

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2010
Big Creek Twp. Hall

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Booth at 7:00 P.M. Present: Board members James Booth, Judy Berney, Susan Avery, Janis Sanderson, and Marian Buchanan. Twenty-four citizens, Fire Chief Smith, Assn't Chief Roddy, Commissioner Hunt, Sheriff Grace, and Paul Olson also attended.

The minutes of June 15, 2010 Regular Mtg., and July 6, 2010 Election Commission Mtg. were reviewed. Discussion from public on whether transfer site options were correct. Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Township bills were presented in the amount \$21,352.46 with addition of Board of Review per diem of \$60.00. Avery moved, seconded by Buchanan to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted. Savings \$140,879.18, Checking \$1,142.71, Cemetery \$2,855.38, Fire Fund Savings \$30,537.30, Fire Checking \$484.00, Parks Fund \$376.99 and Road Fund \$61,435.13. Total balance \$237,710.69.

Fire Report: Fire report on department activities was given by Chief Smith. The application for Adam Alburg was brought before the board. There was some confusion as to which township he lived in, therefore board had previously tabled his application. Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson, to conditionally approve Adam Alburg to the fire department on a probation basis until certification is completed. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Assessor Report: Assessor held July Board of Review and completed industrial report for the State of Michigan.

Old Business: Proposals for the operation of transfer site were given to the board members. The committee looked at a lot of different options and decided on three. (1) increase garbage by .25 per bag and give to township (2) increase garbage by .50 per bag and give to township (3) for Chris McGregor to take it over completely. Both copies of the proposals presented at meeting are filed with the minutes. Booth moved, seconded by Avery to hold a public hearing August 9, 2010 at 7 P.M. to discuss options for transfer site. All ayes. Motion Passed.

New Business: Paul Olson, representative of Municipal Underwriters of MI., addressed the board concerning the 2010-2011 township insurance policy. The premium cost was reduced from the previous year approximately \$1200.00.

Bid for cemetery monument foundations was opened. Mio Fence was the only bid. Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson to accept Mio Fence bid to do monument foundations in cemetery. All ayes. Motion Passed. Supervisor faxed requests for topsoil bids. Only one was returned. Consensus of board was to table until next month.

Propane gas agreement from Gaylord Gas was reviewed. Buchanan moved, seconded by Berney to remain with Gaylord Gas for the 2010-2011 year. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Discussion on township hall in Luzerne. It was reported that the hall has some mold and needs to be cleaned. Supervisor Booth will check on the condition of hall.

Public Comment: Discussion about the replacement of light pole in Mentor Twp. and talked about the Safe Routes to School Grant (sidewalks). More information on grant to be received.

Sheriff Grace spoke briefly on upcoming election and renewal millage. Also announced the Cancer Walk July 31, 2010. Commissioner Michael Hunt reminded people to come out and vote. A citizen discussed problems with noise and property conditions in their neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Judy Berney
Big Creek Township Clerk