

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 12, 2017
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mitchell, Mundt, Roddy, Ellis, Kischnick, 7 electors
ABSENT: None

MINUTES – September 14, 2017 Regular Meeting, and September 28, 2017 Election Commission
McGregor/Avery to approve Sept. 14, 2017 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Booth/Avery to approve Sept. 28, 2017 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

McGregor/Mundt to approve invoices as presented, including additional invoices, totaling \$10,194.89. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Nothing special to report. Treasurer’s office still collecting summer taxes; tower rent came in (\$6500).

Account balances: General Fund - \$274,086.53; Cemetery - \$32,936.58; Parks - \$96,716.95; Road Fund - \$180,785.51; Luzerne Fire - \$13,675.72; Fire Millage - \$190,908.37.

FIRE REPORT

Firefighters responded to one fire, an accident, and held CPR and SED training.

Only 2 firefighters will require DOT physicals this year (Casterline, B. Roddy).

Need to buy batteries for thermal imaging camera. Batteries (2 ea.) cost \$200 each. Request to purchase one battery now to keep the camera functional.

Mitchell/Mundt to authorize purchase by Luzerne Fire Dept. of thermal imaging camera battery. All ayes. Motion carried.

Truck donated by Enbridge is here. It’s a 2011 with tool box. Requesting quote from Luzerne Bump & Paint to paint hood and a red stripe. Also need a trailer hitch to tow light bar, etc. Will have bids for next meeting.

DNR is still working on replacement parts for light tower.

Brian Roddy requesting to be reinstated to the fire dept. Did written test in 2011, needs to challenge for the physical portion. Then he will be certified FF I & II.

Mundt/Mitchell to hire Brian Roddy on a 6 month probationary status after redoing the background check and new W-4s. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Zimowske Road completed for this year; Road Commission Manager reasonably sure the remainder of Zimowske will be done next year. He’s also working on bids for a couple smaller projects. He’s also working on signs for the Luzerne Park (we will purchase and put them along the road in the park). Booth also requested some “Residential Area” signs for Union Corners area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town purchased a truck for the Jaws unit and fire dept. equipment, County Commission paying half the cost.

RAC committee reviewed proposals submitted; awarded \$5000 for Pillars Park.

Utility Authority – received SAW grant, working on operations plan and computer equipment.

MTA – Discussed tire recycling, Nov. 4 at Tri-Town Fire Hall.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Four complaints removed from last month's report; 3 tickets given out 9/11/17 (one was a 2nd ticket). Tickets are \$145 each. Most people are cleaning up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tire Recycling (covered previously)

NEW BUSINESS:

Medical Marijuana - Possible Public Hearing. Will be covered at Fall District MTA meeting. There are no restrictions against having a dispensary or grow operation in this township, but since we have no zoning we can't control where they may locate. Proposal is to have public hearing at 7 pm Nov 9 (next meeting) and have regular board meeting at 6 pm. Booth will have more info available on the 28th.

Booth/McGregor to hold a public meeting on medical marijuana on Nov. 9, 2017 at 7 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth/McGregor to hold regular November board meeting Nov 9, 2017 at 6 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Snow Plow Bids - Booth took bids for snow plow to put on the old fire pickup so snow removal could be completed at the hall, FD, and on sidewalks in Mio & Luzerne by our own maintenance person.

Bids taken from Scientific (71/2' v plow) \$5769 (installed)

West Branch Tank & Trailer - \$5956.47 installed (and unknown discount)

Ed Crane also has a straight plow he's willing to sell – Cost of approx. \$4000

Also discussed getting a sander/salter for use on the sidewalk and parking lots.

McGregor/Mitchell to purchase snowplow from Scientific for \$5769.00 installed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth will get bids/info for the next meeting on salter/sander.

Bids for Clean-up of Shepard Property – No bids to date, hold for December meeting.

There are also 2 buildings on Popp's Rd. that we may go ahead with condemnation.

Date change for December meeting – Avery requested a change of Dec. meeting to Dec. 7 at 7 pm.

Avery/McGregor to change December meeting date to December 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth/McGregor to process payment for any December invoices that come in after the Dec. meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steiner Museum Annual Meeting – Oct. 19, 2017 at the Steiner, 5:30 p.m. – Norm Caldwell would like to have township representation at Steiner annual meeting.

Auction for surplus property delayed to Nov. 2 so the fenced lot on Frick St. hasn't sold yet.

Application from Mi-Com for renewal of Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement.

McGregor/Avery to charge cable/video fees of 3% for video, 2% for PEG and allow Booth to sign new Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Mi-Com. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL:

MI Community Financial Dashboard

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Questions about guard rails along Zimowske Rd.
Discussion about blight at Coupland & Mapes intersection.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk