

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
APRIL 21, 2016  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Booth, Mitchell, Mundt, Avery, McGregor, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick, Fire Chief Roddy, 8 electors.

**ABSENT:** None

**MINUTES** – March 17, 2016 Regular Meeting, March 31, 2016 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting were presented.

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

**INVOICES:**

Additional Invoices - Randy Booth - \$17.28; Ronda Gusler - \$80. Total monthly invoices \$5031.78.

**McGregor/Mitchell to approve invoices with additions. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Most allotments have been moved to each fund as budgeted. Account balances: General Fund - \$253,103.14; Cemetery - \$29,005.20; Parks - \$9,009.23; Road fund - \$253,595.83; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$17,347.32; Fire Millage - \$247,028.86.

**FIRE REPORT**

Trainings, 2 vehicle fires and vehicle/power pole accident during the past month..

Need 2 new batteries for wildland fire truck. They will be about \$200 each.

Attempting to get pickup fixed to use for transportation for training, etc. Repairs about \$1200.

Main repair required is tie rod ends.

A new 2 ½" nozzle was donated to the firefighter association and has been placed in service on #3.

Application for Robert Iwinski to join fire dept. He has been attending all the meetings.

Application and recommendation file were reviewed.

**Mitchell/McGregor to allow Mr. Iwinski to join the Luzerne Fire Dept. on probationary status. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Booth/McGregor to authorize Roddy to replace the 2 batteries on the wildland fire truck. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Rate schedule for Cooperative Agreement with USFS was reviewed.

**McGregor/Mitchell to include rates from the new Cooperative Agreement with the USFS in the annual fee schedule. All ayes. Motion carried.**

AAA Grant Application information was given to the Board by Fire Chief Roddy. Application must be submitted by June 1, 2016. Plans are to request funds for equipment for extrication, and a heavy left air bag for rollovers/semi truck incidents.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Assessment roll is complete; county should be equalizing today or the first of next week.

Junk letters going out now.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Utility Authority – Looking at paying ahead on one of the debt payments to reduce interest payment.

Tri-Town – Still working on updating policies.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bids for Park updates – Comstock Park wear mats Sinclair Recreation is coming back to fix the wear mats at Comstock Park that were installed last fall that were unsatisfactory. Booth is also requesting bids for mats for hexagon climber.

**Avery/Mitchell to authorize Booth to go ahead with expending the remaining grant monies from Par Plan on the park wear mats. All ayes. Motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Tim Jenks, EDA re: support for 2016

Mr. Jenks explained the functions of the EDA – Because internet is available at Skyline, that building is used in some cases as office for businesses because internet is available. Mi-Fair WoodTech and Skyline are being run by EDA; EDA is paying instructors etc. to run Mi-Fair. Ran fiber optic to Skyline to provide internet to all those businesses north of Fairview. Applied for a grant to install tele-conferencing equipment and offer courses on its use.

Budget is approximately \$100,000 including donations by businesses to pay utilities, propane, etc. Requesting \$500 annually from the Township to provide economic development services for Big Creek Township..

**Mitchell/Booth to support EDA with \$500 this year. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Lot Split Application - Gary Frazo (Mio Saloon) is attempting to purchase the South 1/2 of 2 lots owned by Clancy Avery (buildings just West of light on M-72) for parking. (S 1/2 of lots 7 & 8 would be joined with lot 2). Would not close off the alley. Avery would retain the N. 1/2 of lots 7 & 8, the South half of lots 7 & 8 would go to Frazo/Mio Saloon.

Resolution 2016-09 to approve a split of lots 7 and 8 of Block 53 of the Plat of the Village of Mio, a part of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 2 East, Big Creek Township, Oscoda County into a North Half portion and South Half portion. The South Half portion would then be joined with Lot 2 of Block 53 of the Plat of the Village of Mio.

**Booth/McGregor to approve lot split application from Clarence Avery.**

**Ayes – Booth, Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt. Nays - None Motion carried.**

Reviewed Luzerne's 2016 Application for Independence Day Fireworks Display – July 2 (Sat.)

**McGregor/Mitchell to authorize Luzerne Fireworks to hold their celebration on July 2 at dusk. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Request from Tri-Town Fire Dept. to support Annual Fire Safety and Burn Prevention education program – In the past we have contributed \$50 to the Fire Pup program.

**McGregor/Mitchell to contribute \$56 to Fire Pup Program. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Dust Control contract with Oscoda County Rd. Comm.

Our share \$17,125.20 public roads, \$360 private roads per application.

**Avery/Mitchell to enter into dust control contract for 2016 with Road Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Pioneer Pharmacy has a parking problem and would like a handicapped parking spot in front of the pharmacy. Will also require a curb cut for the handicapped space. Pioneer checking to see if they will pay for the curb cut, Sheriff will check on enforcement. This Board will address the issue again next month after more information is obtained.

Compost – not turned often enough to make it decompose properly. Booth has talked to Howard Uren about putting in a bid to turn regularly.

**Mitchell/Mundt to hire Howard Uren to turn compost for \$150/month. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Streetscape bid – Smitty’s bid was \$4835, Whitacre’s was \$3000. Bid received from Whitacre rejected by Mentor Twp.

**McGregor/Avery to contract with Smitty’s Tree Service for maintenance of streetscape and placement of banners. Ayes – 3; Nays – 2. Motion carried.**

**MAIL:**

- Notification from Dist. Health Dept. re: new contractor for water well sampling in campgrounds
- Application for New Resort SDD License from Michigan Liquor Control Commission
- Nominating Form for Bd. Of Directors, Michigan Township Participating Plan

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Kischnick – Zimowske Road project scheduled to be let in June has been delayed to August or September. If so, Zimowske and Mishler Roads won’t be repaved until 2017.

Title 3 funding available for firewise community projects, wildfire protection plans, projects on Federal land. Deadline May 6.

Sheriff Grace – ORV safety on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, open for young adults 12 or over.

All 4 millages have been approved by the county and will be on the ballot.

Sheriff’s Dept. has a facebook page (Oscoda County Sheriff’s Office)

IRS scam still going around.

A tour was held at child victim assessment center in Roscommon. They employ a victim advocate and are attempting to hire a therapist. A child victim can be taken to the assessment center rather than at the hospital ER, where assessment is less intimidating.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm.

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk