

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
April 15, 2021
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Stone, Coulon, Avery, Mundt, Shepard, Bundoff, Commissioners Bondar and McCauley, 7 electors

MINUTES – March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting, March 25, 2021 Budget Hearing & Special Meeting

Stone/Coulon to approve minutes of March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting and March 25, 2021 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Total of Invoices including additional invoices totaling \$28,134.55

Avery/Mundt to pay bills totaling \$28,134.55 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Settled with County for delinquent taxes.

Account balances: General Fund - \$538,369.75; Cemetery - \$55,715.75; Parks - \$63,054.37; Road Fund - \$195,878.03; Luzerne Fire - \$94,284.09; Fire Millage - \$131,908.09.

FIRE REPORT

Had a truck repaired at Fick & Sons in Grayling, responded to 2 accidents and a Mutual Aid fire with Tri-Town.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

County is equalized, tax rolls are in, did water testing in parks, getting parks ready to open.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – buying a crane to lift manhole covers.

NEMCOG – Re: Federal stimulus money. We may not get the amount of initial estimate because some that was originally allocated to townships is going to the villages. Hoping to get funds dispersed by May or June. Can be spent to relieve COVID expenses, infrastructure (sewer, water, broadband internet).

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

12 inspections, court dates have been delayed, 3 new complaints, 3 citations on last years’ warrants, 23 complaints awaiting action.

OLD BUSINESS:

- LED Conversion Contract with Consumers – Hold off to see if CARES Act money can be spent for the cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mike Benefeld, M-33 Access, RE: Broadband – Proposing to run fiber to Luzerne with our help to pay for running the main line. Depending on how much CARES Act money we get, that can be used to pay some of the expense.

- Mike Bowers Re: County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Just purchased 5 county alert program that broadband will be important for.

NEMCOG has been working on the Hazard Mitigation plan for 2 years. If there is an emergency in the county, if there is a plan in effect the federal government won't claim an emergency for the township, but the state can. If we don't sign on to the plan, we won't get any emergency support from the state. Would like the township to approve a resolution approving the plan.

Would also request a representative from each township be assigned to the emergency management committee. Duane Roddy is our representative on the committee.

Bowers presented a resolution for our action.

Stone/Coulon to adopt the 2021 Oscoda County Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan of Big Creek Township.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stone, Coulon, Avery, Booth, Mundt.

Nays – None; Absent - None

- Flags for Luzerne – Request for assistance purchasing flags & poles for downtown Luzerne. We annually provide funds for the streetscape in Mio, but have not contributed any funds for Luzerne. 6 ft. pole – 48.99, 10.00 for bracket, Grand total \$510.80 for poles, flags, etc. Total of 8 poles.

Avery/Stone to buy 8 flags and poles for Luzerne. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Wise Heating Agreement for Hall electrical update – Consumers didn't send the contract for this update. (Plan was Consumers would pay for the installation – 100% grant - and use us as a model project). Will discuss at the next meeting.

- Pavement repairs Basketball Court – Comstock Park – Sinkhole in basketball court. Trying to get bids to fix it. Should have available for next meeting.

- Permit Applications – Lost Creek Music Festival; Red, White, Blue Collar Festival – What do we require for security? Do they need a security company, or could 10-12 people working security do major amount of security with contact to police if they need assistance? Board consensus was that security should wear a shirt identifying them as security. If they comply with the requirement on the permit application, the Clerk can sign the permits.

- B+B LLC Application for Adult Use Dispensary –

Coulon/Mundt to approve B+B's application for an Adult Use Marijuana Dispensary. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Sale of land from Fire Dept. to Deeters – We currently have 245'; current building is 85'. If we have to build another fire hall, there will be room for a new or expanded hall.

Deeters and Luzerne Express will pay for the fence on the Deeters boundary.

Stone/Coulon to authorize Booth to sign agreements with BJ Evans LLC and Mark Pattullo for easement and sale of North 30 feet of fire hall property. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion about whether to put fence across the front of property along Deeter Rd.

Coulon/Stone to hire Mio Fence put chain link on N and S sides of Luzerne Fire Dept. property, and split rail fence and 2 gates on E side, as proposed. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Budget Amendments
Mundt/Coulon to make budget amendments to Luzerne Fire budget. Would allot the balance of Title III Funds and Enbridge trailer grant. All ayes. Motion carried. Stone/Mundt to authorize Luzerne Fire Dept. to spend up to \$6000 on a trailer when they find one. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Par Plan HR MUNI – For information
- M-72 Project (Input due by May 21) – Would like to see sidewalk at least to the fire hall.

MAIL:

Letter from Charter Communications RE: Video Franchise

Letter from Ken Borton RE: Line 5

Letter from Richard Walser RE: Assessment

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom McCauley – take back drugs on the 24th of April.

Construction starts the 20th from 14th to McKinley Rd.

BOARD COMMENT:

Jackie Bondar – Great turnout for working at the park last weekend.

90% of gypsy moth applications were approved, just waiting for egg masses to hatch so they can notify Hatfield to come spray.

Solar farm – will there be any maintenance required to repair road to the solar farm?

Mr. Simpson – The Pharmacy situation is a mess, as soon as ARO moves there may be a new pharmacy here in Mio.

Anavon provided estimates of cost to connect to Merit Network. Internet and phone would be \$438 monthly, after \$3,500 for phone installation. M-33 Access will give us an estimate for the same thing.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk