

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP AGENDA
September 15, 2016
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Asst. Chief McNamara, 6 electors

ABSENT: none

MINUTES August 18, 2016 Regular Meeting

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

LIST OF BILLS

Total \$27,022.04 including 2 additional invoices totaling \$200 for Jeremy Clayton.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received revenue sharing of approximately \$35,000 and \$1500 from landfill for recycling.

Account balances: General Fund - \$251,634.70; Cemetery - \$25,913.86; Parks - \$45,058.38; Road Fund - \$255,074.40; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$1,418.95; Fire Millage - \$202,281.51.

FIRE RPORT

Firefighters responded to a grass fire and down power line, and completed trainings on search & rescue in confined spaces. Completed pump test on all pumpers, and did maintenance on pumper. Water rescue training on 9/24. Firemen's Memorial this weekend, Fire Chief Roddy requesting funds (\$250) to spend at Firemen's Memorial.

County contributing up to \$9000 for radio tower, have applied to USFS for more funding.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Responded to junk complaints, attempting to serve Boyer (Lansing area) on their complaint. Cole property is in the process of being cleaned up; T. Holberton's house has been cleaned up; sent 2 letters to property owner on Nash (complaint received at meeting last month). Two properties where owner is deceased so there's no one to sue to get it cleaned up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town had a meeting, major issues with trucks. One of the pumpers is leaking and passed the pump test, and the other pumper did not pass. One of the trucks has a cracked frame and must be replaced. Received a Par Plan grant for upgraded entry and security system.

Utility Authority – good financial shape, getting enough income to make debt payments; need to do some upgrades on the driveway before winter.

Ordinance committee – no activity since November.

OLD BUSINESS:

Copy Machine – Have a Xerox to try out, total \$8119.10. Have \$5000 in Township Board, and \$4000 in Elections equipment. This machine provides what we require in printing.

Mitchell/Avery to purchase Xerox Workcentre 7830i multifunction copier. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dangerous buildings ordinance

Mundt/McGregor to approve dangerous buildings ordinance as edited and presented.

Booth – yes; Avery – yes; McGregor – yes/Mitchell – yes/ Mundt – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Park & hall maintenance – Maintenance employee on vacation; will address in October. Fire Chief requested Landing Zone at the tower be mowed. Booth will address the Road Commission re: mowing landing zone.

- Park rental refunds – Poor maintenance, water not available on one date.

McGregor/Mitchell – to refund Comstock Park rental fees to Kann and William Cardinal due to poor maintenance and unavailable utilities. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Trees in streetscape – McGregor will check with a couple landscape places in Traverse City, and talk to Wyckoff re: Mentor replacing theirs.

- Millage Levy –

Booth/McGregor to levy the maximum allowed by law for both General Fund & Fire Millage. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Peninsula Fiber Request to lay fiber along 12th St.

McGregor/Mitchell – to approve request from Peninsula Fiber to lay fiber along 12th St. All ayes.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

McNamara questioned why we can buy trees for Mio Streetscape, but not provide cash for fire dept. to spend at Fireman’s Memorial. Booth explained that we are under a 20 year contract with MDOT to maintain the Mio Streetscape.

R. Ellis – Junk Complaint (RV) by his house (in Luzerne) only partially cleaned up.

BOARD COMMENT:

Road committee – Steve DeFour wants the initial meeting at 5 pm on 9/29 at Big Creek Twp. Some work done on Thompson Rd. this summer so it’s not nearly as bad as it was.

Mitchell requested we check into selling old Northwoods Property. Brian Smutek interested in purchasing, need to go to realtor for market analysis and value. Will attempt to get info for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Rhonda Mundt
Twp. Clerk