

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**June 18, 2020**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Booth, Avery, Stone, Mitchell, Mundt, Luzerne Fire Chief Shepard, Asst. Chief Wyrembelski, Sheriff Grace, 24 electors

**MINUTES** of May 21, 2020 Regular Meeting presented.

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

**LIST OF BILLS** - Total invoices of \$23,998.88 including additional invoices totaling \$428.33.  
**Mitchell/Mundt to approve payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tax collection of winter taxes completed, still collecting a little personal property tax.

Proposed the acquisition of credit cards. They would be acquired through Huntington Bank so they could be connected to the banking accounts. There would be no interest as they would be paid in full each month. To be used when there is a problem setting up a billing account with a vendor. Proposed 2 cards, one for fire dept. use and one for elected official use.

**Mitchell/Stone to go forward with acquisition of credit cards as long as a policy is adopted prior to use. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Cleanup day – Several people came out to help. Probably filled 10-12 of the large roll-offs. A very successful event.

A note was put on summer tax bills requesting people mail in their payments or leave them in the drop box to avoid lines of public in the office.

Fund balances: General Fund - \$504,119.62; Cemetery - \$58,310.28; Parks - \$68,143.77; Road Fund - \$248,023.47; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$124,154.97; Fire Millage - \$141,681.02.

**FIRE REPORT**

Responded to a chimney fire, down power line, ADT alarm, and assisted at 2 Tri-Town fires.

Alex Moore finishing Fire I & II classes; has already completed practicals and tonight is written test.

Six pagers donated to Luzerne Fire Dept. by Greenwood Fire Dept. Value is approx. \$1800; will require reprogramming (\$105), batteries (\$114), and additional batteries for other pagers (\$330), Total \$549.

**Stone/Avery to authorize purchases as above. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Wyrembelski would like to put signs up for ORVs to slow down when they cross Luzerne Fire Dept. property to get to Deeters (or leaving Deeters). Stone will check with the county to see if there are any ORV speed limit signs.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Hole is dug for handicap swing, hope to have the swing placed within a few days and the mulch within a couple weeks.

July Bd. Of Review – Due to Covid-19, have to take appeals this year, so there will be longer hours - July 21, 6-8 pm.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Utility Authority – Bought a new maintenance truck, to be delivered in a couple weeks.

Tri-Town – No meeting, next meeting July 2.

## **BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

Many addresses are multiple ownerships, was putting more than one name on a ticket. Court has changed procedure so ticket can only have one name. Sent 40 blight letters, only 9 people responded as requested. Will now revisit and re-inspect. New trick is for blight letter recipients to remove the mailbox after they receive warning letters so the citation can't be sent.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Addition to Medical Marihuana Permit – Aaron Baggett, Michigan 10 Investments, requesting 2 additional licenses for the property so they can fill up the space they will have this year.

**Mitchell/Mundt to authorize 2 additional licenses for Michigan 10 Investments. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Adult Use Marihuana Grow/Processing Request – Requested we authorize these 2 processes which wouldn't affect the distribution in the township, it would just make the testing simpler for the growers. B+B (medical marihuana facility) opened on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Board will research this request as it would require an ordinance change. No action taken at this time.

Apex Sketch – New license required for the new server so both Booth and Avery can access sketches on property cards.

**Avery/Stone To authorize the purchase of a second license for Apex Sketch, at a cost of \$595. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Lawsuit – Wahwahtaysee Dr. – Suit against Twp. as well as several additional parties. All roads are private and none are public roads. Our attorney said we can ask to be withdrawn from the suit since we have no ownership interest there, or we can take the position that because the roads have been open to the public for nearly 100 years, the twp. should have an easement right.

Board consensus is to stay out of the dispute and request to be withdrawn from the suit.

## **MAIL:**

- Proposed tower – M33 & 14<sup>th</sup> St. – putting new tower in off 14<sup>th</sup> st., this letter is advising the township that Trileaf Corporation is going to put in a new tower on utility authority property, which will provide additional cell coverage.
- Request for contribution from Tri-Town Fire Dept. for fire safety and education program. **Stone/Mitchell to contribute \$70 to fire pup program. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Joint Meeting w/Mentor and MDOT re: M-33 upgrades Spring 2021. Board members approve a possible 6:00 pm special meeting. Clerk to coordinate with Mentor's Clerk.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sheriff Grace – Will talk to officers about the ORV situation in Luzerne.

Sheriff's Dept. has been to WahWahTaysee, ingress and egress is not completely eliminated so the Sheriff's Dept. can't do anything in response to complaints.

No officers had Covid to date; one officer had to quarantine for 3 days.

Helped out with food banks, handling traffic, helping with handing out food at schools

Sheriff's Dept. millage proposal will be on the ballot; same proposal as has been in place for the last 8 years. Also a Drug Enforcement renewal proposal is on the ballot.

- Candidates' comments
- Kevin Grace – Candidate for Sheriff
- Mike Dekun – Candidate for Sheriff.
- Cody Rossen – Candidate for County Clerk/Register of Deeds.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Ken Swartzendruber re: the culvert problem on Thompson Rd.

Booth has talked to the Road Commission about road work – they have no money so no matching money. No plan at the time to work on Thompson. Booth & Stone will approach the road commission to see if something can be started.

Lots of complaints about dust, Booth has talked to Rd. Comm. About a 3<sup>rd</sup> brine application.

**Mitchell/Avery to contribute for Mio & Luzerne \$500 each for Independence Day celebrations. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Stone – House voted to pay \$2/hr. extra for emergency personnel during Covid. Will keep checking for further details.

Meeting adjourned 8:46 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk