

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 16, 2014  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 5 pm.

**PRESENT:** Booth, Mitchell, Avery, McGregor, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Commissioner Kischnick, 16 electors

**PUBLIC HEARING – Special Assessment District #1 (Nancy Street)** Called to order 5:00 p.m. No residents of Special Assessment District were present and no letters received, only phone comments with all comments in favor of continuing the special assessment district. Hearing adjourned 5:02 pm.

Regular meeting called to order 5:03 p.m.

**Minutes of August 19, 2014 regular meeting:**

**Mitchell/McGregor to approve minutes of Aug. 19, 2014 regular meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**List of Bills:** Additional invoices – Booth \$64.40; Bell Title \$104.00, Grand total \$49,668.97. **McGregor/Avery to pay bills and additional invoices as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Fund Balances: General Fund - \$184,006.39; Cemetery - \$17,085.69; Parks--\$10,498.88; Roads - \$172,653.80; Fire Millage - \$185,519.58; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$26,928.38.

**Fire Report** - Quiet month. Did truck maintenance, finished w/decals on new tanker, and training. Will be attending Firemen's Memorial to look for new equipment bids (to purchase with grant funds) and will be taking old truck to Firemen's Memorial to attempt to sell. Roddy would like to attend Fire Chief Assn. meeting in TVC in October. Total cost will be about \$400.

**Mitchell/Mundt to authorize LVFD Chief Roddy to attend Fire Chief's Assn. meeting in Traverse City. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Supervisor's Report** - Luzerne sidewalks not completed yet; still holding a percent of payment on the project until it's completed satisfactorily.

**Committee Reports**

Utility authority – Will be attempting to vacuum about 25% of the lines yet this fall; Lydia's gate is hooking up to the system. Working on a policy on frozen water mains.

MTA – Hosted a picnic, two people running for state representative were present as well as Bev Bodum representing Senator Moolenaar.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Compost – McGregor agreeable to leaving the compost at the transfer site indefinitely. Morse will be coming in to begin working the leaves regularly.

Roof Bids for Luzerne Volunteer Fire Dept. – Advertised and called potential bidders but have received no bids to date. Will hold special meeting prior to public hearing on Sept. 30 at 6 pm.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Lot Split – A resident would like to split his lot (E & W Lane) to make 2 lots.

**Booth/Avery That the Big Creek Township Board offer a resolution of support to split Lot 4, Pine Ridge Subdivision, a part of T26N R2E, Section 5, into the West 210 feet and East 90 feet with the East 90 feet to be combined with Lot 17.**

McGregor –yes

Mitchell – yes

Avery – yes

Booth – yes

Mundt – yes

Resolution #2014-11

Land division – The new owner of Tin Lizzie Restaurant (lot #001-313-030-50) wants to purchase 38' from Bowen Yoder (lot 001-313-030-10) to create a driveway so deliveries can be made to his restaurant. Division will make the Bowen lot smaller than 100x200'. New lot would be 94x132'; other parcel would be 38x132' which would be attached to the Tin Lizzie lot.

**Mundt/Booth to approve land division request for parcel 001-313-030-10 into South 94 feet and North 38 feet, the North 38 feet to be permanently attached to parcel 001-313-030-50.**

**Ayes – 4, Nays – 1. Motion passed.**

### **Public Hearing – Special Assessment District #2 (Oak & Cedar Lane)**

Public Hearing called to order 5:38 p.m. Two District residents attended with a question on whether maintenance would be continued and assessment would be the same as previously levied. Assessment and maintenance would continue as in the past. One letter received from a resident that was not in favor of the special assessment. The two residents present said they felt conditions were better than they'd been prior to the special assessment. No other comments received.

Meeting adjourned 5:42 pm.

Appointment of Cemetery Sexton - Current Sexton is retiring and we need to have a replacement. He and his father did it over 20 years. Bids were requested for opening/closing but bidders don't necessarily want to do the associated paperwork.

Paul Rowden - \$380 per opening/closing

\$120 – cremains

\$ 50 – mark for foundations

Marksman - \$340 per opening/closing. (Marksman does 2 cemeteries Alcona Co.)

No bid for cremains or foundations.

Morse Concrete - \$500 to dig and backfill (open/close).

No bid for cremains or foundations.

Precision Exc. Not interested.

**McGregor/Mitchell to hire Marksman Excavating to do the opening/closing at the cemetery and advertise for a new sexton. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Luzerne Volunteer Fire Dept. Future Mgt. Structure - Roddy has agreed to stay on as Chief until early 2015. Lengthy discussion re: merging with Tri-Town, hiring a chief for Luzerne, training separately and together. Board discussion was inclined toward advertising for new Chief for Luzerne and maintain separate Departments. Any decision was delayed until the October meeting.

**Resolutions 2014-09 Creating Special Assessment District 1 (Royce Haven)**

Roll Call Vote – Ayes – McGregor, Mitchell, Avery, Booth, Mundt.

Nays – None

Resolution passed.

**Resolution 2014-10 Creating Special Assessment District 2 (Oak & Cedar Lanes)**

Roll Call Vote – Ayes – McGregor, Mitchell, Avery, Booth, Mundt.

Nays – None

Resolution passed.

Supervisor Computer - Supervisor's computer is damaged and no longer useable; est. cost \$1156. Request authorization to spend up to \$1200 for a new computer and software.

**Avery /Mundt - To allow the Supervisor to purchase a new laptop computer up to \$1200 for his township use. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Bark or mulch was dumped on a cemetery lot making it difficult to mow. Discussion by the Board was to contact the family and advise application of mulch was contrary to our ordinance and must be cleaned up.

**Booth/Mundt – To give Luzerne Fire Dept. Chief funds and authorization to spend up to \$500 at Firemen's Memorial. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**MAIL:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Kischnick – Backup generator installed for courthouse annex.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting October 21, 2014.

Rhonda Mundt

Big Creek Twp. Clerk