

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**October 20, 2016**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

**PRESENT:** Booth, Avery, Mitchell, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick, 11 electors  
**ABSENT:** McGregor

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

**MINUTES** of September 15, 2016 Regular Meeting, October 7, 2016 Election Commission meeting  
**Mitchell/Avery – To approve minutes as presented of September 15, 2016 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Avery/Booth – To approve minutes of Election Commission of October 7, 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF INVOICES**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Received funds from sale of fire truck, but holding title to verify check clears before releasing the title; nothing else special to report.

Avery requested permission for herself & S. Bratton to attend Tax Collection seminar.

**Mundt/Mitchell to authorize 2 from Treasurer’s Office to attend tax collection seminar. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Account Balances: General Fund - \$236,714.28; Cemetery - \$25,964.32; Parks - \$44,891.74; Roads - \$253,951.43; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$21,122.21; Fire Millage - \$186,117.40.

**FIRE REPORT**

Firefighters attended to one fire, CO detector alarm, an accident, trainings and meetings. Two firefighters are attending FFI & II classes.

R. Iwinski working in Flint area short-term, but will maintain his position on Fire Dept.

Robert Ellis – Had damage to his gloves and need to be replaced. Objected to the Board not giving cash to Fire Dept. for use at Firemen’s Memorial. Lengthy discussion regarding why we didn’t give that money and the history behind it. No mention had been made previously regarding need for nozzles or gloves.

This year we’re spending a lot more money than anticipated on the radio tower. County is reimbursing some of the cost, we’re attempting to get the USFS to help pay for the fence and generator.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Two land divisions, field work in T26N R2E, sec. 17; 3 or 4 more junk complaints.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Utility authority – audit report received, new insurance policy reviewed, financial reports available to review.

Tri-Town – Getting new tanker – old one rusting out and had to be taken out of service. Reviewing policies and approved a couple this month.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Maintenance Position – Booth has called Russ several times, but hasn't had any response. He hasn't been doing any maintenance since before September. Previous applicants either no longer available or not suitable. Lyle Heeg available and likely interested in taking the job.

Old Northwoods Property in Luzerne – Market analysis received from Real Estate One. Real Estate One not interested in listing the property, estimates the value at \$5000-\$6000. If we have an offer of \$4-5000 we should take it. Only one that's indicated an interest is Brian Smutek.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

FEMA grant – Luzerne VFD – Nov. 18 is application deadline for FEMA grant which would allow for refurbishment of fire facilities (meeting room, refurb on bathroom).

Received Twp. audit report and Jim Anderson is available if we want him to make a presentation.

MTA class discussed medical marijuana; law takes effect in December. We can opt out and not have any providers, or we can opt in and determine how many, and if so license fees for dispensaries, providers, etc. They would be paying a 3% tax along with the 6% sales tax; Township would receive 25% of the 3% if we give permits. MTA will be putting out some information for townships. Public Act 281, 282, 283.

**MAIL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheriff Grace – take back drug day this weekend. Sheriff's Dept. checks properties for people who are out of town for a period of time, so anyone planning to be out of town for a period of time should notify them. Radio console redone to accommodate the new Luzerne tower.

Commissioner Kischnick – Commissioners appointed Brandy Wright to replace Comm. Boerner on the County Board thru the election. Police officer's union has been changed. Will begin negotiating contracts with County Unions.

Robert Ellis questioned progress on blight cleanup near his residence. A letter has been sent.

Three places on Popps Rd. with caved in roofs; letters have been sent.

Nash Road complaint – house is in foreclosure; tenant has moved. Bank is taking over property and will clean it up.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Doug Casterline discussed reasoning for how the County Road Comm. decided which roads to repair and when.

Meeting adjourned 8:34 pm

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk