

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
April 21, 2022
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Stone, Avery, Mundt, Commissioner McCauley, Blight Officer Bundoff, Fire Chief Shepard, 9 electors

ABSENT: Coulon

Avery/Stone to approve minutes of March 17, 2022 meeting as presented. All ayes.
Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Invoices totaling \$14572.95.

Stone/Booth To pay bills totaling \$14,572.95 as presented. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Settled taxed with the county; will be making annual allotments to township accounts.

Account Balances as of 4/21/22: General Fund - \$537,711.52; Cemetery - \$48,977.63; Parks - \$50,436.14; Road Fund - \$304,965.20; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$116,726.24; Fire Millage - \$138,921.56.

FIRE REPORT

Did training with USFS.

Grant for skid unit for UTV – Recommend purchase from MTECH with a price of \$7185.00. Would utilize \$2000 from DNR grant and balance from remaining Title III funds.

Booth/ Avery to authorize the purchase of the skid unit from MTECH for the Luzerne VFD for a total of \$7185.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Thermal imaging camera – Quote of \$2934.96 for 4 cameras from Municipal Emergency Services.

Stone/Mundt to authorize purchase of 4 thermal imaging cameras for the Luzerne VFD from MES for a total of \$2934.96. All ayes. Motion carried.

Luzerne Firemen's Assn. is planning to pick up the cost for fixing the pump on #4. Current estimate is around \$1000-\$1600. Association also installed LED lighting in Fire Department meeting room and did some upgrades on #6.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

ARPA Reporting completed by auditor and Resolution 2022-07, Resolution to Determine American Rescue Plan Act Grant Allowance for Revenue Loss needs to be completed.

Mundt/Stone to approve Resolution 2022-07, Resolution to Determine American Rescue Plan Act Grant Allowance for Revenue Loss.

Ayes – Stone, Avery, Booth, Mundt.

Absent – Coulon

Resolution passed.

County is equalized

Lyle and Frank are working on cleaning up the cemetery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer Authority – Some freeze-ups, sewer authority has some bids for new pumps which will be presented to the Townships soon.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Two more complaints regarding the smell at 10th st; 9 new blight complaints.

Lengthy discussion on the smell from the 10th st. caregiver.

Stone/Booth to have Mundt send a FOIA request for all licensed caregivers in Big Creek Twp.; we've created an ordinance, to date no caregiver has requested a permit, and we'd like to send a letter to advise them of the ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

County building inspector has agreed to condemn 2 buildings in Mio.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jennifer Mhilli, Pure Green Haven – hasn't paid her permit fee yet for the adult use grow license. Send letter giving her until our next meeting to pay the \$5000 or we'll revoke her permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recycle – Doug Wellman and GFL representative – McGregor Transfer Site is willing to take the recycle boxes for a 6 month trial period for \$100/month.
McGregors have been hosting compost for 30 years; we were supposed to pay \$300 annually but they've never billed us. They need to build a pad for the compost. Probably \$500-600 to do that.
Avery/Stone to contract with the McGregors for \$100 per month for 6 months to operate the recycle facility. All ayes. Motion carried.
Booth/Mundt to contract with Local Services up to \$600 to build a pad for compost. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Elections Grant – There will be a HAVA grant available, up to \$3000, for computer and supplies purchase. Bid from Great Lakes Tech. Consulting LLC for a total of \$2376.58 for 2 computers, scanners and USB hubs.
Stone/Mundt to authorize purchase of new e-poll books and associated equipment. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Bid for Fence at Comstock Park –
Mundt/Avery to accept bid from Mio Fence \$4650 for dog park fence for Comstock Park. All ayes. Motion carried.
Stone/Mundt to accept bid from Summit Supply for \$471.12 for a Pet Station and supplies for Comstock Park. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Luzerne Speed Signs – Luzerne Chamber will go 50% on the speed signs.
Booth/Stone to purchase 2 speed signs for use in Luzerne from Radar Sign. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Don Davis gave a bid on pressure washing and restraining the pavilion at Comstock. Estimate \$2500-\$3000 to get it done. Would require the purchase of a pressure washer if we do it ourselves. Booth will look into purchase of a power washer.
- RAC committee – Oscoda Co. has \$131,000 for projects. All have to be on or adjacent to Forest Service land. applications open until June 8.

Updating recreation plan for the township. Booth proposed having a public hearing May 19 at 6 pm to discuss township recreation plan.

Recycle day – Electronics recycle – tire recycle – dump day – June 11, 9-2. \$5 for TVs or Monitors; anything else with a cord can be recycled for no charge. Probably 2 trailers for tire recycle.

Sting donation – Auditor suggested we could make a donation to STING with our marihuana licensing fees. All STING officers are county and they cannot use a state vehicle. Any possibility of a donation from our license fees will be tabled until the next meeting.

MAIL:

Red White and Blue Festival for June 10 and 11. Permit has been approved.
Letter from Equalization – will be spraying for gypsy moth at the cemetery.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Request the road commission put some gravel on Galloway Rd
Jenny Cronkwright, Steiner Museum, has increased their budget from \$5000 to \$15,000. Plan to raise the additional \$10000 themselves. The building is packed, but will be requesting the townships help with a donation to the building project.

Tom McCauley – Commissioners hired Rene Welsler for Executive Secretary and she's training for the job.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk