

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 20, 2015
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Commissioner Kischnick, 6 electors.

ABSENT: Mitchell

MINUTES of July 16, 2015 regular meeting presented.

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

LIST OF BILLS: - Invoice Total \$16,693.64 including \$2256.16 additional invoices.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received funds (approx. \$18,000) for Frick St. cleanup; putting it in a special line item in case we have to pay it back to the County.

Account balances: General Fund - \$213,527.26; Cemetery - \$19,327.78; Parks - \$15,441.65; Road Fund - \$195,642.81; Fire Millage - \$180,864.54; Luzerne Fire - \$20,438.21.

FIRE REPORT

Reviewed fire report. Fire Dept. activities include CPR training, power lines down, FEMA site visit.

Passed FEMA site visit with flying colors.

Bids taken for air handling packages. Approval given by FEMA to utilize the \$23,500 balance of original grant.

Douglas Safety - \$26784.40

North Shore – \$26,306.94

North Shore - \$26,431.94

McGregor/Avery approve Douglas Safety bid for air handling package for \$26,784.40. All ayes. Motion carried.

Oscoda County granted Luzerne Fire Dept. \$5518.00 in Title III funds for Wildland Fire turnout gear.

Darley \$4,766.00

Heiman Fire Equip. \$5,337.70

Forestry Suppliers \$5,779.50

Booth/Avery to authorize purchase of Wildland Fire Turnout Gear from Darley for \$4,766.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Balance of funds can be utilized next month.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Junk complaints – forwarded 3 to attorney for prosecution; gave them until 8/25/15 to clean up. No response to 2 letters sent, complaint from Pierce Rd. asked for time extension to Sept.

Nothing has been done on Terrace Dr., complaint will be forwarded to attorney. More letters sent to repeat offenders on Zimoski Rd., but they will also be sent to attorney.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Utility Authority – refinanced the USDA loan, shortened term by 4 yrs. Should be a savings of approx. \$400,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

Applications for Maintenance position: Booth talked to several people, none of them want the complete job (don't want to be tied up every weekend to oversee Park). Received 2 applications – Derek Whitacre and Daniel Locke. Booth recommends a committee review applicants and interview prior to the next meeting. Booth and McGregor will be on the interview committee and will make recommendations for September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mishler Rd. Paving – Booth met with Steve DuFour, the new manager of the Road Commission. They would like to pave part of Mishler Rd. next year (2016) but will have no local funding. Cost will be approx. \$100,000/mile. South 1 mile and north 1 mile can be done for about \$100,000 each. Center section will require rebuilding and cutting down hills so will be more expensive.

Booth/Mundt to commit to paving the north mile of Mishler Rd. in 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

Taxpayer request to change name of Luzerne Park because people are confused about whether it's on the River or whether it's Comstock Park. Should consider name change to clarify that.

Avery/Mundt to change name of Luzerne Park to Luzerne River Park and Campground. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL

DEQ Permit for replacement of boat ramp at Mio Pond State Access site was received this month.

COMMENT:

Badges for a Cause raised \$4600. OCRiverfest and Mio First Dam Canoe Race will be August 28-30.

BOARD COMMENT:

McGregor – MSP did a good job breaking up the rave last weekend on Pierce Road/Zimowski Rd. Lots of arrests and lots of tickets issued.

Did receive Par Plan Grant for \$5000 for Comstock Park. Also received \$500 grant from First Federal Foundation.

McGregor started on a grant with Great Lakes Energy for playground equipment for approximately \$18500.

Avery – Discussed per diem for people appointed to committees

Booth/Mundt Pay normal per diem for special meetings and pay per diem to appointed representatives to township committees beginning in FY 2015-2016, if not already receiving compensation from the committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Ellis questioned the cost for trash disposal and recycling.

He also commented on the Fire Hall being left unlocked after AA mtg.

MTA Picnic here on Sept. 14, 2015, 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm.

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk