

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 19, 2014  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Call to Order at 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, McGregor, Avery, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Commissioner Kischnick, 19 electors

**Minutes** of July 15, 2014 Regular meeting presented.

**Mitchell/McGregor - To approve minutes of July 25, 2014 regular meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**List of Bills** reviewed. Additional Bills – Ronda Gusler \$80, Mich Assessor \$75.00. Grand Total \$30,514.81.

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

**Treasurer's Report** - Bank Balances: General Fund - \$178847.72; Cemetery Fund - \$18,336.46; Park Fund - \$11,526.11; Road Fund - \$178,763.74; Fire Millage - \$213,753.03; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$24,985.05.

**Fire Report** - Chief and officers on LVFD requested removal of Garrett Ill and Terry Hepler from Fire Dept. roster. Recommended promotion of Derek Whitacre to Lt. and Dave Wawrzyniak back to Fire Fighter.

**Mitchell/Mundt to remove Ill and Hepler from Fire Dept. 3 Ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.**

**Avery/Mitchell to promote Derek Whitacre to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Discussion re: welder loaned to Fire Dept. by Ed Doak. Welder will be turned over to Mr. Peters (Doak's son-in-law).

**Supervisor's Report** – Luzerne sidewalks require some repairs to be made before final payment is made. All invoices have been received on Frick St., will attempt to get refund from insurance co.

### **Committee Reports**

Tri-Town –Ty Cole, new Fire Chief introduced himself. He is also running into problems getting classes for Chief certifications.

Utility Authority – trying to find alternatives to save electricity. One possibility is computer programming upgrade that would run equipment only as needed rather than on a regular cycle.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Repair Bids – Northwood Club – Received response from insurance company and they won't pay. Variety of bids presented for options to repair:  
Will hold a public hearing Sept. 30, 2014 at this hall at 6 pm to discuss options and make a decision.

2. Retaining Wall – Streetscape - Received a bid from Morse - \$4500-\$5000. Prints provided to contractor when retaining wall was built were not followed – a course of blocks was left out and there is no footing. This can be paid from Metro Act money.  
**Mundt/Mitchell that we contract with Morse to fix the retaining wall by Statewide. All ayes. Motion carried.**
3. Compost pile - no communication yet with C. McGregor; decision delayed until next month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Paul Olsen, Municipal Underwriters Explained changes in insurance policy, suggested we reduce Northwood from insurance of \$400,000 to debris removal only. Would be covered for liability if the hall was rented.  
**McGregor/Avery to pay the Mich. Municipal Underwriter’s premium of \$12,725.00. All ayes. Motion carried.**
2. Policy – Disinterment of Cremains at Cemetery  
**Avery/Mitchell to allow Mr. Pelech to remove wife’s cremains from the cemetery. All ayes. Motion carried.**  
Updating of the Ordinance to be addressed at a future date.
3. Bid specifications for roof repairs for Luzerne Fire Hall - Advertise for 3 weeks, open bids on 15<sup>th</sup>.  
**Mitchell/Mundt to publish a request for bids for roof repairs at Luzerne fire hall. All ayes. Motion carried.**
4. Road Millage – Discussed request for road millage. No action taken at this time. Road commission has been discussing a county-wide millage for November – will know by Aug. 26.
5. Booth requested permission to attend Assessor class for 3 days in Bellaire.  
**Avery/Mundt to authorize Booth to attend and pay for the Assessor class in Bellaire. All ayes. Motion carried.**
6. Civil Infraction tickets – No prices at this time.
7. “Welcome to Luzerne” sign permits must be permitted by MDOT. Signs would be located by Klimmek Rd. on Twp. Property and on Blueberry Hill in the State Highway ROW. Application fee for each is \$100; the Blueberry Hill sign would have an annual \$100 fee to be on the ROW, but there would be no annual fee for the sign on Twp. property.  
**Booth/Mitchell - Make application through MDOT for “Welcome to Luzerne” signs All ayes. Motion carried.**

#### **MAIL:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Friday – Questioned how much input Randy had in appointing Ty Cole to Tri-Town Fire Dept. Would also like to see Tri Town Chief come to the meeting and make a report and provide financial reports at our Board meeting.  
Commissioner Kischnick – Monday there will be a power shutdown in Mio for about 1 ½ hrs. Judge Bergeron retiring, won’t be replaced. Personnel and judges will be reassigned; much of Bergeron’s responsibilities will go to Judge Root. All to take effect 1/1/15.

Jason Beck, Ambulance Director – Election went well. Big turn-out at open house held at Ambulance Dept. Two of the new ambulances were put into service this morning (Aug. 19). Avery – First Dam race this weekend (first race at 9 am Saturday), and also Riverfest this weekend (Friday night and Sat.) Also Sr. fishing day at Mio Pond.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

MTA Meeting/Picnic Sept. 8, 6 pm at Big Creek Twp. Hall

Mtg. adjourned 7:45 pm.

Next regular meeting September 16, 2014 at Big Creek Township Hall.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk