

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 21, 2013  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

**PRESENT:** Booth, Avery, Mitchell, Palmer, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Commissioner Kischnick, Sheriff Grace, Joe Stone, 10 electors.

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES – Avery/Mundt to accept minutes of April 16, 2013 Regular Meeting and April 30, 2013 Special Meeting as presented.** All ayes. Motion carried.

**LIST OF BILLS:** Total additional invoices \$2175.00 with a grand total of \$10441.62.  
**Palmer/Mitchell to pay bills as presented.** All ayes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Tax money came in this month, revenue sharing down about \$3000 this month.  
Account balances: General Fund - \$178,465.74; Cemetery Fund - \$16,402.39; Park Fund - \$68,784.76; Road Fund - \$181,541.72; Luzerne Fire Dept. - \$66,708.82; Fire Millage - \$143,542.99.

**ASSESSOR’S REPORT** – Some building permits coming in this year.

**FIRE REPORT:** C. Beers notified the Fire Chief she was resigning from fire dept. effective May 21, 2013.  
Resignation will be accepted when we receive a letter of resignation from her. New tanker should be back this week.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Grant Shephard submitted a letter to the Board withdrawing his application for Asst. Fire Chief. Board discussed whether we should approve McNamara because of pending legal activity. McNamara advised his court date is pushed back to July. Roddy questioned about whether he would have a problem with McNamara and stated he didn't.  
**Palmer/Avery to table Asst. Fire Chief appointment.** 4 Ayes, 1 Nay Motion carried.
2. **Policy #4 – Mitchell/Mundt to adopt Policy 4 Property Mgt.** All ayes. Motion carried.  
**Policy #5 – Mitchell/Avery to adopt Policy 5 Ethics.** All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Results of Survey – To do new survey, could send mailer for \$.155 each. Could send thru Herald at about \$48/M. Mitchell, Avery and Palmer will work on a sample survey and topic will be revisited next month.
4. Luzerne sidewalk status – topo maps to be done last week or this week. Luzerne Hardware & Luzerne Express would like to be involved in discussions.
5. Website – Committee mtg. tonight, Randy presented suggested first page. Suggest our quilted flag be our logo. Randy will talk to Dan at the County about this. Public invited to make suggestions.
6. Cleaning bids –

Rhonda Gusler - \$80/month, \$125 for semi-annual cleaning.

Laurie Sikes - \$100/month, \$180 for semi-annual cleaning.

References included for both applicants. References to be checked.

**Mundt/Avery to check references on cleaning bids and make a decision at the next meeting.**

All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Twp. Hall Auction – Co. Treasurer recommended we not go thru the auction company they use to sell the old hall. They are rather expensive.
8. Park signs - \$25 for 18"x24", alumalite; 3'x5' sign w/rules, etc. \$200. All 3 signs for \$250.  
**Palmer/ Avery to order Park signs from Lines & Designs with a delivery date of June 10, 2013.**  
All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Phone system/answering machine: Martel recommended an answer system (\$450-700) that would go into phone system, with voice mail. He would also install additional phone in Clerk's office and update programming.  
**Palmer/Avery to have Martel install a \$450 answering system with voice mail.** All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Driveway Holes – Randy will fix, probably Thurs. A.M.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Joe Stone presented a proposed resolution re: 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.  
**Mitchell/Palmer to adopt proposed resolution protecting our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.** Ayes – Mitchel, Palmer, Avery, Booth, Mundt. Resolution 2013-05 passed.
2. J. Kischnick presented a letter and resolution from the county requesting support to amend the county solid waste plan.  
**Mitchell/Booth to adopt resolution presented by county supporting the amendment of the County Solid Waste Plan.** Ayes – Palmer, Avery, Booth, Mitchel, Mundt. Nays – none.  
Resolution 2013-06 passed.
3. Policies – Discuss at a special meeting on June 10, 2013 at 5 pm.
4. Northwood – spring cleaning. Cleaned by Kathy Mitchell and daughters because we hadn't had it cleaned. **Booth/Mundt to pay Kathy Mitchell \$150 for cleaning the NW club.** All Ayes.
5. Independence Day festivities – Have an application from Chamber of Commerce for fireworks for July 4 in Mio and July 6 (7/7 rain date) in Luzerne.  
**Mitchell/Palmer to allow Booth to sign Fireworks permits.** All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Luzerne sent a request to support July 4 fireworks.  
**Mitchell /Palmer -To donate \$500 to Mio fireworks, \$250 to Luzerne Fireworks and \$250 to Luzerne kid's games.** All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Luzerne Fireworks Assn. would like permission to use Comstock Park for a craft show, running approx. 10 am to 5 or 6 pm on July 6.  
**Mitchell/Mundt to allow Luzerne Fireworks Assn. to use park for craft show on July 6, 2013.** All Ayes. Motion carried.
8. Jack Williams requested permission for American Legion to place POW flag at cemetery.  
**Mundt/Palmer to authorize Jack Williams and American Legion to place POW flag in the cemetery below the US Flag.** All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Ambulance billing: Received partial payment of \$879.84 on 5/21/13. Didn't pay for training, maintenance, etc. Bal. \$541.33. Randy will contact Bob Boerner about balance due.
10. Tax Reverted property listing from County Treasurer – Randy recommended we didn't need these parcels.

**Palmer/Avery to allow Booth and Mundt to sign waiver that we do not wish to acquire tax reverted property.** All ayes. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from MTA – Hold off until June.

Letter from MPSC re: Great Lakes Energy Co-op

**Public Comment** – There will be a presentation by President of Open Carry Assn. at community center on Sat., May 25 at 5 pm.

Grace – Take back drug day, barrel at Sheriff's dept. and available at any time. Six students did ORV safety training. June 15 there's a boater/marine safety course; sign up at Sheriff's Dept. STING OFFICER at MTA mtg. on May 6, did an excellent presentation.

Mio Dam Park – deck just about done, toilet to be delivered June 14, and driveway is finished. Need to put concrete by river, but water has been high this spring, so it will have to wait until the water goes down. Need an official name. Joe Pillars has done much work on handicap piers, fish structure, Kid's fishing, day, Senior fishing day, etc. Suggestions: Big Creek Twp. Hydro Park; Joe Pillars Memorial Park.

**Booth/Palmer to name the new park at the Mio Dam the Joe Pillars Memorial Park.** All ayes. Motion carried. Consumers will provide the sign.

School bond passed, science labs will not be completed until next summer.

Meeting Adjourned 8:27 pm.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk  
Big Creek Township