

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 16, 2017
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2017-2018 BUDGET – 5:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mitchell, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Asst. Chief McNamara, Commissioner Kischnick, 9 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES of January 19, 2017 regular meeting and February 2, 2017 joint Special Meeting with Mentor Twp.

McGregor/Mitchell to approve Jan. 19, 2017 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion passed.

McGregor/Mundt to approve Feb. 2, 2017 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion passed.

LIST OF BILLS

Payments totaling \$10,450.31, including \$3070.31 additional invoices, were presented.

McGregor/Mitchell to approve bills as presented. All ayes. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Received swamp tax (\$900) and reimbursement from Landfill (\$759.77, which went into Road fund).

Account Balances: General Fund - \$271,853.05; Cemetery Fund - \$24,824.84; Parks Fund - \$42,818.82;

Road Fund - \$229,518.46; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$18,518.21; Fire Millage - \$156,090.58.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

3 fires, one accident, and a training at Greenwood on Fire Dept. Operations qualifying for Continuing Ed. For officers.

Additional complaints/pictures about AA in the fire hall were received.

Received letter of resignation from John Slayton.

Booth/Avery to regretfully accept John Slayton’s letter of resignation from the Luzerne VFD. All ayes. Motion passed.

Discussed repairs of pickup.

Mitchell/Booth to take Fire Dept. pickup truck in for tires and quoted repairs. All ayes. Motion passed.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Judgement against one junk complaint; they have until June 1st to clean up and after that we can clean up and put charges on their property tax.

Assessment roll almost complete. Property value up about 3% so there will be increases in taxes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town – Approved budget, approved policies. Should be done with policies in May.

Tanker going to Iowa to get tank put on; should be back in March.

Utility Authority – Approved to put gutters on the building.

Streetscape – Met with Mentor Township, agreed to budget funds to purchase new led Christmas lights for downtown. Junior Achievement will be doing the Christmas decorations (along with Mentor Twp. Trustee Delores Yoder).

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Brine Contract - \$18,127.20 per application.

Mitchell/Avery to approve dust control contract for 2017 and allow the supervisor and clerk to sign the contract. All ayes. Motion passed.

Budget amendments - Booth reviewed proposed budget amendments.

Booth/McGregor to make proposed budget amendments. All ayes. Motion passed.

MAIL:

Request from NEMCOG for representative to Joint Land Use Study subcommittee. No appointments made.

Natural Rivers Zoning Variance Request for James Gendernalik.

Letter from James Camiller, CPA Re: Auditor for Township records.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheriff's Report – Raised \$2400 in Hoops for the House this year.

Kischnick – Commissioner Meetings are 9 am – end on 2nd Tuesday, and 4th Wednesday from 5 pm to end.

Lange: Questions regarding marijuana legislation. According to MTA, looks like we may not be able to opt in because we aren't zoned.

R. Ellis – Question regarding security grant at fire department. Application period is in May.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 7:29 for 10 min., will continue to work on the budget.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2017-2018 BUDGET

Discussion on elected official salaries for 2017-18. Concensus of opinion to give a 3% raise (rounded to next even number) for elected officials since no increase was granted in 2016.. Some discussion on Assessor salary after comparison with contract prices in other townships in the county. We are currently paying just over \$5.00 per parcel while other townships are paying from \$8.00 to \$11.00 per parcel. If we have to go to contract in the future the price will likely be double what we paid during FY 2016-17.

Booth/Mitchell to place the \$4699 received for the sale of Northwoods Club property into a building fund. All ayes. Motion passed.

2017-2018 Budget Hearing to be held prior to the March Board Meeting. Will be at 6:30 p.m. on March 23, 2017.

Special Meeting to finish the budget on March 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:54 pm.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk