

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**March 14, 2019**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

**PRESENT:** Booth, Avery, Stone, Mitchell, Mundt, Asst. Fire Chief Wyrembelski, Commissioner Tom McCauley, Commissioner Jackie Bondar, Sheriff Grace, 6 electors

**ABSENT:** None

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

**MINUTES**– February 14, 2019 Regular Meeting - Correction: Under fire report, “Risk Assessment will be reviewing our records.”

**Stone/Mitchell to approve minutes as presented with correction. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Total of \$23,157.57.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Approx. \$39,000 from Revenue sharing this month.

Winter taxes have been turned in to the county and it balanced perfectly.

**FIRE REPORT**

Firefighters responded to 3 fires; Fire Chief Shepard, Asst. Chief Wyrembelski, Officer Ellis and Supervisor Booth met with Par Plan representative at the fire hall for Risk Assessment. Lots of broken parts and other difficulties from cold weather while responding to fires.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Held Board of Review Monday and Thursday, and will be meeting again next Thursday at 5pm. Just under 50 appeals so far.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Tri-Town – New pumper is getting repairs downstate (\$5-6000). All the contingency fund has been spent.

Utility Authority – Increased water usage rate to \$2.75/1000 gal. from \$2.50/1000 gal.

MTA meeting April 8 at this office. Lori Burzlaff from Merchantile Bank, and Rich Castle from Consumers will be here.

**BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

**Mitchell/Mundt to authorize Booth to put an advertisement for Blight Officer in the local paper. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 2019-20 Budget – Reviewed and completed several budget expenses estimates
- Budget Amendments – **Stone/Mitchell to make proposed budget amendments. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Avery/Mitchell to amend Royce Haven Special Assessment budget to \$2000 for FY 2018-19. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Estimated Totals for FY 2018-2019:

GF Revenue \$446,482.23

GF Expenses \$463,097.23

Streets Revenue \$63,900.00

Street Expenses - \$216,500

Fire Revenue - \$70,500

Fire Expenses -\$65800

Fire Millage income - \$111,722.00

Millage expenses - \$110,077.23

Park Revenue – \$80,275

Park Expenditures - \$77,600

Cemetery revenue – \$14,600

Cemetery expense – \$14,900

871 revenue - \$1590.00

871 expenses – \$2383.31

872 revenue – \$1800

872 expenses – \$3407.97

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Appointment to Tri-Town Fire Board –  
**Booth/Mitchell to appoint Stone to Tri-Town Board. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- County 911 Plan Amendment – Doing upgrades to the 911 system. Sheriff required to contact all local governmental units to see if they want to do their own 911 system. The Twp. Board members expressed no interest in our own system.
- Discussed tree grants to replace downtown streetscape trees that have died or are dying. Stone is working on grants through the Arbor Day Foundation and feels he has a source for trees.  
**Mitchell/Avery to authorize Booth to sign Arbor Day grant application. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Discussed Comstock Park playground equipment. We have not received information yet on how many dollars of donations have been made for the new playground.
- MSU Opportunity Zones meeting available if anyone wants to attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gun Owners have received approvals to install a range on Summers Rd.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

School millage – one of the things they want to repair with millage is the roof of the high school. New LED street lights working out well.

Lions Club looking at donating the “Welcome to Mio” signs to the townships.

**Commissioner Tom McCauley** reported the Health Dept. is purchasing the Dist. Health office building and are doing upgrades to doors, etc.

**Commissioner Bondar** – County is purchasing right-of-way from DNR for access by the residents to the houses off the end of the airport.

Commissioners are lowering cost to use the ambulance. This county's charges are substantially higher than surrounding counties.

Courthouse project is moving forward.

Commissioners having a night meeting on April 28 at 7 pm.

EDC is in need of members.

Veterans representative receiving a \$1 per hour raise.

**Sheriff Grace** - ATV Safety April 27; May 11 is the Marine Safety course.

MDOT is going to do road work between Mio and Fairview this summer.

Dave Hughes promoted to Sgt. To replace Varner, and the Dept. hired a new officer.

Going to get patrol rifles in the patrol cars after officers qualify.

Asst. Chief Wyrembelski asked about billing for fire calls. The Board has chosen not to bill because we get the millage.

MOA Landfill will be looking for a heavy equipment operator.

Noreaster is going to have a raffle to benefit the fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk