

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
June 16, 2016
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Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, Mundt, Commissioner Kischnick, Sheriff Grace, Fire Chief Roddy, 22 electors

ABSENT: McGregor

MINUTES of May 19, 2016 regular meeting were presented.

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

LIST OF BILLS

Additional invoice for Frontier for telephone service. Total of invoices - \$40,420.36

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Par Plan a dividend of \$1100.00. Quarterly payment made to Tri Town of approximately \$14,000.

Account balances: General Fund - \$230,647.12; Cemetery Fund - \$27,510.42; Parks Fund - \$42,899.54; Road Fund - \$269,525.38; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$10,527.44; Fire Millage - \$232,735.36.

FIRE REPORT

Two Fires, vehicle accident, and training. Cleaned and maintained fire hall; replaced circuit breaker for SCBA compressor. Repaired compressor, took truck to Scientific for repair estimates. Two firefighter applications presented - Chase O'Brien, Mike DeKun. Both have attended their 3 meetings.

Booth/Mitchell to appoint Chase O'Brien and Mike DeKun to the Luzerne Fire Dept. on a probationary status. All ayes.

There are currently 17 or 18 firemen on the Department.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Two junk complaints have gone to the attorney, and a couple others have started cleaning up as requested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fire Truck repair quote – Quote from Scientific for repair on the fire truck sold to J. Nolan is \$2518.20. Booth recommended we not repair the truck, give J. Nolan his money back, and put the truck up for sale as is. Truck is worth \$5000-\$6000 (chassis only). 1991 truck with only approx.15,000 miles.

Mundt/Mitchell to return the \$6000 J. Nolan paid for the fire truck and put the truck up for sale. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dangerous Buildings Ordinance – Booth explained the proposed Dangerous Buildings Ordinance and description of Dangerous Buildings Hearings Officer. Ordinance was put on hold until next month or a special meeting to give everyone time to review.
- Request for Support from Luzerne Independence Day Celebration. We have been contributing \$500 each for Mio & Luzerne.
Mitchell/Mundt to contribute \$500 each to Luzerne & Mio Independence Day celebrations. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Cemetery Maintenance – Maintenance person doesn't feel he can do the parks & cemetery and maintain his full time job. Lyle Heeg applied to maintain the cemetery and bid \$300/mowing and \$11/hr. for additional cemetery and park needs.
Mitchell/Mundt to hire Mr. Heeg to maintain the cemetery. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Radio Tower Cost Estimates from Jim Young – Jim's estimates for his services is \$1500, the repeater will be \$4500, plus we need a generator, a fence antenna and cable totaling about \$20,000. (Antenna \$2398, console 5944, generator 4-5000, fencing 1500.) Need to be in place by Sept. and if not by then all permits need to be acquired again.
Avery/Mitchell to purchase repeater & related supplies (as bid) from Grand Traverse Mobile Comm. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Dust Control on AuSable Way – Last month we discussed the dust control. Because of issues with residents, road was not brined this spring. Lady who complained about the dust ended up in the hospital because of the dust.
Mitchell/Avery to provide dust control on Ausable Way. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kischnick – Indicated the County would be willing to talk about contributing to the cost for the new radio tower. County just had their audit, financials looking good. Modulators available now, should be set Friday afternoon. Then they will go ahead with demo of the old building.
Sheriff Grace – willing to sit down with Fire Chief, etc. to discuss assisting with payment for the new tower equipment. Sheriff recommended Grand Traverse Mobile Comm. IRS scam still out there and people are still getting calls from those who identify themselves as the IRS. June 18 boater safety class at EMS training room, 8:30-4:30. Area's drug team are now Meth response and transport trained which will speed up cleanup of meth sites. One millage for operations and one for Drug enforcement coming up on the ballot in August. Signs available for anyone who wants them.
Mike Smith – Running for Sheriff in August. Discussed his goals if elected as sheriff.

Mr. Friday – Additional vehicles moved into one of the blight areas in Luzerne, both unlicensed.

Questions about repairs on Zimoske Rd. – State moved the date for letting bids from June to Sept. so repair bids went out too late to get bids then do the work this year. Plans are to have the work done next year. Fire Dept. budget – question about when more funds will be transferred to fire dept. budget. How did county grant money for wildland fire get split up and why did Big Creek Twp. get “shorted”.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 8:07 pm

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk