

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES**  
**April 18, 2024**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Wyman, Mitchell, Avery, Wilson, Commissioner Marsh. 8 electors  
Absent: Booth, Coulon

**MINUTES:**

**Wyman/Mitchell to approve March 21, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**Wyman/Avery to approve March 28, 2024 Budget meeting/special meeting minutes.**

**LIST OF BILLS: \$102,952.57. Avery/Wyman to approve to pay bills totaling \$102,952.57. All ayes. Motion passed.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Account balances: General Fund - \$693,549.26; Cemetery Fund - \$27965.33; Parks Funds - \$12,014.73; Road Fund - \$166,885.66; Luzerne Fire - \$166,454.46; Fire Millage - \$271,072.86  
NAFCU CD's have expired. The amount of \$263,000.00 was put into a Money Market account with Mercantile Bank.

**FIRE REPORT:**

New well is in place.

Tri-Town Fire Department is to purchase a truck from Markey Township. Purchase price is \$60,000.00. Use of \$10,000 from JAWS account. Remainder will go to each township with Big Creek Township paying \$16,695.00 for their share. Avery/Wyman **to approve Big Creek Township share for \$16,695.00 for fire truck for Tri-Town.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Meeting was held with the Maintenance Staff to discuss this year's projects and maintenance.

Working on the Land Bank grant. Should be able to submit for reimbursement this week.

Have had several emails and phone call with our attorney's about blight and dangerous building cases.

County has had Equalization. We will have a factor for the commercial class.

Have been working on bid specs for upcoming projects. Would like to be able to put some of these projects up for bid shortly.

Attended a Safe Routes to Schools Meeting. We are working with the school, MDOT, and the road commission to develop a plan for our community. With that, Mitchell reported that maps were brought in for sidewalks. Improvements may be done in phases, so it will take some time. There was also discussion about getting a crosswalk.

Hosted a prosperity meeting with Consumers Energy and lots of other entities.

Have continued working on analyzing the Tri Town Fire Department cost allocations.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS;**

Fire chief resigned at Tri Town. Kevin Marino has been hired as new fire chief.

### **ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

ParPlan bill for insurance. It was suggested to Paul Olsen with Municipal Underwriters to decrease the value of the coverage for the new fire truck for Luzerne Fire Department to \$50,000.00. A new statement has yet to be sent to the township. Wyman will contact Paul Olsen in regards to that.

Dust Control contract will be discussed further at the May 16, 2024 meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Wyman/Avery **to approve change in the Vehicle Policy. Log book mileage for each Township vehicle will be submitted with timesheets.** All ayes. Motion passed.

More information to board is requested for May 16, 2024 meeting regarding township attorney to draft a subcontractor agreement for Supervisor Prosperity Group.

Mitchell/Wyman **to approve bids/specs for the following improvements:**

- 1.) Cemetery gravel around the new section.**
- 2.) Sidewalks at Comstock Park.**
- 3.) New metal roof for Deyarmond cabin.**

All ayes. Motion passed.

Avery/Wyman **to approve J. Card LLC for survey bid of \$4600.00 for Mio Park.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Avery/Mitchell **to approve Morse Concrete bid for the fill and topsoil of hole behind the township hall.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Mitchell/Wyman **to approve Wyman/Avery to sign for American Tower contract.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Wyman/Avery **to approve Brian Stein as hearing officer for Blight/Ordinance hearings.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Avery/Mitchell **to approve \$700.00 in supplies for Frank Wrymbelski to put in more shelving in vault.** All ayes. Motion passed.

#### **MAIL:**

Letter regarding possible property purchase offer from Oscoda County Treasurers office for Big Creek Township offered by Oscoda County Treasurers office. Wyman/Avery **to waiver the right of purchase on foreclosed property.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kevin Marino introduced himself as new fire chief for Tri-Town Fire Department.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Marsh reports that there have been seven interviews for open positions for Steiner Museum. The hours open for Steiner Museum have been extended. Open Thursday through Sunday. They have also received funds from all townships.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Lori Wyman

Township Clerk