

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES
October 17, 2024
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Wyman, Coulon, Avery, Wilson, Commissioners McCauley and Bondar, 20 electors.

MINUTES – Mitchell/Coulon **to approve September 19, 2024 minutes.** All ayes. Motion passed.

LIST OF BILLS: \$60,893.44. Coulon/Mitchell **to approve to pay bills totaling \$60,893.44.** All ayes. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Account balances: General Fund - \$761,525.39; Cemetery Fund - \$25,285.11; Parks Fund - \$88,997.28; Road Fund - \$261,346.09; Luzerne Fire - \$220,143.58; Fire Millage - \$132,318.91

FIRE REPORT:

Fire Chief Shepard reported that it was a slow month.

There are three parties interested in the old pumper truck. A bid request of \$9500.00 would be \$8800.00 to Luzerne Fire Department after Firetec receives their 10% fee. Booth/Mitchell **to approve a bid for \$9500.00 for old pumper truck.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Shepard explained what benefits the fire department would have with a radio for the pumper truck. The radio for the pumper truck would reach out further than the hand held radios. The board is requesting a quote in writing. A special meeting may be called to discuss further.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

The grant from Consumers Power for the park in Mio was not approved. We will try again next year.

Big Creek board members attended the MTA training. Many laws have changed.

NEMCOG meeting introduced Master Plans for Communities. Membership for Big Creek Township is \$1054.00. MSHDA grant is free to apply and NEMCOG will help with the master plan. Big Creek Township does not have to join. Coulon/Mitchell **to contact NEMCOG to help apply for MSHDA grants.** All ayes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Utility Authority is looking to change the bill dates for water bills and changing policies and procedures. Gary Wykoff will be at large employee in the sewer district.

Tri-Town fire truck is back up for bids. The selected buyer backed out.

Open house for Tri-Town had a good turnout. The children enjoyed it. There were several community donations.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Is attached

OLD BUSINESS:

One bid was obtained for Gerber Road clean-up. T. Smith, resident of said property presented himself, requesting more time for clean-up by him. Coulon/Avery **to extend clean-up time to November 15, 2024 with the exception if it is not cleaned up by said date, it will be hired to be completed.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Big Creek Township received bids from The Yard and Smitty's for snow removal for Big Creek Township Hall. Coulon/Mitchell **to approve bid from Smitty's for snow removal for Big Creek Township Hall.** All ayes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consumers Energy Franchise Renewal for Ordinance 17. Coulon/Mitchell **to approve Ordinance 17 as introduced.**

**Roll call vote: Ayes – Booth, Wyman, Mitchell, Coulon, Avery
Nays – None.**

Ken Holcombe and one other resident presented with complaint of PFA's testing that shows contamination in their water testing. This assumed to be, by residents, from a fire at the gas station near their residence years ago. It is claimed to be at four local residencies. The state supplied a filtration system for Holcombe. Big Creek Township requested copies of the testing and will research the issue.

Susan Perry presented with the Steiner report. Judge Root came in to the Museum to explain the difference between Friends Group and the museum commission. There have been treasurer issues. The Wilderness Chronicle is selling well. The museum will be having a quilt raffle for May 24, 2024.

Larry Bauchman with Jailhouse Cannabis Company presented to the board in regards to the licensing/purchase of Riverside Provisioning in Mio. Booth/Mitchell **to approve transfer of ownership from Riverside Provisioning in Mio to Jailhouse Cannabis Company pending final sale.**

**Roll call vote: Ayes – Avery, Coulon, Mitchell, Wyman, Booth
Nays - None**

MAIL:

Thank you card from Luzerne Fireworks Association

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENT:

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was discussed at the last DHD meeting.

Greenwood Township Fire Department open house was on October 13, 2024.

MTA meeting at Greenwood Township for October 14, 2024 was cancelled.

Under Sheriff Kann presented with the Sheriff's report.

Jail door and call taking is holding up sheriff offices completion due to delayed orders.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Lori Wyman

Big Creek Township Clerk