

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2019
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Stone, Mundt, Avery, Blight Officer Bundoff, Asst. Fire Chief Wyrembelski, Commissioner Bondar, Commissioner McCauley, 11 electors, Samuel Pernick
ABSENT: None

Call meeting to order at 7:07pm

MINUTES– September 19, 2019 Regular Meeting and October 8, 2019 Public Hearing
Stone/Mitchell to approve minutes for Sept. 19, 2019 Public Hearing, Sept. 19, 2019 Regular Meeting, and October 8, 2019 Public Hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Total of \$17,981.94, including one additional invoice.

Mitchell/Avery to pay bills as presented totaling \$17,981.94. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Nothing out of the ordinary.

Fund balances: General Fund - \$355,924.84; Cemetery Fund - \$43,596.97; Parks Fund - \$49,951.31; Road Fund - \$214,896.16; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$80,833.77; Fire Millage - \$137,438.45.

FIRE REPORT

Firefighters responded to a propane leak this month.

Frank Wyrembelski picked up a generator for the fire dept. It will require some repairs.

Scott Air Packs returned, one repaired at no cost.

Need a battery for thermal imaging camera. Cost ranges from \$125 to \$150.

Will be preparing a list for the Title III funds.

Stone/Mitchell to purchase battery for thermal imaging camera. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Re: Sending Alex Moore for FFI & FFII. Asst. Chief Wyrembelski requesting \$20/night for mileage for the class. Class won’t be completed until April (Next FY).

Stone/Mitchell to reimburse Moore (if he passes the FFI & II class) the minimum wage for his hours and \$20/night for mileage but not until next fiscal year. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Vandalism occurred at Comstock Park and the new camera was used to determine who the vandals were. Turned over to Sheriff’s Dept. who will be visiting the vandals and their parents..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MTA – Two page questionnaire sent regarding county Master Plan. Booth requested each Board member complete the questionnaire, then a compiled questionnaire will be completed at the November meeting.

Steiner Museum discussion – close to having the funding to go forward. Next month’s meeting will be at Greenwood, and there will be a discussion on the Steiner at that meeting. Utility Authority made an agreement with the new Creamery for disposal of wastewater..

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

51 site visits, 1 citation issued. Subject issued the citation didn’t show up at court, so another citation will be issued.

Residents contacted by the Blight Officer justified their actions by saying the Warehouse left their furniture by the road. Bundoff checked with the Warehouse and their furniture is routinely picked up so it’s there less than the 14 days specified by the blight ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recreational Marihuana Ordinance
Mitchell/Avery - To Opt Out of all recreational marihuana facilities.
Stone – yes, Mitchell – yes, Avery – yes, Mundt – No, Booth – No. Motion passed.
Booth/Stone – to authorize the Clerk to use the MTA “Opt Out” Ordinance and submit it to LARA. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sam Pernick – Medical Marihuana Facility application – Voted to Pre-authorize application pending financial, security, and preauthorization. He presented all this info to the township, CPA attestation from lender showing the lender has assets to make the loan. Also included a rough sketch of the facility showing limited access areas and security cameras. Will also have to build a room at the entrance for waiting for non-medical persons. Only medical permittees will be allowed to enter the facility. Expects it will take LARA 3-5 months for the license from the state. Some of his paperwork was dated 2018; he will obtain copies with current date to accompany our application.
- Motions on special assessment districts
Resolution 2019-12 – Royce Haven Special Assessment District
Mitchell/Stone to authorize Royce Haven Special Assessment District, Resolution 2019-12. All ayes. Resolution passed.
Resolution 2019-13 – Cedar and Oak Lanes Special Assessment District
Stone/Mitchell to authorize Cedar and Oak Lanes Special Assessment District, Resolution 2019-13. All ayes. Resolution passed.

MAIL:

Received audit report. No major problems. No request for auditor to make a presentation. LARA submitted a letter requesting input on video provider under the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Bondar – Heard if the building project for the Steiner moves to the fairgrounds, they will lose the Consumers grant. That is unconfirmed. Some members of the County Commission want to move the museum to the County Fairgrounds. Museum is run by volunteers, and there is a limited numbers of volunteers.

Sam Pernick – Thanks to Supervisor & Clerk for their assistance. The Township could specify only existing medical marihuana facilities to get recreational licenses. The Township can also charge an additional \$5000 license fee from the medical marihuana facility to have the license for recreational sales. He has a lengthy memo to explain the projected revenues, etc. You can only opt in for certain facility types. He would like a letter stating whether the conditions for his township license were met.

Commissioner McCauley – went to NEMCOG meeting at Gaylord re: EGLE recycling grant.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mundt/Avery - Send a letter that Mr. Pernick has met our requirements after he supplies us with current dated financials. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stone – Tree remembrance program – would like board members to look at it for next meeting.

Booth – Tire recycle Saturday at Tri-Town.

Special Event proposed ordinance – Booth requested Board members review it, he'd like to send it to attorney for review, and possibly adopt at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk