

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**November 16, 2023**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Mundt, Mitchell, Avery, Wilson, Commissioners McCauley and Bondar, 13 electors

**ABSENT:** Coulon

**MINUTES:** –October 19, 2023 Regular Meeting.

**Mitchell/Mundt to approve minutes of October 19, 2023 meeting as corrected. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Total of invoices - \$44,693.81. **Mitchell/Mundt to pay bills totaling \$44,693.81 as presented. All ayes. Motion passed.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

\$50,0000 moved to Mercantile Bank

Account Balances: General Fund - \$520,188.91; Cemetery - \$30,338.61; Parks - \$20,666.94; Road Fund - \$176,126.85; Luzerne Fire - \$183,652.97; Fire Millage - \$129,596.96

**FIRE REPORT:**

Fire Chief Shepard reported there are 16 SCBA’s and would like to sell eight of them and to go with six packs like Tri-Town has. Booth confirmed with Jim Anderson that SCBA’s are fully depreciated. **Booth requesting to find out more information and present at December meeting.**

**Disposal of old pumper - Booth suggested to research value and revisit at December meeting.**

**Internet** – Fire Chief Shepard spoke with Point Broadband and was told that fiber will be stalled. Spectrum phone internet was quoted for \$70.00 per month. **Mitchell/Mundt to go with Spectrum. All ayes. Motion passed.**

**Tool purchase** – Fire Chief Shepard requested \$600.00 from Capital Outlay for tool purchase. Avery made motion to approve. Supported by Mitchell. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:**

Sidewalk audit is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> with NEMCOG. They will be going to different points and discussing the safety of students walking to school.

Point Broadband is not following through as promised for internet to Luzerne. Township lawyers will speak with Point lawyers to discuss the issue.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Tri-town meeting- Tri-Town received new SCBA’s.

MTA- most was about Steiner Museum

**BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT:**

Marijuana visits went well. Court case in township favor. Attorney has stipulated that they will write a letter to the offender giving 60 days to clean up. If not compliant, ticket will be issued. Continued noncompliance will result to the township clean up and cost will be added to expense on property tax of offender.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Vehicle Policy – **Mundt/Avery to adopt policy as written. All ayes. Motion passed**

Asbestos abatement/demo bid -

	Pinnacle	Quality
404 Deyarmond	\$52,408.53	\$59,800.00
410 Deyarmond	\$10,664.45	\$6200.00

**Booth/Mitchell for asbestos removal to Pinnacle for 404 Morenci St. & 410 Deyarmond St. All ayes. Motion passed.**

Township maintenance will clean up garbage and debris at regular wage. Township will pay for dumpster. Recreation Survey – Tally has not been completed. Results will be available at a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Wex fuel bills- Request made by Mundt to pay before monthly meetings due to late fees that may apply if not paid on time. **Motion by Avery. Mitchell supports. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Snowplow bids – **Mitchell motions to have Smity’s maintain Nancy & Cedar Lane. The Yard to maintain the township hall. Mundt supports. Three ayes. One Nay. Motion passed.**

Monitors – **Mundt/Avery to approve \$722.27 for monitors. All ayes. Motion passed.**

December MTA training for Wyman and A. Mitchell for Financial Fundamentals – **Motion made by Booth. Mitchell supports. All ayes. Motion passed.**

Old work truck transmission repair – Booth suggested no money be put into the truck.

Fire Departments – discussion only. Possibility of merging Tri-Town and Luzerne fire departments.

MTA Meeting – December 11, 2023 @6 pm at Big Creek Twp Hall

Tree Service - Requesting to park 8 – 10 trucks at Klimmek & 72 at tower site.

**MAIL:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Walter Grove Re: Tax Exempt/veteran – complaint made regarding his taxes. Claims that he should not have had to pay for the first half year of 2023 when he moved to the area in July 2023. Booth and Avery explained that this was something he would need to take to the title company.

Bob Whitaker presented with pictures and complaint of road conditions on Mapes Road. Would like to know what can be done.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Natural Rivers Applications

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Lori Wyman

Deputy Township Clerk