

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
June 17, 2021
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Call Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES – May 20, 2021

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

LIST OF BILLS

Total \$26,463.85 including additional invoices.

Stone/Avery to pay bills as presented with additions, totaling \$26463.85. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Interest income is now very low.

Account balances: General Fund - \$259,048.22; Cemetery - \$54,427.77; Parks - \$62,321.94; Road Fund - \$691,724.16; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$147,877.32; Fire Millage - \$138,915.10.

FIRE REPORT

Meeting & trainings. Responded to one accident.

New Firefighter Application – Reviewed application for Ted Schuster.

Stone/Coulon to approve Ted Schuster as a probationary firefighter. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Users requesting another swing set at Comstock Park. Booth will get bids for the next meeting. Anything expended after March 31 can be applied to ARPA if it qualifies for the program.

Money has to be obligated by 2024. Booth attended a webinar today that explains what ARPA money can be used for.

Coulon/Stone to apply for American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Twp. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer Authority – Approved replacing a water line to a residence in Mentor where there was a problem.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Issued 11 citations. One individual will be getting a 3rd citation. One Court action.

Coulon will contact the county clerk’s office regarding why we aren’t receiving ticket money.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Consumers Energy – Heating upgrade – Work to be done right after July 4th. No update on insulation.
- Thompson Road Engineering & Pierce Road update – Contractor will do Pierce Road this summer when they are working in the County. Thompson Rd. Engineering restarted; there is an issue with the property owner where the easement is located. There will be a

meeting with the landowners and engineers to move forward with easements. Bids are coming in considerably higher this year so C2AE can't guarantee the price they gave us last year.

- Cleanup day – June 12 – Approx. 80 residents brought refuse; 3 board members worked along with 3 employees; received approximately \$200 in donations. Total cost for disposal was \$7610.00
- Contract – M-33 Access to run fiber from Mio to Luzerne
Stone/Mundt to approve contract with M-33 Access to run fiber optic cable from Mio to Luzerne, pending review by attorney and receipt of funds from ARPA. Booth authorized to sign contract with M-33 Access after attorney review. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Michigan Investments 10 Adult Use Application/name change
Board members approved the 2 adult use licenses for Oz Farms. Mundt will check with LARA about the name change/transferring the 2 licenses from medical to adult use.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Steiner Museum – Resignation of Norm Caldwell – Need applicant for the position
- New Firefighter application – See above
- Solar Speed Signs – Luzerne – New speed signs in Luzerne aren't slowing people down. Luzerne Chamber of commerce has \$5000 they can contribute to the total cost of \$7000 for 2 the signs. Metro Act money can be used to pay a portion of the cost. Stone would like to see 3 put in Mio also – one on M-72 and one each side of Mio on M-33. Would Mentor share the cost of the 2 on M-33? Stone will talk to Tom Galbraith. Possibly ARPA funds could be used.
- Fire Safety Education Request for Contribution to the Fire Pup program.
Stone/Booth to contribute \$50 to Fire Safety education program. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL:

Proposed Principles of Governance from MTA
Coulon/ To approve. No support.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENT:

Bondar – complaint regarding no patches on Pierce Rd.
County has received \$800,000 ARPA funds with no obligation to date.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm