

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
May 21, 2020
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PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Avery, Stone, Mundt

ABSENT: None

The meeting was available to the public only thru Zoom.

MINUTES – March 19, 2020 Regular Meeting, March 26, 2020 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting

Stone/Mitchell to approve minutes of March 19, 2020 Regular Meeting and March 26, 2020 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting as presented. All ayes.

LIST OF BILLS

Total of April and May bills is \$17,404.05.

Mundt/Avery to pay invoices in the amount of \$17,404.05 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tax collection for winter is over. All tax funds are being transferred into the proper accounts for the new fiscal year.

Expect reduction in revenue sharing within a couple months.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$481,634.15; Cemetery Fund - \$59,477.10; Parks Fund - \$69,458.12; Road Fund - \$240,789.73; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$128,575.91; Fire Millage - \$141,565.78.

FIRE REPORT

The Luzerne Vol. Fire Dept. has received requests for filling of swimming pools. The firemen would do it at no cost to the township. (The firemen would receive training using the trucks but would not be paid.)

Stone/Mitchell to authorize the Luzerne Fire Dept. to fill swimming pools in Big Creek Twp. With a signed waiver. All ayes. Motion carried.

Would like to discuss lights and sirens on personal vehicles at the next meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Parks and cemetery projects have been put on hold. Due to loss of revenue sharing, and because there may be stimulus grants available in the fall, all special projects but the handicap swing (which has been delivered) will be put on hold.

Campground has been opened as of May 15 because the Health Dept. regulations closed campgrounds until the 15th.

Discussed the Memorial Day, and Independence Day celebrations.

Mitchell/Stone to authorize the signing of permits for the Parades and Fireworks for the Independence Day celebration. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – discussion on truck and a diver to do some inspections, and cleaning.
Tri-Town meeting cancelled. Next meeting in July 2.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

J. Bundoff has done some inspections but hasn't talked to people because of Covid-19. He has sent a bunch of letters requesting cleanup.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- B+B, Inc. re: Recreational Marijuana Ordinance – Roman Benson & Dennis Bila. Have received license and inspections passed, and plan to open June 15. Installing equipment now. Did all the work with local labor. Requested the Board to make a motion authorizing them to introduce a 2nd license for adult use marijuana sales. Rogers City, Grayling, Standish all have adult use marijuana sales. Expect everyone will bypass them to go where they can also get medical marijuana. The board members will investigate and discuss at a future meeting.

- Medical Marijuana Grow and processing permit application – Wanda Products, LLC (Jeff Tenniswood) Processing permit involves processing THC out of the plant, then putting it in oils, tinctures, vape products, which gives an exact dose rather than smoking it and getting a variable amount of THC.

Stone/Mundt To approve application from Wanda Products for marijuana grow and processing permits provisionally pending receipt of financial information. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Medical Marijuana Grow permit application – Michigan 10 Investments, Inc. – Aaron Baggett - Looking for 6 grow licenses.

Mundt/Mitchell to approve Michigan 10 Investments' application for 6 Marijuana grow permits provisionally pending receipt of financial information. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Township Cleanup Day – June 13 – Hold as planned. Same hours as last year (10-2). Will send fliers with cleanup letters.
- Resolution Re: Opening Township facilities to the public Booth recommended a resolution be sent to the governor, imploring her to open up and supply with scientific reasoning for being locked down.

Stone/Mitchell To write a letter to the governor and legislature saying we would like the township businesses be reopened to the public. All ayes. Motion carried.

- MTA Renewal and Options - MTA is offering some on-line educational programs for a fee in addition to the annual membership fee.

Booth/Mundt to pay the \$2216.18 annual membership fee to MTA and forego the educational portion at this time. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Bid from GLTC, LLC for a firewall to enable work from home.

Stone/Mundt to move forward with grants and firewall to make computers available for work from home. All ayes. Motion carried.

- The Township office will be open to the public beginning May 26.

MAIL:

Check received from Pioneer Insurance for 216 Pearl St. fire cleanup. Will deposit in escrow account and pay Morse Excavating when the site is cleaned up.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENT:

Commissioner's report –Opening the County Building on the 1st of June. Commissioners appreciate the first responders, but will not pay an extra wage to first responders.

Check out [grants.fema.gov](https://www.grants.fema.gov) for grant money for equipment because of covid.

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk