

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2015
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Asst. Chief McNamara, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick, 11 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES – December 16, 2014 Regular Meeting presented.

Mitchell/Avery to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS:

McGregor/Mitchell to pay invoices as presented with additional invoices totaling \$4585.24. Grand total of invoices: \$8898.43. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Rec’d. \$38,000 for revenue sharing; not much spent this month. Account Balances: General Fund: \$190,715.66; Cemetery Fund: \$15,402.87; Parks Fund: \$8065.84; Road Fund: \$133,828.52; Fire Millage: \$157,324.29; Luzerne Fire Fund: \$34,463.01.

FIRE REPORT:

Firemen assisted with 2 traffic accidents and at one Tri-Town fire.

Discussed invoice from FLSI for turn-out gear – approved amount last month was for 15 sets, order will be for 16 sets of gear. Boots have been upgraded, flashlights added. The Board will not approve a total amount until the invoice reflects the actual order and we know a total price. Trucks and hall cleaned, training held on protocols.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT:

Mailed personal property statements and is working on the assessment roll.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utility Authority – discussed health insurance for employees; talked with Chemical Bank about refinancing the loan with USDA (22 yr. balance; can reduce interest to 3% rather than 5.5%, will shorten loan by 8 years and increase annual payment by \$8000.

MTA – Guest speaker was not available; discussed township issues.

Tri-Town – Meets next week to discuss next year’s budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fire Dept. Grant bids (See above)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual Meeting resolution

Booth/Mundt to hold annual meeting on March 28, 2015 at 9:00 am. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Mundt, Booth, Avery; Nays – Mitchell, McGregor. Resolution passed.

2. Budget/Budget Amendments

Budget amendments to remove \$11775 from various funds to put into Northwood fund for demolition of building.

Booth/McGregor to make recommended amendments to transfer funds from other accounts to increase budget for Northwood Cleanup by \$11,775. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional amendments to remove \$13250 from various funds to put into Court Ordered Cleanup for cleanup on Frick St.

Booth/McGregor to make recommended amendments to transfer funds from other accounts to increase the Court Ordered Cleanup budget by \$13,250. All ayes. Motion carried.

(Budget transfer list on attached page.)

Budget workshop will be held on Thursday, 1/29/15, at 4:00 pm., and on Feb. 12, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Board of Review training – Booth would like to use the hall to train Boards of Review from several other townships.

Avery/McGregor to allow Booth to use hall for Board of Review training, tentative date 2/26/15. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kischnick – Circuit Court employees have accepted and ratified their new 3 yr. contract.

Sheriff Grace – Added Sue Avery as a dispatcher and she's now working on her own. Matt Dedine, drug officer, resigned and moved to another area, but someone else from the STING team has moved into his position until a new hire is made. Flyers for "Hoops for the House" available, to benefit Riverhouse Shelter. Games will be held 1/31/15 from 10-2 pm.

K. Friday – re: snowplowing of sidewalk. Luzerne sidewalk not being plowed. Needs to be addressed at upcoming budget meetings.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 5:51 pm.

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: (1/20/2015)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$2500.00	101-265-970.000	101-265-965.000
\$3250.00	101-101-970.000	101-265-965.000
\$2000.00	101-209-702.001	101-265-965.000
\$3300.00	101-209-740.001	101-265-965.000
\$ 625.00	101-209-960.000	101-265-965.000
<u>\$ 100.00</u>	101-247-960.000	101-265-965.000

\$11,775.00

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$2500.00	101-215-702.001	101-101-840.000
\$ 500.00	101-215-740.001	101-101-840.000
\$ 400.00	101-215-960.000	101-101-840.000
\$ 500.00	101-101-960.000	101-101-840.000
\$1400.00	101-262-702.000	101-101-840.000
\$1000.00	101-262-740.000	101-101-840.000
\$ 500.00	101-262-970.000	101-101-840.000
\$ 250.00	101-262-960.000	101-101-840.000
\$2000.00	101-253-702.001	101-101-840.000
\$ 500.00	101-253-960.000	101-101-840.000
\$2000.00	101-254-702.001	101-101-840.000
\$1500.00	101-254-740.000	101-101-840.000
<u>\$ 200.00</u>	101-254-741.000	101-101-840.000

\$13,250.00