Free Taskforce, which is now in place. The "211" phone line for NE Mich. will be available 24/7 to get or give help.

Question re: number of personnel on Luzerne Fire Dept. – Fire Fighters now number 17.

Commissioner-Elect Kischnick reminded the board the question of closing Northwood was tabled last month, to be discussed in November. No rentals scheduled for rest of year. Consensus is to close Northwood for the winter.

Meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt

Big Creek Township Clerk