

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2014
BIG CREK TOWNSHIP HALL

PRESENT: Mitchell, McGregor, Avery, Mundt, Booth, Fire Chief Roddy, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick, 10 electors.

ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Minutes of December 17, 2013 meeting reviewed.

Avery/McGregor to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS: List of invoices reviewed. Additional bills: \$600 for survey at the old Township hall; Total of invoices: \$17,990.12

Mitchell/McGregor to approve invoices as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received \$71,900 for Joe Pillars Park, \$62,600 reimbursement from MDNR and \$19,400 from USDA FS. Received money from Oscoda Co. for balance due for Fire Dept./ATV, and received \$37,000 for revenue sharing. Fund Balances: General Fund - \$154,415.17; Cemetery - \$12,220.61; Parks - \$4561.34; Roads - \$147,300.99; Luzerne Fire - \$25,781.71; Fire Millage - \$143,792.95.

FIRE REPORT: 2 CO calls, picked up new pumper. Application for new firefighter Brandy Cole was presented; lost J. Schullar, and R. Potter went to Air Force.

Avery/Mitchell to accept Brandy Cole as a probationary firefighter. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mitchell/McGregor to remove Schullar and Potter from Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Working on assessment roll.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MTA meeting Feb. 10 here.

Tri-Town Fire Dept. meeting next Tuesday (2/28/2014).

OLD BUSINESS:

Blight Ordinance – Discussion on proposed ordinance; a log to be prepared identifying properties with potential blight and number of complaints for that description. Will receive comments until our Feb. meeting, then the committee will meet again to address the comments.

OLD Hall – Survey came today; property acquired in 1908 or 1909; will try to set up a closing for next week. Purchasers would like permission to get started with updates to the building.

Mundt/Mitchell to allow purchasers to proceed with renovations on old Township hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual meeting resolution 2014-01 adopted. Annual meeting will be held March 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Computers for Treasurer's office: New computers will be \$650 each; set-up will be approx. \$200. Total cost could be up to \$1700. Old computer operating system (Windows XP) will not be supported by Microsoft beginning in April, so it's important to update the computers now.

McGregor/Mitchell to allow Treasurer to purchase 2 new computers for Treasurer's Office. All ayes.
Motion carried.

EDA request for contribution: EDA is attempting to make up a \$3000 deficit in their budget for next year. Would like each township to make a contribution of \$500. Will look at budget for next year and see if it's feasible.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kischnick – Commissioners had organizational meeting; worked on and finished 2 labor contracts; Landfill wants to expand to full 14 acres allocated for gasification plant; ordered 2 new ambulances and will get 2 retrofits on older ambulances when the new orders come in. All current ambulances have over 140,000 miles. LP gas will be a cost savings over gasoline.

Sheriff Grace – Benefit basketball game on Feb. 1 to benefit Riverhouse Shelter; snowmobile safety 2/15/14 at community center, sign up at the Sheriff's Dept.; security check forms available for those planning to be out of town for extended periods. Consumers has postponed the power outage for the 25th of January. Drug box in the Sheriff's Dept., deposit to include pills only. Take back drug day will be held again the April. Senate Bill 636 – Landline elimination bill, on its 3rd reading, allows phone companies to eliminate landlines with 90 day notice.

J. Aird – Feb. 15 Fire Dept. Spaghetti Dinner.

Budget workshop – Board started working on 2014-2015 budget, discussed capital outlay needs for the coming year.

Next meeting Tues, 1/28/14, 4:15 pm

Meeting adjourned 9:50 pm

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk