

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2013
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Palmer, Avery, Booth, Mundt, Mitchell

Others Present: Fire Chief Roddy, Asst. Chief McNamara, Commissioner Kischnick, 25 members of the public.

MINUTES: Minutes of Sept. 17, 2013 meeting reviewed.

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

LIST OF BILLS: 2 additional – Consumers & M-33 Access. Total bills including additional is \$18,275.26.
Avery/Mitchell to pay bills as presented with additions. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Nothing out of the ordinary this month. Account Balances: General Fund - \$61,834.80; Cemetery Fund - \$11,881.18; Parks Fund - \$5,745.48; Road Fund - \$148,829.32; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$46,971.00; Fire Millage - \$143,664.38.

FIRE REPORT: No fires; communication outage for approx. 6 hrs.; took delivery of new fire truck from Green Oak Twp. Zarembo Equipment (International Dealer) will send a mechanic for \$400 to check out new truck to see if it has a compressor problem rather than a bad head gasket. If they (Zarembo’s) do the work, the \$400 fee will be waived. Likely someone can be here this week. Bid received from BNM Svc. of Mio for \$1800 (or additional if additional problems are encountered).

Mitchell/Palmer to have Zarembo Int. inspect the new fire truck for a \$400 fee. All ayes. Motion carried.

John Smarr has exceeded his 2 year limit to pass the FFI and FFII test. A reader will be sent with him for the next testing. If we extend him for 6 months to give additional time to take the test, he will still operate in a probationary capacity.

Booth/Mitchell to extend Smarr’s probationary status for 6 months beginning today. All ayes. Motion carried.

Par Plan grant application – 50/50 grant would cover chevron striping for back of trucks. Cost is approx. \$900 per vehicle.

Booth/ Mitchell to adopt Resolution 2013-09 Resolution to Apply for a Par Plan Grant for Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department.

Booth – yes

Avery – yes

Palmer – yes

Mitchell – yes

Mundt – yes

Resolution passed.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: 6 hr. renewal on land valuation and on-line course for legal description for assessor, submitted one land division.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Blight – Mitchell reported a new ordinance has been drafted and it was read to the audience. Draft will be forwarded to the Township attorney for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kevin Makarewicz from C2AE discussed problems MDOT had with bid specifications for Luzerne sidewalk project. Three bids received:

	Proposal A (N)	Proposal B (S)	Total
Team Elmers, Hillman	24351.50	31236.50	55588.00
Hunt Brothers, Whittemore	20245.25	31087.75	51333.00
Ryan Brothers, Ossineke	29615.00	36947.50	66562.50

Apparent low bidder is Hunt Brothers of Whittemore. C2AE will double check bids, the board will then need to determine how much of the work is to be done, and references will be checked before bids are awarded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Smith re: AuSable Riverfest – would include a boat parade, inflatables for the kids, Steiner’s and the library will have a tent on the history of Oscoda County. Want to run shuttles from the downtown to see the race, tours of the backwaters, beer tent on 9th St., car show, treasure hunt, raffle, pig roast.

Mitchell/Booth to close off 9th St. and allow parade on Aug. 23, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth/Mitchell to allow permit for a beer tent on 9th St. during festival. 4 ayes, 1 nay Motion carried.

Audit Report Received – Invite Jim Anderson to appear at Nov. meeting to discuss audit.

Palmer discussed Facility Oversight – would like each Board member to be responsible for visiting an assigned facility periodically and inspect for maintenance issues, etc.

Discussed joint meeting with Mentor Twp. Board re: streetscape – suggested Mon, Oct 21, 6pm at Mentor Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roddy – Thank Board and residents for supporting Fire Dept. with their new truck and his health issues.

Pillars – Questioned timing of Sr. Fish Day on Oct. 22 and River Fest on 23rd.

Question on old street lights in areas of new street lights.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

Commissioner Kischnick – Commissioners working on budget.

BOARD COMMENT:

MAIL: None

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk