

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
June 18, 2013
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Palmer, Mundt. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Roddy, Commissioner Kischnick, Sheriff Grace, 3 citizens. **ABSENT:** Avery

Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES: Question regarding Ambulance billing on May 21, 2013 minutes. Booth and Acting Ambulance Director Boerner went over discrepancy in reimbursement. Boerner was going to go to County Commissioners with adjusted invoice. Nothing else new to date.

Mitchell/Palmer to approve minutes of May 21, 2013 and June 10, 2013 as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS – Discussed cost of MTA membership - \$1833.36 for upcoming year.

Palmer/Mitchell to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Invoices: Reimbursements to be made for 3 Northwood and Comstock Park deposits totaling \$100.00.

Palmer/Booth to pay additional invoices totaling \$100.00. All ayes. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – None

FIRE REPORT – Chief Roddy reviewed written report; Grant Shephard promoted to Captain.

Invoice for outfitting new tanker came in at \$2723.08. Chief Roddy also submitted quote from Luzerne Bump & Paint to remove decals and paint red stripes on the tanker for \$852.60. S. McCosh will paint numbers for \$168. Additional quotes solicited, none received. No other equipment required at this time to put the truck on the road. May need new siren & lights, but will hold off on purchasing them until after checking prices at Sept. Firemen's Memorial.

Mitchell/Palmer to authorize Chief Roddy to have Luzerne Bump & Paint remove decals and paint the stripes on truck per bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chuck Simpson memorial at Luzerne Legion on June 22, 2013.

C. Beers refused to submit letter of resignation from Fire Dept. and has been removed from the roster.

D. Casterline passed Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II. Bill for time spent still not received from instructor.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – 4626 filed with Dept. of Treasury last week. July Bd. Of Review of 7/16/2013 at 5:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Palmer reported on the last Tri-Town Fire Dept. meeting. Fire Fighter I and II class finished. Tri-Town has had numerous "burning trash" fires. State law prohibits burning trash; only papers can be legally burned.

SEWER AUTHORITY – Mitchell reported. Frontier required to hook up to sewer.

BIG CREEK TWP. SURVEY COMMITTEE - Will work on questionnaire when Avery returns.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE – no action this month.

MTA - Meetings will begin again in September.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Asst. Fire Chief –No action at this time.

2. Policies 6 & 7 - Policy #6 approved at the special meeting on June 10, 2013. Policy 7 revisions discussed.

Mitchell/Mundt to adopt Policy #7 Records Management. All Ayes. Motion carried. New copies to be distributed Thursday. All Policies are updated now.

3. Cleaning Bids opened in May – Rhonda Gusler was low bidder at 80/month, \$125 for semi-annual cleaning.

Booth/Palmer to accept Rhonda Gusler's low bid for cleaning hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Luzerne Vol. Fire Dept. grant proposal - No proposal ready for tonight – waiting for information from Jim Young.
2. Propane bids – Contract has been with Blue Flame for 2 years. Contacted by Fick & Sons, offered \$1.599/gal. and \$100 total to switch tanks, price guaranteed until 5/31/2014. Includes Northwood, Fire Dept., and Sewer Authority. Blue Flame quoted \$1.999 per gallon.
Booth/Palmer to contract with Fick & Sons for propane for the 2013-2014 heating season for \$1.599 per gallon. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Cemetery Headstone – Discussed request from Kathy Mitchell; tabled until next meeting after discussing some options suggested by Dave Lashley, Lashley Funeral Home.
4. Scanner – Scanner bid from Jim Young (installed) for \$604.00. Discussed uses for scanner.
Palmer/Mundt to purchase scanner and have it installed by Jim Young for a total of \$604.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Tri Town requested support for fire safety program. We have donated \$50.00 the past several years.

Booth/Mitchell to contribute \$50 to Tri- Town for fire safety program. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kischnick – County signed fuel agreement for aviation fuel for airport; hoping fuel farm will be completed by 1st week in July (prior to fly-in in mid-July). Five candidates interviewed for Ambulance Director position; a selection was made and approval to hire will go to the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.

Sheriff Grace – Boater safety classes held last weekend with no attendees. There are other options for anyone who may need it. Sheriff's Dept. Cancer walk/run on Aug. 10.

RV park at Luzerne – Discussed potential rowdiness on Fri. & Sat. nights. Who's responsible?

Sidewalk from Big Creek Bump to the light – covered with stones and gravel. No ordinance to require property owners to sweep; County Rd. Commission usually sweeps, but it's not completed yet.

BOARD COMMENT:

Palmer attended MTA meeting at Tawas; New DNR Director wants lands more available to public. ORV legislation in the works would allow local units of government to open parts of state trunk line to ORV use. Repealing the personal property tax may be on the August ballot in 2014.

Booth – Park at the dam should be done 1st of July; outhouse set, seeding completed. Dedication tentatively set for July 12, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Consumers has ordered the sign.

Mtg. adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk
Big Creek Township