

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Aug. 17, 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. There were sixteen citizens, Fire Chief Smith, Assn't Chief Roddy and Commissioner Hunt who also attended.

The minutes of July 20, 2010 Regular Mtg., July 29, 2010 Special Mtg. and Aug. 9, 2010 Public Hearing minutes were reviewed. Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson, to approve all minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Township bills were presented in the amount \$10,992.58. Avery moved, seconded by Buchanan to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Motion Passed. A request from the Chamber of Commerce for Oscoda County to help with the fireworks insurance was discussed. Buchanan moved, seconded by Avery to approve the request of \$200.00 for fireworks insurance and include in with township bills. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted. Savings \$96,277.16, Checking \$3,984.57, Cemetery \$2,268.26, Fire Fund Savings \$28,227.97, Fire Checking \$262.61, Parks Fund \$1,317.29 and Road Fund \$62,641.70. Total balance \$194,979.56.

Fire Report: Fire report on department activities was given by Assn't. Chief Roddy.

Assessor Report: Assessor is working on the new assessment computer program.

Guest Speaker: A representative from Allied Resources did a presentation on their aerial photography computer program.

Public Comment: Mr. Ed Knauf suggested to the board that maybe a public address system could be installed in township hall so that people with hearing impairment might be able to hear discussion taking place.

Old Business: Discussion on the proposals for the operation of township transfer site. The transfer site committee suggested three. (1) Privatization (2) for township to operate their own transfer site and (3) other option is to leave operation as it is and possibly raise rates. The public made some comments. Buchanan moved, seconded by Avery, to have township take over and operate the transfer site. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Buchanan, Avery, Booth Nay: Berney, Sanderson Motion Passed.

Supervisor presented the board with bid for topsoil from Precision Excavating at \$1,380.00. It was the only bid. Bids were requested from Marksman and Morse Concrete and Excavating but they did not respond. Buchanan moved, seconded by Berney to accept Precision Excavating bid for topsoil.

Ayes: 4 Nay: 1 Motion Passed. Booth moved, seconded by Buchanan to dig a hole along lot line and verify whether stumps are buried on Chris McGregor's property. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

New Business: Board had discussion on lighting for parking areas. Supervisor will meet with electrician for ideas on how to proceed with lighting. Audit reports for Big Creek/Mentor Utility Authority were given to board members. Discussion on locations and amount of property needed for township transfer site. Buchanan moved, seconded by Sanderson to allow Booth and Avery to research locations for potential transfer site. All ayes. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: Comments on amount of people using campgrounds.

Commissioner Mike Hunt reported that commissioners will be holding a special meeting to review budget, insurance, job duties, and centralizing supplies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Judy Berney
Big Creek Township Clerk