

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 21, 2016  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

PRESENT: Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt, Fire chief Roddy, Commissioner Kischnick, 7 electors

ABSENT: Booth

Because Booth was absent, by mutual agreement Board members elected McGregor to chair the meeting.

**MINUTES** June 16, 2016 Regular Meeting and July 8, 2016 Election Commission Mtg.

**Mitchell/Avery to approve June 16, 2016 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Mundt/Avery to approve Election Commission Mtg. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Additional invoices totaling \$14,558.76. Grand total of invoices \$25,192.75.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Park grant money received, revenue sharing received, good receipts from Luzerne River Park. Cemetery back in shape thanks to Mr. Heeg. \$4000 in Metro Funds received (Stability Act) that may be transferrable to general fund.

Fund Balances: General Fund - \$254,655.03; Cemetery Fund - \$25,690.84; Parks Fund - \$47,896.82; Road Fund - \$276,247.49; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$17,804.91; Fire Millage -- \$216,547.86.

**FIRE REPORT**

No fires, no accidents. Training session, participation in community parades, AuSable Valley FF Association meeting. New Stokes basket received, paid by Luzerne FF Association. Asst. Chief McNamara and Firefighter Ellis were able to acquire a free 2.5" hose nozzle and 10 additional SCBA air bottles, saving the fire dept. approximately \$10,000.

Complaint re: the reaction of an AA leader to the hall being used for AuSable Valley Firefighters meeting. No contact was made with him to let him know the hall would be in use. Gina Slayton had interaction with him in which he apparently swore at her. Avery will write a letter to the AA leader regarding the complaint.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sewer Authority – Discussed computer programs at the authority and whether they are doing the job; Authority in much better financial shape this year than last year.

Tri Town – Going over policies and procedures and rewriting the policy book.

Election Commission – Preliminary accuracy test and appointment of election inspectors.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Brief discussion of bid presented last month for gutters on the township hall.

**Mundt/Avery to contract with Northern Michigan Seamless Gutters for gutters on the hall, total bid cost of \$840.00. 3 ayes, no nays**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dangerous Buildings Ordinance – Issues with some portions of ordinance. Tabled to next meeting or later due to Booth's absence
- Contract with Road Commission – Mishler Rd. Mitchell has a problem with paving Mishler and using half of the road fund rather than doing a different township road..  
**Mundt/McGregor to sign contract with road commission to pave 7700 ft of Mishler Rd**  
Much discussion, McGregor's second withdrawn until later in hopes Booth arrives.
- Par Plan Insurance for 2016/2017  
**McGregor/Mundt to pay the \$45 for the terrorism coverage on the Par Plan Policy. All ayes. Motion carried.**  
**Mitchell/Avery to renew Michigan Township Par Plan coverage. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- MTA Regional meetings  
Discussed members attending MTA meeting; no interest shown.

### **MAIL:**

- Natural Rivers Permit issued to Mike Koralewski
- MPSC Resumes Video Franchise Operations

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Friday questioned why does Big Creek Twp. have to always pay for everything. On Mapes Rd. the weeds are 7 feet tall in newly reconstructed area.

### **BOARD COMMENT:**

Kischnick – RE: temporary courthouse - sidewalks this week, parking lot this week, hope to move in this weekend. There was a delay because of work needed to secure vaults. Heating units in modular electric rather than gas, but doesn't affect the unit for the Clerk/Reg. of Deeds. Airport manager now a part-time county employee; purchased 2 lots on W. end of airport, demolition on those buildings will be bid out soon.

Booth arrived at 8:05 pm; Chair of meeting turned over to Booth

Dangerous Buildings Ordinance –Needs some editing to clarify the references to codes. Engineering firm in Gaylord is not interested in being a hearing officer. Will redraft/edit ordinance and bring to the next meeting.

Mishler Rd. repaving discussed. Mitchell restated her objection to using half the road fund to pave Mishler Rd. rather than other township roads.

Gorton Rd. – Supposed to get bids from Steve DuFour, Road Comm. Engineer/Manager, to sealcoat.

Randall Rd – Per the Road Commission, road is too far gone to fix and will have to be redone  
Popps Rd. can be seal coated.

DuFour recommends the Road Commission do all the work on Mishler and we pay for the materials. Rd. Comm. Policy is 50/50 match, but they don't have any match money. DuFour recommends paving to mid section of road that has drainage issues, and is replacing culverts and doing repairs in middle section of road this year in hopes of finishing next year.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ellis – questioned paying state taxes on firefighter income.

Is new maintenance guy going to look at #8 to do repairs? He started looking at equipment yesterday and will look at #8.

Time for NIOSH NFPCA to test air packs. We can go thru Frontline (16 packs @ \$100/pack) and they will come here to do testing. This is an unexpected expense that wasn't budgeted for. Booth & Roddy will come up with a plan.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk