

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2014
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Avery, McGregor, Mundt. Others Present: Asst. Chief McNamara, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick and 14 electors.

ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

MINUTES:

McGregor/Mitchell to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion Carried.

INVOICES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Revenue sharing was \$35,000 in March. Fund Balances: General Fund - \$152,328.81; Cemetery - \$12,091.22; Parks - \$4,434.98; Roads - \$147,488.48; Fire Millage - \$143,863.00; Luzerne VFD - \$18,062.95.

FIRE REPORT: Monthly activities included one accident, and a bonfire behind fire station. Asst. Chief questioned about accessibility of fire hall to fire personnel when AA meeting is in progress. The Board requested the Asst. Chief speak with the AA representative and have him appear at the next meeting to answer any questions.

ASSESSOR: Board of Review next Monday, March 25, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tri-Town – Budget adopted for 2014-15.

Utility Authority – Lots of frozen pipes this year. An increase in rates is proposed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blight – Some slight changes to proposed blight ordinance. Still question about dumpsters and how they will be included. Another committee meeting will be held to incorporate dumpster changes. Next committee meeting – March. 26, 2014 at 6 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Bruner presented info regarding Road Commission, expenses and income.

Discussed cars in right-of-way and how they're handled when the road is snowplowed.

If cars block the roadway and become a problem, the driver reports to the Superintendent. Sheriff reported they have been advised of the cars in the roadway and it's a gray area about whether they are blocking traffic or not. Obviously the situation became worse as winter went on this year with all the snow.

Sewer Authority – Booth presented the proposed new rates for Sewer & Water.

Mitchell/Mundt to approve water & sewer rates proposed by Utility Authority. Rates effective April 1, 2014. All Ayes.

Sheriff Grace – New touch screen radio installed for dispatch center. New wiring also installed which made clarity of transmission much better.

April 26 – Take back drug day for pills only.

ORV safety course for youths 12 & older, April 26, 2014, 8:30-4:30. Sign up at Sheriff's Dept. Recent drug bust for meth in Big Creek Twp., arrested 2. Good work by STING officers.

Commissioner Kischnick – Last meeting, 3 resolutions re millage were approved -

- .25 mils for Sheriff's dept.,
- .3333 mils for Veterans Affairs office, new millage. Commissioners approved hiring part-time person to work at Vets Affairs with contract person from Roscommon Co.
- 1 mil for operations for Ambulance Dept.

Next meeting of Bd. Of Commissioners on Thurs, Mar. 27, 10 am at the annex.

Budget Amendments:

McGregor/Booth to amend the Royce Haven Special Assessment Budget to \$1750 total; additional funds to be taken from Royce Haven Special Assessment Reserves. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth/McGregor to adopt budget amendments as proposed to the Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

McGregor/Avery to present proposed budget to the public at the annual mtg. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Proposed budget for 2013-2014:

General Fund:	\$ 370,568
Roads	126,600
Luzerne Fire Dept.	90,450
Park	16,550
Cemetery	14,700
Royce Haven Sp. Assessment	\$1,590
Oak & Cedar Sp. Assessment	\$ 1,800
Total	\$ 622,258

Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm.

Rhonda Mundt
Big Creek Township Clerk