

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
September 19, 2019
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, Mundt, Blight Officer Bundoff, Commissioners McAuley and Bondar, Sheriff Grace, 13 electors

ABSENT: Stone

Call Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES– August 15, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

LIST OF BILLS

Total of invoices is \$54,210.36, including \$5504.00 in additional invoices.

Avery/Mitchell to pay bills totaling \$54,210.36 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Fund balances: General Fund - \$341,939.98; Cemetery Fund - \$43,957.05; Parks Fund - \$53,815.70; Road Fund - \$216,357.70; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$85,045.96; Fire Millage - \$137,413.84.

FIRE REPORT

Accelerated FFO I & II in Tawas. Possibility of sending Alex Moore. Shepard requested we pay something for mileage for him to go. (\$10 per night).

Mundt/Booth to authorize Moore to attend the class, be reimbursed \$10/hr. for the class and \$10/night for mileage.

Ayes – 2; Nays – 2 Motion failed.

3 SCBAs need to be repaired. A representative from a repair company will be at Firemen’s Memorial this weekend and firefighters want to take the defective SCBAs to the Firemen’s Memorial to have them taken back to their business for a repair quote to be prepared.

Booth/Mitchell to authorize Fire Officer Ellis to take the defective SCBAs to Firemen’s Memorial for repair quotes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Shepard requested glass on the top of the desk that was broken when installing the security system be replaced. Security vendor (Up North Security) will pay for half. Total cost approximately \$85.00.

Mundt/Mitchell to authorize to purchase of a replacement glass for desktop from Roscommon Glass. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – Geo Thermal quote requested; new dairy has requested a rate quote for treating their waste water.

Fire Board – Received Title III funding; sold fire truck.

Event Committee did meet and work on an ordinance; will be meeting again in 2 weeks to work on the ordinance. Hope to present to the board in October or November.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Thirteen new complaints opened, one complaint closed after cleanup. Numerous attempted contacts with no one at home.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Event Ordinance (covered above)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Merianne Tappan, Oscoda Co. Council on Aging, reported on activities; 36 residents from the township receiving services from the Council on Aging.
- Sam Pernick – Medical Marihuana Facility application – He worked on the campaign to legalize recreational marihuana. He is a sole proprietor in his LLC; will probably be bringing in more financing if he elects to also open a grow operation.
Mundt/Mitchell To preapprove Sam Pernick’s application for a medical marihuana dispensary with the condition that he update his application with the proposed address of his facility and submit his financial data to us prior to the next meeting. 3 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.
- Motions for Special Assessment Districts
Booth/Mitchell to approve Resolution 2019-10, A Resolution on the Cedar and Oak Lanes Special Assessment District Number 2. Roll Call Vote – All Ayes. Resolution Passed.
Booth/Mitchell to approve Resolution 2019-11, A Resolution on the Royce Haven Special Assessment District Number 1. Roll Call Vote – All Ayes. Resolution Passed.
- Steiner Museum – Steiner has received a grant of \$25,000 and private donations. Elmer, Comins and Clinton have all committed funds. Booth recommends we contribute \$5000 to be earmarked for the building fund.
Booth/Mitchell to contribute \$5000 to Steiner Museum building project. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Tire Recycling – Booth spoke with other townships, all agreed to pay for their share of the costs. This year’s tire collection will be October 19 at Tri-Town Fire Dept. from 9am-2pm.
- Township attorney – Our attorney (Kristi McGregor) has accepted the position of Prosecuting Attorney. It’s in our best interests to hire another attorney. Booth recommended Jason Thompson from Grayling. He does some municipal work but mostly private. Cost of \$200/hour for court time (but not travel), on an as-needed basis.
Booth/Mitchell to retain Jason Thompson as township attorney. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Computers for Clerk’s Office – total estimated cost \$2577. Upgrades to Win 10 is required as of January 1, 2020 in order to access QVF for elections.
Avery/Mitchell to authorize Clerk’s Office purchase of new desktop computers, and upgrades for e-pollbooks. All ayes. Motion carried.

- This year's L4029 will be submitted to the County if approved. The township is requesting .872 mils for general operating, and 1 mil for fire protection.
Booth/Avery – To authorize millage request for 2020 of .872 for general operating, and 1 mil for fire. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 2020 Census will have grants available to help pay assistance for people who want to come into the office to fill out census forms. If we get a computer, we'd also need to have someone to assist them. Each person not counted shorts the county \$1800 per year so it's very important to have all residents counted.
Mundt/Avery to authorize Booth to apply for foundation grant for census assistance. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL:

- MTA Regional Meetings notice – No interest in attending.
- Permit for culvert from DEQ./Natural Rivers

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Friday – Questioned why we didn't approve the Firefighter training. Thought we were too quick to approve the marihuana facility request.

BOARD COMMENT:

Commissioner's Report – Clinton Twp. putting in a campground (6 sites now) and a fitness trail.

Park Board – Tomorrow starts festivities for Halloween bash at the Park.

New County building moving along; moved from November occupancy to December.

Sheriff Grace – Last month's 5 K run raised about \$5000 for cancer patient support.

Take back drug day 10/26. Usually have 50-60# of pills.

School/bank lockdown occurred in Sept. and everyone did a good job and remained calm.

Re: noise incident at Luzerne, 2 warrants issued for disturbing the peace.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk