

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
August 17, 2023
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Avery, Coulon, Mundt, Ordinance Officer Wilson, Fire vchief Shepard, Commissioner McCauley, 9 electors

MINUTES – July 20, 2023 Regular Meeting, July 27, 2023 Special Meeting
Mitchell/Coulon to approve July 20, 2023 Regular Meeting and July 27, 2023 Special Meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Total \$330,802.87.

Coulon/Mitchell to pay bills totaling \$330,802.87 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

CDs at Huntington bank are maturing in August.

Park fees over \$7000 this year. Compare revenue with last year at next month’s meeting.

Applied for tire grant for next year; no info yet on electronics recycle grant.

RAC grant money went to the incorrect checking account; may have been put in our account this morning.

Account balances: General Fund - \$476,776.68; Cemetery - \$36,983.14; Parks - \$36,426.64; Road Fund - \$312,291.11; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$202,305.84; Fire Millage - \$144,016.15.

FIRE REPORT

- Michael Umphrey re: MABAS – No cost except for accountability board and tags for members. This is an association where one call is made to MABAS and fire suppression resources will be provided from other MABAS counties. - Website: MABAS-MI

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Completed a grant letter of interest to CMS Energy. (\$250,000 for downtown park).

Land Bank grant for demolition – Grant application came back from the State; we can now go ahead with obtaining bids for demolition and fire dept. training.

Thompson Rd. and Algonquin Roads are finished.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fleis and Vandenbrink made a presentation to Utility Authority.

Lots of grant money available; will do a letter of intent to start grant process.

MTA picnic will be 9/11 at Comins Twp., Boney Park, 6 pm.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

5 dangerous buildings – one cleaned up; another replacing roof. The 3rd will be getting back to us within 2 weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recreation Survey – Booth presented a proposed recreation survey. We will have questionnaires available, and also put it on the website.
- Pillars Park signs - No bid yet for the replacement Pillars sign
- Steiner Budget – Received the proposed budget from our representative to the Steiner. Our proposed cost for next year is \$4370.00.
- Motion on new solar projects – The State has changed the taxing status of solar farms. **Coulon/Booth to put a moratorium on allowing any more solar projects until we know the state taxing status. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Mio School is requesting support for a grant application to upgrade recreational facilities. **Booth/Avery – To adopt Resolution 2023-17 to support Mio School grant request to provide recreational upgrades.**
Ayes – Booth, Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, Mundt
Nays – None
Resolution adopted.
- Mio & Fairview school districts are looking to join together to provide daycare services for the two school districts.
Booth/Mitchell to adopt Resolution 2023-18 to support the Mio AuSable and Fairview School Districts Community Center Grant Program Grant Application.
Ayes – Booth, Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, Mundt
Nays - None
Resolution adopted.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioners report – Health Dept. opposing proposed law to require all septic systems to be inspected.

County has hired a bond attorney to provide bonds for the sheriff's dept.

BOARD COMMENT:

EDC met last night, doing a partnership with Michigan Works. There is no director on EDC, so Elaine Hanson from Michigan Works will be the new director. EDC approved both resolutions for the school.

Truck is built, should have it about 9/11.

Stakeholder meeting with Consumers coming up again next week. Booth will be attending next Tuesday.

Avery wants to set up guidelines for use of the new truck. Booth wants to set up a committee to make recommendations for the next meeting. Booth and Avery will be the committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:14 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Twp. Clerk

