

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES**  
**November 21, 2024**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Wyman, Avery, Ecker, Wilson, Commissioner Bondar, 10 electors  
Absent: Coulon

**MINUTES** – Booth/Wyman to approve October 17, 2024 minutes. All ayes. Motion passed.

**LIST OF BILLS:** \$15, 280.10. Avery/Wyman to approve to pay bills totaling \$15,280.10. All ayes. Motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Account balances: General Fund - \$805,413.76; Cemetery Fund - \$25,100.59; Parks Fund - \$86,742.02; Road Fund - \$289,895.60; Luzerne Fire - \$225,782.61; Fire Millage - \$132,826.51

Will start collecting taxes on December 1, 2024.

**FIRE REPORT:**

Fire Chief Shepard reported that the old pumper truck was sold to Delight, AR. A bill for the hand held radios was submitted. Fire Chief Shepard state that they are holding off on the truck radio.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:**

Per discussion with EGLE regarding PFA’s contamination concern reported at the October meeting, there is no evidence of PFA’s from the gas station located in that area. Water test shows safe result.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Tri Town Fire Department sold one truck. Old pumper truck was given to Greenwood Township.

Tri Town has begun a cadet program with one cadet started in the program.

Gary Wykoff was sworn in for Utility Authority.

Utility Authority due dates will be the same date each month. Shut-off notices will be sent at second month late.

**ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:**

Two complaints were made regarding ordinance issues. Property inspections will be completed by the ordinance officer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

T. Smith presented with a request for two more weeks to clean up his Gerber Road residence. An additional 30 days was given during the October meeting. Board members agreed that another extension was not needed. **Booth/Avery to approve Gerber Road clean-up to be completed by DCM for \$9000.00.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Safe Routes to School is working on the plan. They plan to submit the plan for grant review in June. Construction will begin in 2028

We have a proposal for preliminary engineering by Huron Engineering and Survey, Inc. for \$29,000.00 for Safe Routes to School. This would need to be completed before the grant submittal in June 2025. Funds from the road fund can be used.

**Booth/Avery to approve Huron Engineering and Survey, Inc. to complete preliminary engineering for Safe Routes to School.** All ayes. Motion passed. Property surveyed by Card Surveyors will need to be resurveyed. Bids to be obtained.

We also have a proposal from Huron Engineering and Survey to do some preliminary engineering and survey work for RAP Grant application.

The possibility to move the Recycle bins to Big Creek Township hall was presented again. It will be brought to the board in December with bids for fencing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Booth/Wyman to accept purchase of 408 S. Morenci property in the amount of \$39,900.00 for addition to the park in downtown Mio.**

**Resolution 2024-14 as introduced,**

**Roll call vote: Ayes – Avery, Ecker, Wyman, Booth**

**Nays – None**

**Absent: Coulon**

**Booth/Wyman to accept to pay an amount of \$1000.00 to Cislo Title Company for 408 S. Morenci property.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**Booth/Avery to request bids to re-survey of Big Creek Township hall property.** All ayes. Motion passed. Bids for fencing and survey along said property line will be presented at the December meeting.

Trustee Erwin Ecker has been appointed to the Utility Authority, taking place of previous Trustee Karen Mitchell.

**Booth/Avery to accept New Officials Training at Treetops in Gaylord, MI for January 15, 2025 in the amount of \$150.00 each for Ecker and Wyman.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**Booth/Wyman to approve final payment of \$25,200.00 to J & N Construction LLC for Thompson Road.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**MAIL:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Opening event of VA building was successful, although it is not open to public due to plumbing issues. Once issues are resolved, they will open to public.

There will be drivers available to take Veterans to Luzerne for Thanksgiving turkey dinner.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

The marking and laying out of foundations at the cemetery are not lining up. Two headstones are off from the rest of the row. It was agreed by the board to move the two that are not in line.

The County Park closed early due to needing a new well.

Sheriff's department building is delayed due to holding cell doors can't get made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm  
Lori Wyman  
Big Creek Township Clerk