

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2013
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, Mundt. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Luzerne VFD Chief Roddy, Asst. Chief McNamara, Commissioner Kischnick, Ambulance Director Jason Beck, and 21 electors.

Absent: Palmer

MINUTES: Minutes of July 16, 2013 meeting reviewed.

Mitchell/Avery to accept minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Half of the State contribution to the dam park came in (\$52,500), Mio School paid for summer tax collection, Fire Dept. sold parts from old tanker for scrap bringing in almost \$3000. Fund balances as of Aug. 20, 2013: General Fund - \$151,747.53; Cemetery - \$13,398.57; Parks - \$120,125.90; Roads - \$169,806.58; Fire Millage - \$143,580.72; Luzerne VFD - \$52,621.05.

FIRE REPORT: Reported on Fire Dept. activities including 2 fires, one accident, and a public relations activity.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Turned in July Bd. Of Review paperwork.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: BCMUA – Received \$5000 grant from insurance co. to buy video equipment for viewing sewer mains; entered a contract with an engineering firm for grant application for capital improvement plan.

Tri-Town – Should be receiving \$2500 from DNR soon to reimburse for last year's foam purchases.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Regarding Mitchell monument at cemetery.
Mundt/Mitchell To get permission from family to move monument from foot of grave to head of next grave. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Luzerne Sidewalks – To do south side of M-72 in Luzerne, cost will be approx.. \$34,300. Permission needs to be given by Deeters and Luzerne Express to place on existing pathway. Bid packets can be ready for Sept. meeting.
Mitchell suggested the Mio sidewalks be moved to N. and W. sides of highway. \$5800 to get new engineer's drawings.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting time change – no action.
2. Training requests – BS&A training on Sept. 30, Cemetery Headstone Workshop on Oct. 7.
3. **Avery/Mitchell to authorize Assessor to attend BS&A training on 9/30/13, and to allow Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend Cemetery Headstone Workshop on 10/7/13.** All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Mika re: blight ordinance: Complaints about 2 locations in Luzerne. Petition presented by R. Mika with 99 signatures requesting a blight ordinance be adopted. In 2012 the Board attempted to update the blight ordinance as a civil infraction ordinance but the public attending the ordinance workshop was not interested in the township supervisor having that much authority, so the process was dropped.

Recommended by meeting attendees that the ordinance be changed to a civil infraction ordinance so enforcement will be less complicated.

Review of blight/junk ordinance will be on next month's agenda for updating and review.

Mitchell/Mundt to accept the proposal from Michigan Municipal Underwriters. All ayes. Motion carried.

New ambulance director Jason Beck introduced himself. His office is open for suggestions at any time.

Bids for cleanup at 120 Frick St.

Two bids – Precision Excavating (less 55 gal. drums) - \$2240.00

Morse Concrete & Excavating - \$1500.00

Booth/Mitchell – To accept the bid from Morse Concrete for cleanup when the court makes their ruling. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Kischnick suggested we look into community development block grant for doing updates in the community.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk