

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES
January 16, 2025
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Wyman, Ecker, Coulon, Avery, Wilson, 6 electors

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

LIST OF BILLS:

\$21,091.61. Avery/Coulon **to approve to pay bills totaling \$21,091.61.** All ayes. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Account balances: General Fund - \$820,235.67; Cemetery Fund - \$25,538.75; Parks Fund - \$41,327.17; Road Fund - \$229,440.31; Luzerne Fire - \$209,674.41; Fire Millage - \$133,788.40

FIRE REPORT:

Chief Shepard reported Luzerne Fire Department had a total of fifty-four (54) calls for the year and four (4) US Forest Service stand-by.

Labor for break repair on truck #3 is around \$1000.00 to \$1100.00

There have been some trees that have been cut down at the fire hall, which have also been used as a training exercise.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Working on getting cost estimates. Hoping to submit RAP Grant by the end of January.

Received \$50,000.00 for planning. NEMCOG emailed and have not provided a contract yet.

Initial estimates for Safe Routes to School Plan are in. Randy will be speaking with the engineers from Huron Engineering. The estimate was \$2.1 million.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MTA meeting was Monday, January 16, 2024. New sick pay laws were discussed and frustration with filing electronically.

Utility Authority will meet in February to go over budget report.

Budget report for Tri-Town was presented. Big Creek Township share is \$77,542.00 for 2025. Coulon/Ecker **to approve \$77,542.00 for Big Creek Township share for Tri-Town 2025 budget.** All ayes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Connor Roe has given a bid to remove tires at Dylan McGregor's for \$4.00 per tire.

Hearing for three (3) properties was held on Thursday, January 9, 2025. No one showed for the hearing. Letters were sent by Tim Whiting to each property owner prior to hearing. Hearing officer agrees with Big Creek Township that the structures on those properties need to be torn down. Bids will be introduced for that.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bid received for Township Hall from Mio Fence for \$35,276.00 which includes a 16-foot sliding gate. Other options (woven wire farm fence and gates) were discussed and will be introduced at February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Quarterly budget reports will be updated and distributed to each board meeting within the next week.

Fee schedule will be distributed to each board meeting and introduced at the February meeting.

Questions regarding an online reservation system. This will be looked into for further information.

Salary discussion was introduced. Coulon/Wyman **to approve a 2.5% wage increase for 2025-2026.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Coulon **to approve Blamer Financial to complete annual filing.** All ayes. Motion passed. A proposal will be introduced at the February meeting to have quarterly filing completed also.

Coulon/Ecker **to approve 2025-001 resolution to submit a RAP Grant application.**

Roll call: Avery, Coulon, Ecker, Wyman, Booth

Booth/Coulon **to approve Budget workshop scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 2:00 pm and approve funding.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Budget amendments will be available for budget workshop date of February 4, 2025.

Coulon/Wyman **to hold Budget Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025 @ 2:00 pm.** All ayes. Motion passed.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bonfire in Luzerne will be the first Saturday of February (February 1, 2025) at dusk.

BOARD COMMENT:

The township truck is not qualified for Ford Rewards per discussion with the local dealership. Coulon will be contacting someone in regards to the plan.

Speed signs in Luzerne were discussed. A chart was provided with the average speed that was recorded on each sign.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm
Lori Wyman
Big Creek Township Clerk