

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2015
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Sheriff Grace, Roddy, 12 electors, Paul Olsen

MINUTES of June 18, 2015 Regular Meeting were presented.

McGregor/Avery to accept minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS were presented, along with additional invoices of \$262.25. Total \$12,212.65.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank account balances: General Fund - \$228,564.51; Cemetery - \$20,263.90; Parks - \$15,843.80; Road Fund - \$189,164.40; Luzerne Fire Dept. - \$7,717.91; Fire Millage Account - \$210,189.54.

FIRE REPORT

Reviewed written fire report which included a river rescue, medical injury on horse trail, parades, and downed power line.

Tanker transmission is acting up; Zaremba Equipment in Gaylord recommended the transmission be replaced with a remanufactured transmission; total cost \$3788.74, which includes a 2 year warranty.

McGregor/Mitchell to have Zaremba repair transmission for \$3788.74. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Firefighter applications for Zach Ellis and Josh Colburn were received and reviewed.

McGregor/Mitchell to accept Zach Ellis as a probationary firefighter on Luzerne Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.

McGregor/Mitchell to accept Josh Colburn as a probationary firefighter on Luzerne Fire Dept. with the stipulation that there be no driving of Fire Dept. vehicles for one year. Ayes – 4, Nays – 1 Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

July Board of Review next week; doing field work in T26N R2E, Sec. 17; fresh mulch was put down at Comstock Park.

No communication regarding Park grant applications to date. Grant application thru Par Plan would be reviewed end of July, notice will be sent to Township within 10 days of decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

Maintenance Building – Block building at cemetery not large enough to house a tractor, trailer, snow blower, etc. Also, no electricity to the building. With J. Nolan retiring, we need a facility to keep equipment. Randy will check w/Amish builders to get costs for both moving a building there and building a pole barn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Olsen discussed renewal of insurances, and reviewed briefly the new Terrorism Coverage.

McGregor/Avery to include Terrorism Coverage in the Township insurance policy for a cost of \$45/year. Ayes – 4, Nays – 1 Motion carried.

Mundt/Avery to pay insurance policy, total cost including terrorism coverage is \$13,953.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed proposal from Jim Young to design and maintain website.

Mitchell/Mundt to contract with Jim Young to do the Township website as proposed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed request by Booth to hire Laura Hallahan for legal representation at Tax Tribunal. We need a lawyer to represent us at full tax tribunal hearings because they are formal legal proceedings. L. Hallahan concentrates her practice on representing municipalities at tax tribunal hearings. Her fee is \$175/hour.

Mitchell/Mundt to hire Laura Hallahan to represent us at tax tribunal hearings. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Pup Materials – Tri-Town Fire Dept. requesting assistance to purchase materials for elementary school students.

Booth/McGregor to provide \$50 for educational materials for Tri-Town Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.

John Nolan's retirement – John let us know Tuesday he wants to retire as maintenance employee. Need to advertise and do interviews at August meeting. Notice will be in the paper for 3 weeks.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheriff Grace – Good job to Fire Dept. for river rescue. ORV & boating safety brochures left for the public.

Ordinance meeting – August 5. Working on 2 or 3 ordinances per meeting. Have reviewed soliciting ordinance and disturbing the peace ordinance so far. Cancer walk/run Aug. 15 at 10 am.

Ken Friday requested info on cleanup of burned buildings.

Building on Terrace Dr. - Booth made contact with owner this week, working with people to clean it up.

Building on Pierce Rd. – Gone to the attorney, there are issues because we don't know who owns the property. (House mortgaged, the mortgage sold several different times, then foreclosed.)

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk