

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 20, 2014  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order 5:01 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Booth, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt

Others Present: Fire Chief Roddy, Commissioner Kischnick, 20 electors

**ABSENT:** Avery

**MINUTES** of April 15, 2014 regular meeting and April 24, 2014 special meeting presented.  
**Mitchell/McGregor to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion Carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS:**

**McGregor/Mitchell to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None

**FIRE REPORT** – Responded to 2 fires and worked on DNR prescribed burn.

New Firefighter applications presented to Board.

**Booth/McGregor to hire Elizabeth Smart as Firefighter on Fire Dept. on Probationary Status. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**McGregor/Mitchell to hire Raymond LaBush as Firefighter on Fire Dept. on Probationary Status. All Ayes. Motion carried.**

**Booth/McGregor to accept John Smarr's resignation from Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT** – Taxable value up a little this year due to new pipeline and Consumers Energy sub-station.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Sewer Authority – Complaints re: increase in rates for sewer.  
Dangerous Buildings – Working on a new ordinance starting with MTA recommendations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Northwood Club – Bids received as follows:

Heating System - DJ Mech.	\$4800
Winslow	\$4950
Deck	Bruce Fisher 1867.48
	Mike Smith - 1200
Basement Wall	Tuthill Masonry - \$25140

Additional businesses were expected to bid but bids have not been received yet.

**McGregor/Mundt to no longer use the Northwood Club building because of liability issues.**  
Ayes – 2, Nays – 2. Motion Failed.

Blight Ordinance - Attorney put phrase into ordinance re: storage of building materials “by a building contractor”. He also recommended watercraft be included.

**Mitchell/McGregor to approve blight ordinance as amended by Attorney but with “by a building contractor” removed from Section 3, Paragraph 3.**

Mitchell – yes

McGregor – yes

Booth – yes

Mundt – yes

Avery – Absent

Ordinance passed. Ordinance will be published and in effect in 30 days.

EDA Contract

**Mundt/Mitchell to authorize Booth to sign contract with EDA. All ayes. Motion Carried.**

**Booth/Mitchell to pay EDA \$500. All ayes. Motion carried.**

County Planning Commission meeting will be June 12, 6 pm, at our office. They would like our Board and any residents to be here to meet with them. Looking for input into County master plan.

New Business:

Dust Control Contract with Road Commission - Cost to Twp. \$16942.00 per application, 2 applications.

**Mitchell/McGregor to authorize Booth to sign dust control contract with Road Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Appt. to Steiner Board – Jackie Bondar advised Booth she would no longer be available to represent the Township on the Steiner Board.

**Mitchell/McGregor to appoint Bill Cardinal to replace Jackie Bondar as representative to Steiner Board. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Fireworks Permit – Luzerne

**Mitchell/McGregor to approve Luzerne fireworks permit. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Sale of Fire Truck & Scrapping of old truck – Hoping for at least \$15,000 from the sale of old tanker. Booth would like to list for \$17500.

Rec'd \$160,000 grant from FEMA for turnout gear, etc.; requires a 10% local contribution.

**Mitchell/McGregor to authorize Booth to sign contract with Fenton Fire Equipment to list truck for sale. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Truck that needs to go to DNR – Ground is too wet to move right now. As soon as it dries up, some items will be removed at fire dept. (can be done in a week). DNR can then be notified to pick it up.

List of Foreclosed properties – Booth reviewed, recommends we waive right to purchase properties.

**McGregor/Mitchell to authorize Booth & Mundt to sign Waiver of Right to Purchase form.**

Supervisor Software – Apex sketch program. McGregor/Mitchell to purchase Apex sketch program and pay the bill. All ayes.

LED Lighting update – Energy Savings Solutions - \$10,389

TopLine 14,655

Half the cost will belong to Big Creek, half to Mentor.

**Mitchell/McGregor to authorize Booth to sign LED lighting contract with Energy Savings Solutions. All Ayes. Motion carried.**

Discussed change in rate for open/close at the cemetery. Tabled for future discussion.

Donation of old computers to Steiner Museum

**Mundt/McGregor to donate old Treasurer's XP computers to The Steiner. All ayes.** Motion carried.

Streetscape – Block retaining wall by Statewide will need to be repaired. Bids should be available by June meeting.

Luzerne sidewalk – tentative construction starting Tuesday after Memorial Day.

MTA – Dues for this year - \$1902.70.

**Mitchell/McGregor to pay MTA dues of \$1902.70. All ayes.** Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Kischnick – County hired Andrew Thompson for the new animal control officer. Working with Rex Schanck and Roscommon Animal Control officer for training.

Jason Beck – Ambulance millage request will encompass both equipment and operations.

Approval will allow voted money to be used for operations. If millage fails, services will be reduced.

Doug Davis – Introduced himself as being on the ballot for D-3 commissioner.

Meeting adjourned 6:29 pm.

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk