

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP AGENDA - TENTATIVE
April 17, 2025
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Wyman, Ecker, Avery, Wilson, Commissioners McCauley and Bondar,
Luzerne Fire Chief Shepard, Tri-Town Fire Chief Morino, 5 electors
ABSENT: Coulon

MINUTES – Ecker/Wyman **to approve March 20, 2025 minutes and Protemp minutes.** All ayes. Motion passed.

LIST OF BILLS: Booth/Ecker **to approve to pay bills totaling \$101,511.82.** All ayes. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Account balances: General Fund - \$721,022.96; Cemetery Fund - \$24,441.67; Parks Fund - \$345,037.15; Road Fund - \$198,972.35; Luzerne Fire - \$190,077.43; Fire Millage - \$214,031.38

FIRE REPORT:

Luzerne Fire Chief Shepard reports there is a possibility of two candidates to sign in May or June.

Eight (8) firefighters attended the March 5, 2025 meeting/training.

Three (3) firefighters attended the Wildland Refresher with US Forest Service/DNR on March 19, 2025.

There was one (1) grass fire, one (1) power line, and two (2) power line/tree fires reported for the month of March.

Booth gave recognition to Luzerne Fire Department and Tri-Town for stepping up and putting a lot of hard work during the ice storm.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Fencing and gate is completed around brush pile area. Fence was pulled down. Maintenance had to go in to do repairs. It is now repaired and back to normal condition.

Booth will flag out where the pavilion, play structure, and parking area will be at the new Mio Park area and have the board go look at it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safe routes met at the school district. No MDOT people attended due to ice storm clean up.

Talked about traffic flow and sidewalks in Mio and came up with a Safe Routes to School plan.

Working on having a plan for a June submittal.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Chris McGregor has the fencing for the transfer station. They will be putting it up after they do some rearranging of the yard.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bids were received for demolition and clean-up **for 411 Maple St, 403 Pearl St, and 1281 Stull Rd.** in compliance with the Dangerous Building Ordinance. **Ecker/Wyman to accept bid from Morse Concrete & Excavating with a total bid of \$6000.00 for all property demolitions.**

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Avery, Ecker, Booth, Wyman

Absent: Coulon

There are two additional cabins that are being condemned this week. There will be hearings on four or five more properties next month.

Tom Benjamin will be drawing up bids for design of the pavilion for the new park. It will be designed like the pavilion in Rose City. He will also be drawing up plans for an outside entrance to the Township Hall, having it enclosed with a couple windows and concrete ramp. Tom was estimating about \$4500.00 for both plans. **Wyman/Ecker to approve Randy Booth to sign the contract with Tom Benjamin for the drawing of new park pavilion plans and Township Hall entrance ramp and enclosure plans.** All ayes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Avery/Ecker to approve weekly payment to Michele Jones for brush pile maintenance. All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Wyman to approve letter of support request for Charter/Spectrum Michigan BEAD program that will offer more internet and fiber. All ayes. Motion passed.

Retaining wall options from Huron Engineering was preliminary to what options were available for the design of the wall.

Wyman/Ecker to approve moving phone and internet service to Spectrum, purchasing six phones and one conference phone. All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Wyman to approve the purchase of a tow behind spreader from Home Depot for maintenance for fertilizing at cemetery. All ayes. Motion passed

Working with NEMCOG for the MSHDA grant. A planning committee of 5-7 members needs to be in place prior to completion of the grant application. Anyone in the community can offer to be on that committee.

Kevin Marino with Tri-Town Fire presented with an opportunity for a CDS grant for 800 mobile radios. There would be 13 radios for \$19,578.13 that would be split with Luzerne Fire Department and Tri-Town Fire Department. **Avery/Ecker to approve to have Booth & Marino sign contract for CDS Grant for 800 radios.** All ayes. Motion passed.

A new sign for the township was brought to the table. Research will be done to get proposals for a sign with an LED message display and addressed at our May meeting.

MAIL:

EGLE letter regarding permanent residence in campgrounds.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Senior Center will be raising prices for meals to \$4.00 per meal. Breakfast is served once a month with a price increase to \$7.00 per meal.

BOARD COMMENT:

Commissioner Bondar reported that the old Sheriff's office will be torn down at the end of the month. If anyone would still like to tour the old building, please contact the sheriff's department and arrangements can be made to tour before demolition.

Commissioner Bondar gave thanks to Randy and the rest of the board for allowing the use of Big Creek Township Hall for a meeting center during the ice storm and Kevin Marino for stepping up and being the first boots on the ground.

Commissioner McCauley sat in on a meeting with Michelle Hoitenga with Greenwood Township. He commented on how well Kevin Marino stepped up with EOC.

Avery commented concern to Commissioner McCauley regarding several uncashed checks by the library. McCauley will revisit this at the next library board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm
Lori Wyman
Big Creek Township Clerk