

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2014
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mundt, Mitchell, Commissioner Kischnick, Fire Chief Roddy, 12 electors.

ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of Sept. 16, 2014 regular meeting reviewed.

McGregor/Mitchell to approve 9/16/14 minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Sept. 30, 2014 Public Hearing and Special Meeting minutes reviewed.

Avery/Booth to approve minutes of 9/30/14 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

October 14, 2014 Election Commission minutes reviewed.

Booth/Avery to approve 10/14/14 Election Commission minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

List of Bills: Additional bills: C2AE - \$139.19 (Mio sidewalk). Total invoices: \$22,843.78.

McGregor/Mitchell to pay bills as presented including additional \$139.19. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund: \$170,248.97; Cemetery: \$16,272.94; Parks: \$9,303.50; Roads: \$150,786.86; Luzerne Fire Fund: \$24,648.06; Fire Millage: \$185,552.13.

Fire Report - One fire, Chief and firemen attended Firemen's Memorial, and training meetings. Chief Roddy attended Fire Chief's conference in Traverse City. Good seminar, learned a lot.

Supervisor's Report – Approved 2 land divisions this month.

Committee Reports – Utility Authority audit and Tri-Town audit are available for review. Utility authority purchasing software updates for plant operations in an attempt to save on electricity.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roof Bids for Luzerne Volunteer Fire Dept. –

Harker Remodeling \$13900

MT Construction \$15865

Mitchell/Avery to contract with Harker Remodeling, the lower bid, for roof repairs at the Luzerne Fire Hall. Bid Total \$13,900. All ayes. Motion carried.

Northwoods Club – Only bid received was from Morse Excavating.

Remove the building, fill crawl space, and haul debris. \$11,200.

Fill 3,500

Total \$ 14,700

Furnishings are not part of building and belong to township. Township would be able to remove whatever we need.

McGregor/Avery to accept the Morse bid of \$14,700 to demolish the Northwood Club. All ayes. Motion carried.

Utilities will need to be discontinued and dumpster removed. Check with Fick on propane.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frontier – Phone and internet bid, received from Frontier. This would include 3 lines, caller ID, unlimited long distance and local calling, and 15m download speed DSL.

Mitchell/McGregor that we switch from M-33 Access to Frontier for phone and internet. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steiner Museum Appointment – Received email from Mr. Cardinal that he can no longer be a representative on The Steiner board.

Booth/Mitchell to accept Mr. Cardinal's resignation from The Steiner board. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jennifer Cronkwright expressed an interest in being a Township representative on The Steiner board.

Booth/Mitchell to appoint Jennifer Cronkwright as our representative on The Steiner board. All ayes.

Cemetery – Clerk's office has decided to handle the sexton duties at this time.

Booth/Avery to appoint Clerk to be Cemetery Sexton and pay \$100 for cremains burials, \$25 for marking foundations, effective 9/18/14. (Same rate as paid to Fairview Sand & Gravel) All ayes. Motion carried.

Pontem training – There will be a training on using the Pontem Cemetery program. Mundt requested she and her Deputy be authorized to attend to assess the Pontem program. **McGregor/Mitchell to allow Clerk & Deputy to attend Pontem Cemetery Training. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Audit – Received audit report. No problems according to auditor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Kischnick discussed evaporation equipment at the landfill.

Proposed equipment would operate even if the landfill was closed. New evaporator has saved landfill approximately \$500,000.

Contractor who plows the airport has insurance issues and won't be plowing this year. Commissioners are working on the problem.

Chief Roddy – Trunk or Treat in Luzerne on the 31st at 5:00.

Paul Dove – Re: Special assessment for Royce Haven – Never received notices, doesn't know what it involves. Will contact Booth on next business day.

MAIL: None

BOARD COMMENT: McGregor won't be here for next meeting; options include moving meeting up a week.

Avery/Booth to move November meeting to the 13th of November, 5:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:04 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk