

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2013
LUZERNE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Avery, Palmer, Mitchell, Booth, Mundt. Others Present: Fire Chief Roddy, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick, 17 electors.

Minutes of March 19, 2013, March 30, 2013 Special Meeting and March 30, 2013 Election Commission meeting were reviewed.

AVERY/Booth to approve minutes as presented for March 19, 2013 regular meeting, March 30, 2013 Special Meeting, and March 30, 2013 Election Commission meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

List of Invoices: Total \$4352.53. Additional Invoice: \$99.00. Total \$4451.53.

Palmer/Avery to pay bills as listed, with addition. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tax collection is completed and millage money will be moved from Tax Collection account on Thursday. CD will mature in 30 days; will renew same amount for 180 days. Account Balances: General Fund - \$148,877.83; Cemetery Fund - \$6,434.49; Park Fund - \$54,042.52; Road Fund - \$127,196.74; Luzerne Fire Dept. - \$26,833.39; Fire Millage - \$95,917.90.

Fire Report: Took trucks for repairs and estimates; attended pipeline training in Grayling; repaired pump that allowed foam to leak into water tank. Discussed member stats report supplied by Fire Chief; he is encouraging all new fire dept. members to attend Fire 1 class and take testing next month. FEMA training is required to get grant money; FEMA Testing is on line and most fire personnel have taken the training.

Assessor's Report: County has been equalized.

Old Business:

Bids opened for excess equipment from Luzerne Fire Dept.

Cobalt Air Comp. Brian Hudson -\$175.00*

Frank Wyrembelski - \$155.00

Randy Booth - \$77.77

Power Washer Randy Booth - \$51.07*

Small Air Compressor Randy Booth -\$26.66*

Kaye Gardner - \$20.00

*High bid

Palmer/Mundt to accept high bid on all 3 Luzerne Fire Dept. surplus equipment items. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bids to update white tanker truck were opened: CSI - \$5689.50
Scientific Brake - \$3651.68

CSI Bid included striping at \$900.00, not included in Scientific bid. Scientific bid included removing Scully system for \$264 which wasn't in the CSI bid. Scientific may be interested in purchasing Scully system.

Bid from S. McCosh for lettering truck - \$170.00.

Won't get lettering done unless the truck is painted. Chevron striping not required but recommended. Can wait on chevron striping until after we decide whether to paint.

Mitchell/Palmer to accept bid from Scientific Brake to update white tanker. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Scientific expects to complete the job in 2 weeks.

Property Mgt. Policy #4 – Discussed several different changes to proposed policy.

Palmer/ To make changes as discussed and approve policy. No support for motion. Tabled for later discussion.

Ethics Policy, #5 - Table Ethics policy for special meeting.

Disposal of Old Twp. Hall – Randy will get information on holding on-line auction for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Survey (distributed at annual meeting). Palmer has received several questions about the survey, such as will everyone have the opportunity to respond; when will results be published (Mitchell will bring a summary next month to the meeting). Survey distributed by Mitchell, as a resource for her as Trustee. Only 4 responses so far. Survey should have wider distribution and be sanctioned by the Township Board.

Luzerne Park Signs & Rules: Palmer & Booth looked at sign situation; need some signs on Co. 489. Should be minimal cost to acquire and a permit is required from the Road Commission to place. Cost should be close to \$100 for an aluminum sign approximately 18x24". Booth will price 2 signs.

Township Hall cleaning – will accept bids until the May meeting. Bid sheet will be prepared. If successful bidder wants to clean outside office hours, references will be required.

Fire Dept. leadership – 4 people on the Dept. now who have qualifications to be Chief. Board members need to review policy and qualifications for Asst. Chief then have a special meeting to interview candidates prior to next meeting. We currently have 2 applications; all fire personnel were advised at a LVFD meeting that letters of interest are being accepted. Current officers: Captain - Kevin McNamara 1st Lt. - Dave Wawrzyniak; 2nd Lt. - Grant Shepard and Cheryl Beers. Special Meeting set for April 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss policies and hold interviews. Interview schedule:

McNamara – 7 pm

Shepard – 7:30 p.m.

Any other applicants will follow if additional applications are received.

MTA meeting Gaylord, June 7 –

Booth/Palmer to authorize any interested Board members to attend MTA meeting in Gaylord on June 7, 2013.

All Ayes. Motion carried.

Sewer Connection – 420 Hill St. Booth recommends we pursue mandatory hookup for this address. An agreement had been made with the property owner to delay mandatory connection as long as monthly fees were paid. Monthly payment is no longer being made.

Avery/Palmer to pursue mandatory sewer hookup at 420 Hill St.. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Roddy presented quote for \$164.00 per year for breathing air system certification from Breathing Air Systems.

Palmer/Mitchell to accept bid of \$164.00 from Breathing Air Systems for annual breathing air compressor certification. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Roddy requested permission to contact Blair's about switching truck tires from old tanker to new (white) tanker.

Palmer/Mitchell to contact Blair's and have tires switched from old tanker to new (white) tanker. All Ayes. Motion carried.

School Bond Issue – Gary Wood & Jim Gendernalik from Mio School appeared and discussed the bond issue appearing on the ballot in May. Millage proposal changed slightly from the request on the Nov. 2012 ballot.

Correspondence:

Public support letter for National Guard – Consensus to support and sign letter of support.

Liquor license transfer for Luzerne Hotel – contact Dept. of Licensing with any objections to license transfer.

Public Comments

Sheriff Grace advised there will be an ORV class on May 11 at the Moose, 9 am – 5 pm. Sign-up at sheriff's dept. Take back drug day on April 27, pills only, at Sheriff's Dept. After that 24/7 depository for medication, pill form only, will be available at Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Kischnick – Veteran's Affairs office open now. Representative will be available again this week on Friday at OCATS building, 8am – 4pm. Commissioners will be meeting with Townships to get approval for amended plan of work for Gasification process at landfill, per request from DEQ.

Board comments

Marian Buchanan received her copies of proposed policies, and called to say she felt Palmer did a good job on the policies.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Next regular meeting May 21, 2013 at Big Creek Township Hall. Special meeting to be held April 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Big Creek Township Clerk