

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 18, 2015
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, Mundt, McGregor, Fire Chief Roddy, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick, 5 electors.

MINUTES: Minutes of May 21, 2015 Regular Meeting were presented.

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

LIST OF BILLS: Total of invoices \$40,398.94 including additional invoices for Ronda Gusler (\$205.00), Adam Everly (\$25.00), Earl Powell (\$150.00), and MTA (\$30.00).

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received the money for sale of fire truck, transferred funds for fire departments from millage. Account balances: General Fund - \$205,153.05; Cemetery Fund - \$21,726.89; Parks Fund - \$19,100.78; Road Fund - \$187,195.52; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$34,184.79; Fire Millage - \$210,161.91.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief Roddy reviewed monthly fire report. He would like to apply for a DNR grant to purchase wildland fire foam. If the grant is received, our share would be \$2490, to come from next year's budget.

McGregor/Avery to authorize application and signature for DNR Wildland grant application. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Three junk complaints and 1 dangerous building going to attorney for action very soon; one junk complaint is being cleaned up. Form 4626 submitted to tax commission by June 15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town Fire Dept. – purchased thermal imaging camera. Next meeting will be July 9.

Utility Authority – still looking for alternative financing. Mercantile Bank in Fairview has indicated they are willing to rewrite the loan, which will save about \$500,000 over the next 15 years. Sewer issues on 10th St. – Sewers too shallow and they freeze every year. Considering removing some seasonal homes from sewer system.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bids for replacement of Luzerne Fire Dept. roof
K & M Builders (Roger Wiegand) - \$23625.00
Jeff McMullan - \$18,000

McGregor/Avery - To hire K & M to repair Luzerne Fire Dept. roof and make the 50% deposit. 4 ayes, 1 nay

2. Ordinance Report

County ordinance committee met, reviewed each township's ordinances. In July, the committee will be looking at 4 ordinances for updating. Next committee meeting is July 7.

3. FOIA Policy – Due to changes in the FOIA law, MTA has recommended new policy, procedures, guidelines, forms, etc.

Booth/ McGregor to pass a resolution to adopt the MTA suggested FOIA policy.

Roll call vote: Yes: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt.

Proposed Resolution 2015-09 adopted.

Booth/Mitchell to adopt FOIA fee schedule as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Carol Goodman contacted Booth re: AuSable Way – Requested AuSable Way be paved because of a lot of use from Family Dollar patrons. Will consider from next year's budget.

2. Fireworks Donation – Independence Day Festivities. Last year the Township contributed \$500 to each Mio & Luzerne July 4th fireworks.

Mitchell/McGregor to contribute \$500 each to Luzerne Fireworks Committee and Mio Chamber of Commerce for fireworks again this year. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Maintenance Building – Budgeted for a new building; we have a building at cemetery that we could use with a few renovations and possibly a security system. Spoke with some alarm companies and should have bids in July. Booth will work on that this month.

MAIL:

Notice from Liquor control of transfer of package liquor license for Family Fare. Unless we have a good reason to object, we have nothing to say about it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kischnick – New Ambulance Director Susan White will be starting July 6 after interviewing 5 candidates. She has a good management background.

Sheriff Grace – 2015 MDOT plans for the state left with Board. Only job planned in Oscoda Co. is north and east of Fairview.

Sheriff reported on storm damage from today's storm, thanked everyone for their excellent response. Consumers crews are working on repairs.

4th of July Luzerne parade is 5 pm, making sure permits are filed for Luzerne and Mio (2 pm) parades.

River rescue – good job by all working the rescue. Woman in vehicle was very fortunate and we should be proud of emergency services personnel for the work they did.

RE: powdered alcohol, legislators in Michigan proposing legislation to ban powdered alcohol. Need to contact the legislators to recommend it be banned because regulation will be extremely difficult if it's available.

Mr. Friday – re: Luzerne Fire Dept. roof, suggested nothing be paid until the work is being done.

BOARD COMMENT:

Luzerne siren is very old no good, requires 3 phase electric and is being taken out. Looking to acquire a new one thru emergency mgmt. and homeland security.

Mtg. adjourned 7:58 pm

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk