

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**August 15, 2019**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Regular meeting called to order by Treasurer Avery at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Avery, Mitchell, Stone, Mundt, Blight Officer Bundoff, Sheriff Grace, Commissioners Bondar and McAuley, 8 electors

**ABSENT:** Booth (Arrived at 7:10)

**MINUTES**– July 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

**Mitchell/Stone to accept minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Total \$12,250.92 including \$6310.00 in additional invoices.

**Mitchell/Avery to pay bills totaling \$12,250.92 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Tax collection coming along well. Final day to pay taxes without penalty is Sept. 15.

Fund Balances: General Fund - \$338,514.63; Cemetery - \$43,711.58; Parks - \$90,029.84; Road Fund - \$237,334.52; Luzerne Fire - \$82,038.66; Fire Millage - \$137,388.43.

**FIRE REPORT**

Personnel responded to vehicle accident, a vehicle fire, and attended all the Independence Day parades. Alex Moore is the only uncertified fire officer at this time. B. Roddy and N. Socia both received their FFI and FFII certifications.

Title 3 grant for miscellaneous equipment was received - \$5300.00.

PAR plan grant of \$2500 for security equipment was awarded.

Fire Chief will not be present at next 3-4 meetings; Asst. Chief will be present.

(Booth arrived and presided at the remainder of the meeting.)

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Par Plan Grant – for Video surveillance for Comstock and Fire Dept. Total cost estimated to be \$5724.00. Including key fob, our share will be approx. \$3200.00.

**Mundt/Avery to authorize Booth to sign the Par Plan grant agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Special assessments for roads need to be renewed. Must be advertised twice in paper, and send notice to all affected taxpayers.

First public hearing will be 9/19/19 at 6:30 p.m.

Second hearing will be 10/17/19 at 6:30 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Utility Authority – Received audit report. Engineering firm representative gave a presentation on GPSing shutoffs, leads, etc. to make locating for repairs a lot more simple.

MTA – Meeting at Steiner. Two people from DEQ made a presentation re: electronics recycling. A lot of discussion about county-wide planning for recycling. Discussed funding of building expansion.

DNR Natural Rivers meeting July 31 re: McDonald request for variance. The Natural Rivers Board approved the variance.

## **BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

23 visits, 7 new cleanup plans were agreed upon, 6 cases closed out.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Event Ordinance – Would like to get a wider range of township residents to be on the committee. All the people who expressed an interest were neighbors to BigFoot Lodge. Booth and Mitchell will both be Board appointees to the committee.
- Appointment to Oscoda Co. Ordinance Committee – AG has offered an opinion that the noise ordinance is not enforceable if they make one. Possibly if all 6 townships have the same ordinance it can be enforced by the county. Appointments will be made when the county has a plan for meetings in place.  
Bigfoot Lodge has applied for a camping permit. Apparently camping was allowed by the prior owner but without a permit.
- Recreational Marihuana – LARA is still promulgating rules.  
We will hold a Public Hearing October 8, 2019 at 7 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Tire Recycling – Will discuss at MTA picnic in September. Applying this fall for a grant from the state; possibly can use the Comins Twp. transfer site because it's fenced. This year tire recycling will be 10/19 at either Tri-Town or Comins Twp. Booth will coordinate with Comins Township to determine location.
- Cemetery trees – Re: removing some of the large red pine from Mt. Pindus. Tractor club looking for 10' logs to build a building. They're willing to cut the trees and haul to fairgrounds. No board member had a problem with allowing them to do it.

**MAIL:** None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Grace – 5K on the weekend, raised \$4900 for cancer patients. Goal is to keep it local to Oscoda Co. residents and purchase gas cards, do transport, pay minor bills. Bike rodeo held at Heritage Days and gave away 14 bike helmets and bikes for 2 kids, gave kids and parents information on safety and regulations regarding biking.

Avery – Quilts of Valor having a pulled pork dinner at VFW on Saturday (8/17) in Mio at the VFW. Benefit concert for the Steiner at Skyline Event Center on Friday.

First Dam Canoe Race in Mio on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>; this weekend free trail riding; 23<sup>rd</sup> Sr. Fishing day at Mio Pond.

### **BOARD COMMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk