

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

Meeting called to order 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mitchell, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, James Anderson, 14 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES:

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

LIST OF BILLS: One addition – Pontem Software, \$100.70; \$18253.02 total.

Avery/McGregor to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: No special expenses or revenues in December. Fund balances: General Fund - \$65792.68; Cemetery - \$11,745.18; Parks - \$4,722.85; Roads - \$148,869.38; Luzerne Fire - \$43,029.47; Fire Millage - \$143,775.35.

FIRE REPORT: Quiet this month. Had “new” fire truck towed to Hansen’s for engine replacement. Expect it to be completed by 12/18. Bids for new CO detector not received. Old sensor worked last time, but it is old and doesn’t function properly.

McGregor/ Avery to purchase new CO meter for Fire Dept., not to exceed \$1700. All ayes. Motion carried.

Michael Sedlack from Green Oak Twp. will come up when we get the truck back to do a training.

Jim Anderson: RE: Audit Report

Need a resolution that money in Fire Millage is set aside for a certain purpose. Prior to next audit we need to get together on splitting the millage account and Luzerne Fire Acct. GASB only allows \$250000 can be insured by FDIC in one bank. Because all our funds are in one bank, we’re only insured for a portion of the funds.

Derek Whitacre applied for a position with Luzerne Fire Dept. He has Fire 1 & 2; lives at Shepard & 12th st., Mio, moved here from Flatrock where he was on the Fire Dept. Would be approved on 6 months probationary status.

McGregor/Mitchell to approve Derek Whitacre’s addition to the Fire Dept. pending 3rd signature on recommendation form. All ayes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT: New – Veteran’s exemption just into effect gives property tax exemption for 100% Veteran’s disability. Also exempting more personal property tax this year. Will be on ballot in August 2014 to phase out personal property tax and approve use tax. Applications for exemption from small businesses will be due in February.

Committee Reports:

Blight – Took MTA sample blight ordinance and revised to our situation. Distributed draft to Board members; dangerous buildings was removed from blight ordinance. The board will review the new proposed ordinance and will be brought to the next meeting.

Utility Authority – Applied for a grant to computerize lines, equipment, etc.

Tri-Town – Approved new CO meter

OLD BUSINESS:

ATV Billing sent to County – Still not paid. Randy to go to Commissioner's meeting (Dec. 30, 10 am) to explain the billing. Originally negotiated \$1000, commissioners changed to \$750, then added race track to the contract. Total amount owed approx. \$468.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Computer –

Mitchell/Avery to purchase new computer for Clerk's office. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steiner Museum – This township has 2 appointments to the Steiner Board. The board meets monthly from April to approx. October.

Mitchell/McGregor – to appoint Jackie Bondar to Steiner Museum Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Question about Tri-town Fire Dept. They are not accountable at our meetings because they have their own board, 3 members of which are members of this twp. Board. A suggestion was made to reconfigure our Board tables in a "V" to allow for better sound at the back of the room.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk