

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

Meeting called to order 5:00 pm.

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, McGregor, Avery, Mundt, Sheriff Grace, Fire Chief Roddy,,  
Commissioner Kischnick, 11 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES of June 17, 2014 Regular Meeting, June 17, 2014 Special Meetings (Public Hearings),  
and June 24, 2014 Special meeting were presented.

**Mitchell/McGregor to accept minutes as submitted. All ayes. Motion Carried.**

Minutes of July 10, 2014 Election Commission were presented.

**Booth/Avery to approve minutes of July 10, 2014 Election Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.**

INVOICES: Reviewed invoices. Grand total of invoices, including \$25,645.40 additional invoices,  
is \$49,953.88.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Revenue sharing came in this month, swamp tax for roads came in, sold some cemetery lots.  
Expenditures include dust control & Luzerne sidewalks. Fund Balances: General Fund -  
\$186,917.68; Cemetery Fund - \$19,847.46; Parks Fund - \$11,284.30; Road Fund - \$210,453.10;  
Luzerne Fire Fund – \$22,051.22; Fire Millage - \$213,621.56.

FIRE REPORT: 16 firefighters on roster currently; R. Riso submitted an application. Questions  
regarding meeting requirements for new applicants, and which officers are being replaced on  
the fire dept. Riso's application will be held for the next month's meeting to give him time to  
attend another training meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Luzerne Sidewalks are completed but a section needs to be replaced  
because it's pitted. Part of the payment will be held until that area is replaced satisfactorily.  
Went to court for Royce Ave. junk complaint; most of the trash is cleaned up, only a couple  
extra vehicles are left on the lot.

Committee Reports: Tri-Town -Meeting next week to review applicants for Fire Chief and  
possibly pick the new fire chief.

Utility Authority – Operations normal, some big repair bills on sewer operation side.  
Contracted with Fick & Sons for propane.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Northwood – Foundations systems will be here next week to get a bid.

Morse – difficulty coming up with a price for filling in basement.

Streetscape Repairs – No bids to date; have attempted from Morse and another builder.

Northwood – No clarification on ownership yet.

#### NEW BUSINESS

AUSABLE RIVER WATERSHED – DAVID SMITH – Watershed attempting to educate in order to prevent invasive species being introduced. Huron Pines working on stream crossings, invasive species eradication (specifically purple loosestrife), and erosion. They have received a \$562000 grant with a 1:1 match.

Special assessment publishing costs (Hearing notices for Royce Haven and Oak & Cedar Special Assessment Districts) – approximately \$130 per week per notice, 4 notices to be published per assessment district. Legally township can't pay cost of maintaining a private road

**McGregor/Avery to include publishing fees to costs for special assessment districts. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Compost – Mentor has decided not to participate any more. Do we want to continue to maintain on our own? If we discontinue, we will need to remove it from McGregor's property. Booth will contact Chris McGregor and continue to have it turned until next month.

Cost of recycle – about 20% of people utilizing recycle not from township. Future goal is to have all recycle done through the Montmorency/Oscoda Landfill. Hope to have a time frame for construction of recycle buildings by next month.

Supervisor Laptop – Per Booth's research, it will cost \$928.00 for a new Dell. Replacement was included in the budget, and the old one is starting to go. Mitchell questioned why he didn't use the 2<sup>nd</sup> computer purchased 2 years ago that was purchased for Trustees. Booth will check out the Trustee computer.

Consumers looking for someone to do a traffic survey at Joe Pillars Park. Booth will do it if there's no other volunteer.

Issue regarding one of the firemen using the dept. radio to call sheriff's dept. regarding a personal issue. Per Chief Roddy, there is no hardline policy on the radio use. He's talked to the fireman regarding use of the radio. He feels the fireman was in fear for his life.

Commissioner Kischnick reported on the landfill, Heritage Days at the fairground.

Sheriff Grace – Car on Royce Ave. has been removed prior to the deputy checking after the last meeting. Location cleaned up pretty much now.

Busy on the 4<sup>th</sup>, all well attended. 5k walk/run on 8/16 at 10am behind the courthouse. Proceeds for cancer society. Sheriff's millage coming up on August 5. To provide same funds for equipment and maintenance.

Jason Beck – Ambulance Dept. Busy over the 4<sup>th</sup>, put on a 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle. Attended parades and heritage days. Requesting 1 mill for operations, shows as new but a portion is renewal. Water rescue training coming up.

Roddy – 1 mill being requested for Fire Department millage, which is the same as levied last year.

Larry Lange – Luzerne fireworks very good this year. Requested the area near the tower (Township land) could be mowed next year because of the tall grass.

Meeting adjourned 6:34 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk