

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2014
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mitchell, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Asst. Chief McNamara, Commissioner Kischnick, 17 members of the public.

Minutes of January 21, 2014 regular meeting reviewed.

Mitchell/Avery to approve minutes of January 21, 2014 meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

List of Invoices: Additional invoices of \$311.49, making total \$9,590.26.

McGregor/Avery to pay invoices totaling \$9,590.26 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Received \$8500 for sale of old Township hall. Account balances: General Fund - \$146,126.91; Cemetery - \$12,220.99; Parks - \$4,563.44; Roads - \$147,480.44; Luzerne Fire - \$22,634.68; Fire Millage \$143,852.58.

Fire Report

Firefighters attended 2 fires, meetings and training, also benefit dinner for Luzerne Firefighter's Assn.

New firefighter application for Gina Slayton was reviewed. If approved, this would give us 16 firefighters.

Avery/McGregor to accept Gina Slayton on the Luzerne Fire Dept. on a probationary basis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resignation of firefighter Dan Barker.

Mitchell/Mundt to remove Barker from Luzerne Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.

New truck working out very well.

Assessor's Report

Submitted assessment roll to county; change notices will be in the mail soon.

Committee Reports

Utility Authority: Let water run order issued as water lines have been freezing this year. Sewer rates will be going up this year.

Tri Town: Worked on next year's budget; Tri-Town Chief will be retiring this year and Asst. Chief will be staying one more year. Big Creek share of budget is slightly less than last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blight Ordinance

Discussed public input on changes that should be made in the proposed ordinance, including: Need to include what is acceptable screening, will mowing of grass/weeds be included, and ordinance needs to include commercial and industrial, not just residential.

Another committee meeting will be held at 6 pm, Feb. 26, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

Poverty Guidelines for 2014 will be the same as last year, with changes to adopt Federal poverty standard guidelines.

Oscoda County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been adopted by County, needs to be adopted by Townships.

McGregor/Booth to adopt Oscoda County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan, Resolution 2014-06.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0. Resolution passed.

2014 Salary Resolutions

Booth/Mundt to increase Trustee salary to \$2900 for FY2014-2015 (Resolution 2014-05). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 3; Nays: 2; Absent: 0. Resolution passed.

Booth/Mundt to increase Treasurer salary to \$18,500, or \$20,350 if collecting summer taxes for FY2014-2015 (Resolution 2014-04). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 1; Absent: 0.

Resolution passed.

Booth/McGregor to increase Clerk salary to \$18,500, or \$19,700 if responsible for cemetery duties for FY2014-2015 (Resolution 2014-03). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0.

Resolution passed.

McGregor / Avery to increase Supervisor salary to \$15,900 or \$37,900 if responsible for assessing for FY2014-2015 (Resolution 2014-02).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0. Resolution passed.

All resolutions adopted and available for annual meeting.

Discuss Old Mio Methodist Church Bldg.

Sent owner a letter re: dangerous building, no demo permit, no building permit, no safety fence.

Building is a hazard as is and no work has been completed recently. County could condemn.

Mitchell/Avery to proceed with condemnation proceedings on old Mio Methodist Church at 10th and Deyarmond. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth requested permission to use the hall for Board of Review training for 3 townships as MTA training is quite expensive.

Avery/Mundt to allow Booth to use hall for Board of Review training. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL:

Discussed request from Up North Prevention to proclaim April as Social Host Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kischnick – Bd. Of Commissioners discussed hiring asst. prosecutor. Cases up 125%. In 4 years prior to election of Prosecutor Bills, there was 5 jury trials. In 2013, there were 4 jury trials. Contract would be issued for 15-20 hours per week.

Commissioners bought a used truck for animal control.

Buffy Carr and several organizations working on an action plan for spring flooding.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting Feb. 26, 2014 for hazard planning at County Commissioners' Board room.
Youth Advisory council up and running, sign-up for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and lots of clubs
is ongoing. Need adult volunteers to assist.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Meeting adjourned 10:00 p.m.

Next budget workshop will be held March 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing will be held March 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk