

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2015
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to Order at 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, McGregor, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Asst. Chief McNamara, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick, 8 electors

ABSENT: Avery, Mitchell

MINUTES of January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting were presented.

McGregor/Booth to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of January 29, 2015 Election Commission Meeting were presented.

Booth/Mundt to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

INVOICES: Total of \$6,931.98 in invoices, including additional \$1095.82.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

FIRE REPORT

No fires or accidents this month. Remainder of turn-out gear to be delivered on Thursday.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessment roll has been submitted; assessment notices will be printed and mailed within a few days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utility authority – Because the quotes for refinancing were not to the Authority advantage, they are looking at other avenues to refinance loan.

Tri-Town Fire Dept. – Chief resigned, meeting Thursday to discuss options.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fire Dept. Grant/Bob Dak – Discussion re: the purchase of turn-out gear and SCBAs. Board has not officially approved the purchase of either. Per Dak, he turned in a request for reimbursement of SCBA because some of the documents he received indicated it needed to be submitted in order for the company to build the units. Purchasing policies are not being followed by the Fire Dept. Orders were placed before approval by the Board.
Booth/Mundt when all items are received, to make a payment to FrontLine of \$37,755 for turnout gear and to submit to FEMA for reimbursement. All ayes. Motion carried.
Dak is satisfied to wait until SCBAs are received to make the payment to him. At that time, the amount of \$8318 will be due. SCBAs anticipated sometime in March.

There will be more than \$10,000 left in grant money after all is received. An amendment can be requested to the grant to purchase additional items. Dak requested he appear at our March meeting to discuss balance of grant and how we'd spend it.

2. Disposition of old SCBAs – have 8 old units that can be disposed of.

McGregor/Booth to donate old SCBA units to other departments (6 to Greenwood, 2 to McKinley) once our new ones are in service. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tim Jenks, EDA, regarding 2015 Contract for Services. In the past several years, we've supported EDA programs in the amount of \$500.
McGregor/Mundt to support EDA programs in the amount of \$500 for 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Roads - The USFS has requested we prioritize road repairs as part of their proposal to change road funding. Forest Service would like to pave Mapes Road to the county line. Prioritizing our road repair needs was delayed until the full Board was available.
3. Pay Resolutions for FY 2015-2016
Resolutions 2015-02, 2015-03, 2015-04, 2015-05 To Establish Township Officer's Salaries. (See copies of resolutions as passed.)

Further discussion was held regarding purchasing procedure, the requirement that authorization be obtained before making purchases, and violation of that procedure by the Chief and Asst. Chief of the Luzerne Fire Dept.

Booth/McGregor to fire both the Chief and Asst. Chief of the Luzerne Fire Department for not following purchasing procedures. Ayes – 2; Nays – 1. Motion carried.

Following further discussion,

Booth/Mundt To rescind motion to fire the Chief and Asst. Chief. Ayes – 2; Nays – 1. Motion carried.

Will schedule a special meeting to discuss this with the Luzerne Fire Dept.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Smith re: OC Riverfest. This year will be larger; big names for music; fundraiser March 11 at Woodland Sanctuary, 6:30 pm.

Spaghetti dinner at Luzerne Legion by Fire Dept. Assn. on Saturday, 2/21.

Sheriff Grace – Good response at basketball game.

Comm. Kischnick – No report.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mtg. adjourned 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Mundt, Clerk