

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2014  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Avery, McGregor, Mundt. Others Present: Fire Chief Roddy, Commissioner Kischnick, 13 electors.

ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

MINUTES: Minutes of March 18 and March 29 Budget hearing were reviewed.

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

INVOICES: Total of invoices is \$4777.45 including additional invoices.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tax collection completed and taxes moved to general fund. Fund balances: General Fund - \$237,677.08; Cemetery - \$12,514.31; Parks -\$4,391.08; Road Fund - \$147,497.38; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$16,3256.41; Fire Millage - \$241,600.01.

FIRE REPORT:

Fire personnel responded to two accidents and downed power line and attended hazmat training at Tri-town Fire Dept.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessment roll turned in to county; taxable value for the Township is \$106,000,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MTA met last night (April 14), discussed millages proposed by county.

Utility authority adopted budget for year.

Tri-Town adopted budget for year.

OLD BUSINESS:

AA use of fire hall – Fire personnel do use the hall when a meeting is in progress; there's never been a problem with the AA personnel. Core group of 4-6 people attend the meetings regularly. Meet 4 times weekly, twice in mornings and twice in evenings. Rent is being paid to Luzerne Firefighters' Assn.

**McGregor/Avery to allow AA to continue to use the Luzerne Fire Dept. building for the 4 scheduled meetings weekly and the rent donation will be payable to the Township. All ayes.**  
Motion carried.

Blight Ordinance – Booth recommended subsequent violation be within 24 months. Also, the enforcement should be “by a designee of the Township Board.”

Those changes will be made in the proposed ordinance.

**Mitchell/McGregor to send proposed blight ordinance to attorney for review and address at May meeting (if returned by attorney). All ayes.** Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting dates & times –

**Avery/Mundt to move the meeting to 5 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Ayes – 4, Nays – 1.** Motion passed.

Fire Dept. Millage –

**McGregor/Avery – To offer the Fire Millage proposal for the August primary election.**

**Avery – yes**

**Mitchell – yes**

**McGregor=**yes

**Booth – yes**

**Mundt – yes**

Motion carried.

Special Assessment District – Last year collection will be made for the 2 special assessment districts. A meeting date will be set, costs determined, and a letter sent to the residents affected.

**Booth/McGregor To hold the first public hearing on renewal of special assessment district at the adjournment of the June 17, 2014 board meeting. All ayes.** Motion carried.

Northwood Club Repairs – Deck by kitchen dangerous and needs repairs. Both furnaces in bad shape. South furnace has cracked heat exchanger and should be replaced. Randy to get bids for both and call members to set a special meeting.

Committee for dangerous buildings – McGregor/Mitchell/Roddy/L. Lange volunteered to be on a committee to update our dangerous buildings ordinance.

MAIL:

Steiner museum board meeting April 17.

Adcom – Problem with the names & phone numbers on previous magnets. Avery and Booth to work on a list and work with the company on the magnet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

J. Durfee – questioned why the time for the meeting was changed so quickly with no public comment.

L. Lange questioned why Lenroy Valley Rd. was closed. The road collapsed due to all the rainfall.

Commissioner Kischnick – Animal control officer resigned, county advertising now for new officer. Also, a part-time Veterans Affairs officer has been hired. Asst. prosecutor has been hired, and has started working (2 days per week).

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Next regular meeting May 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk