

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2013
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Palmer, Avery, Booth, Mundt, Mitchell

Others Present: Fire Chief Roddy, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick, 34 members of the public.

MINUTES: Minutes of Aug. 20, 2013 meeting reviewed.

Mitchell/Palmer to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS: Total \$234198.67 including additional invoices to M-33 Access, Blue Flame, and Jim Young.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Revenue sharing came in (about \$35,000); bill came from Consumers for Dam Park (\$201,981.75) We've received grant money of \$112,086.75 including the Twp. contribution of \$17,586.75. Outstanding grants: DNR - \$52,500.00, Fed. Grant – \$37,400.00. Total \$89,900.00.

Avery/Palmer to move \$89,900 from General Fund to Park fund to cover payment to Consumers until grant money is received. All Ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT: Quiet month. One grass fire this month. Fire Chief Roddy requested \$500 to spend at Firemen's Memorial if he can find a new light bar for a good price.

Mitchell/Avery to allow expenditure of up to \$500 at Firemen's Memorial for equipment. All ayes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Approved two land divisions this month; State Tax Commission hearing next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BCMUA – Rec'd audit, everything going well. State requires an asset mgt. plan and contractor is working on that now.

Steiner Museum – Closed for fall; Norm Caldwell and Rex McGregor refurbishing big wheels from in front of the museum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Luzerne Twp. Hall Bids - No bids received. Herald contacted re: notice but due to miscommunication, ad only ran one time in paper. Will extend bids until November meeting and will advertise in the Herald until then.

Blight Ordinance – More signatures presented by R. Mika;

M. Smith – presented blight ord. from Alba Twp., Lapeer Co. – Our ordinance has \$100 penalty – theirs states blight can be eliminated and placed on taxes

L. Lange – Opposed to making our ordinance like downstate townships. Different country than downstate and rules should be different.

H. Anderson – Lives on Mishler/Zimowski, came here from Genesee Co. Was on Planning Comm. & Zoning Board for years. Need to be careful what regulations we change because there may be unintended results.

R. Mika – Not trying to push zoning onto people.

Kathy Mitchell – Some miscommunications on the intent of the petition.

M. James – Lives next to post office in Luzerne; his house was in the paper last month because of trash bags next to house. Clarified – Twp. DID NOT put picture in paper.

M. Buchanan – If a complaint was filed, would Randy follow up. Did Mr. Mika submit a signed complaint? None until petition filed last month.

Booth – requested volunteers to be on a committee to review the existing ordinance and make recommendations for changes: Marian Buchanan, Bob Gusler, Larry Lange, Carol Pillars, Jackie Bondar, Kathy Mitchell, Rosie Tweedley. Trustee Mitchell will Chair committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Available Fire Truck - Discussed acquisition of used truck from Green Oak Charter Twp. They are requesting \$2000 (scrap price) for the truck full of equipment.

Mitchell/Palmer to contact Green Oak Twp. and offer \$2000 for the fire truck. All ayes. Motion carried.

Annual Millage Levy Request – Currently requesting .8720 for Twp. and .9714 for Fire Millage 2013.

Booth/ Mundt to submit our 2013 L-4029 form to Oscoda County requesting .8720 mills for General Township Operations and .9714 mills for Fire Department Millage for 2013. All ayes. Motion carried.

Luzerne sidewalk – Plans are complete and bid packets available. C2AE will notify local contractors bids are available if we want them

Avery/Mundt to put Luzerne sidewalk project up for bid. All ayes. Motion carried. Original maps available now, new plans and bid packets will be available within a day or two.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

Kischnick – Impressed with turnout and way the meeting was conducted.

BOARD COMMENT:

Palmer – Appreciate all the people who came to the meeting. We need help – we’re just trying to do the best we can for everyone.

MAIL:

Consumers Energy is building a new substation between the 2 curves on M72. Plans are available to review.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk