

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES**  
**March 20, 2025**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Wyman, Ecker, Coulon, Avery, Wilson, Sheriff Kann, 13 electors

**MINUTES:** Coulon/Ecker **to approve February 20, 2025 minutes as corrected.**

**LIST OF BILLS:** Wyman/Ecker to approve to pay bills totaling \$58,021.64. All ayes. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Account balances: General Fund - \$898,045.30; Cemetery Fund - \$25,894.48; Parks Fund - \$31,094.46; Road Fund - \$198,882.26; Luzerne Fire - \$199,529.19; Fire Millage - \$134,667.89

**FIRE REPORT:**

Annual bonfire in Luzerne was on February 1, 2025.

Ten (10) firefighters were in attendance for the February 5, 2025 meeting and training.

There were two Kubota rescues for the month of February.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Board of Review was this week. The number of petitions were lower than year's past. They will be submitted to the county and should be equalizing in April.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Utility Authority adopted budget for the coming year.

Tri-Town meeting was held. Budget was approved.

Meeting with DNR for approval for a permit for a gentleman to put a septic in. It was away from the creek, but within the area that a permit was still required.

Safe Routes to School will be meeting again on April 8, 2025 at Mio School. The proposals were higher than the grant. Some eliminations will need to be made in the area. Hoping to finalize at the time of the April meeting and get application in in May and the Tap Grant.

**ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:**

More phone calls are coming in with reports.

Coulon questioned the fencing for the transfer site. Wilson reported that the fencing has been ordered. Just waiting on arrival.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

No new bid for fencing around the Township Hall. Earl with Mio Fence just reported to Booth that it would be about half the cost as the original bid that was given.

Coulon/Ecker **to approve fee schedule for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Coulon **to approve Big Creek Township Meeting dates for 2025-26 fiscal year.** All ayes. Motion passed. The May meeting will be changed to Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7pm.

Discussion with Terrace Drive residents on the signage for that area.

Booth/Coulon **to change names to Upper Terrace and Lower Terrace and leave Terrace Drive as it is.** All ayes. Motion passed. Booth will let Steve with the Road Commission know.

Dust Control contract was submitted for 2025. Upper and Lower Terrace was not added to the contract. That will be corrected. Coulon/Wyman **to approve the 2025 Dust Control Contract with Oscoda County Road Commission.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Aaron with Oz Farms presents with a request of additional licenses. A total of twelve (12) at present and requesting nine (9) more medical grow and one (1) adult grow. Our ordinance would need to be amended.

Coulon/Wyman **to amend ordinance 2023-27 to unlimited growers Class C licenses.**

Roll Call:

Ayes: Booth, Ecker, Coulon, Avery, Wyman

Nays: None

Amendment will be placed in the Oscoda County Herald. It will take effect 30 days after.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Avery/Coulon **to accept budget amendments presented by Wyman.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Coulon **to authorized Big Creek Township Clerk to sign 2025 School District Coordinating Committee Plan.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Fire Marshall request regarding Lost Creek Sky Ranch. The building inspector is working with the owners to take care of the deficiencies. Per the township lawyer, the state can push it off to the township to write a letter. The owners would prefer working with the township. If the state takes it, it will push the process out 18 months. Talking to the fire inspector, the owners can open the downstairs for events, but will need to continue repairs to the upstairs before opening that area. The county code commissioners will need to follow up to make improvements are being made and following the plan they need to follow.

Mio Girls Scout Troop 8845 would like to place flags in the Luzerne Cemetery. Our maintenance man/sexton will set up a date to be at the cemetery at the time of placement of flags.

It was brought up that the township needed to have someone available to take care of our flag for when it needs to be at half-staff. Ecker stated that he gets emails when this takes place, so he will take care of it.

Bids were received for the demolition of the property in Mio. Booth/Wyman **to approve bid from Jakes Landscaping & Excavating for the demolition contract for property in Mio.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Sinclair recreation submitted a proposal for the pavilion and foundation for near \$90,000. The playground equipment proposal was also submitted. Option two (2) was chosen with a couple changes at a cost of \$75,000. Avery/Ecker **to approve proposal from Sinclair Recreation for the pavilion and play structure for the Mio Park with 1/3 down in April.** All ayes. Motion passed. Picnic table options will be discussed at our next meeting.

**MAIL:**

Recognition letter to Big Creek Township Board from Oscoda County Clerk was read by Coulon regarding a job well done to Lori Wyman and Rhonda Mundt regarding the audit for early voting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sheriff Kann reports that he has a full staff with the sheriff's department. He will be sending a deputy to the STING team the first week of April.

Deputies have been going to the schools in March for reading month and reading to students. Still waiting for the cell doors.

There will be tours of the old building before it is torn down.

Body cameras were ordered for all officers. They will be delivered in 60 to 90 days.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Avery reports that recycle day is later this year because of the way the second Saturday of June falls this year and is unsure if tire recycle will be available. Grants are not opened up for that yet.

Coulon reports that with the Oscoda County EDC and with Otsego County Economic Alliance, there are five counties with a grant program for profit businesses that have been affected by Covid-19. It is required to attend a workshop. One of the programs is at the County Library in Mio on April 16, 2025. It is virtual or in person. EDC does have loan monies for businesses that have to be disbursed by July 5, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm  
Lori Wyman  
Big Creek Township Clerk