

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
MARCH 23, 2017
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mitchell, Mundt, Kischnick, Roddy, 8 electors

MINUTES of February 16, 2017 and Special Budget workshop March 9, 2017 were presented.
McGregor/Avery to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Total of invoices \$27,374.21.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Taxes balanced, expect a check from the county for delinquent taxes the first of April.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$300,451.88; Cemetery - \$24,718.87; Parks - \$42,806.05; Roads - \$224,634.79; Luzerne Fire - \$12,819.57; Fire Millage - \$141,803.39.

FIRE REPORT

Three fires for the month. Both firefighters taking FFI & II passed the practical test, waiting for results on written test.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Board of Review about done, need to finish paperwork and submit assessment roll to county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – adopted budget, taking bids for new equipment to lower operation costs.

Tri-Town – adopted budget, almost finished with policy book. Expect to be finished in April or May.

Clerk's Meeting – Presentation of new voting equipment

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2017-08 – 2017-18 General Appropriations Act
Mitchell/McGregor to adopt Resolution 2017-08 – 2017-18 General Appropriations Act. All ayes. Resolution adopted.
- Property Transfer Affidavits – Currently not being completed but Assessor required to collect fees for not filing unless there's a resolution to not collect fees. Lengthy discussion held and a decision delayed until April.
- Township Recreation Plan – County is updating their Recreation Plan, and the Board would allow us to include Big Creek Twp. in the County Plan. We could then apply for state

grants if there's a recreation plan in place. In the next few weeks we'll have a copy of the County plan and will review to see what updates we'll need to make.

- Resolution 2017-09 RE: Purchase of New Election Equipment – Resolution to request ADA funds to purchase new election equipment.
McGregor/Mitchell to adopt Resolution 2017-09 – Purchase of New Election Equipment. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Firefighter I & II Payment/Reimbursement Policy
Avery questioned whether we could create a policy to require a firefighter to remain with the department for one year before paying for their training. We can't change precedent for currently trained firefighters, but a new policy can be written. We are required to pay because it's a requirement of employment. The Board also needs to develop a policy regarding mileage reimbursement for travel to training. The Board will address Luzerne Fire Dept. Operating Procedures as soon as Tri-Town is finished.
- Budget Amendments –
McGregor/Avery to make proposed budget amendments. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mundt/Mitchell to amend 871 Special Assessment Royce Haven budget to \$1809 from \$1590. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Meeting Schedule – 2017-2018
Booth/Mitchell to hold Board meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month rather than 3rd. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL:

- Annual Rural Elected Officials Meeting w/MDOT
- Praxis Church request for funds for books – Twp. can't legally donate to something like that
- Tri-Town request for funds for fire prevention program – provide safety instruction for kids in the Township at the schools and during parades. We have in the past contributed.
Mundt/Mitchell to contribute \$50 to Tri Town to offer fire safety to children in the community. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Par Plan Member Representative – No interest shown to date.
- Luzerne Express Campground – Requesting increase in camping sites on their State license.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lisa Bey regarding AuSable Way maintenance. Requesting, due to the amount of traffic, that the street be paved. There's a possibility of 3 applications of brine or adding it to the paving schedule. Booth will talk to the Road Commission regarding those options.

Booth request the Boards' opinion on cleanup of Church building on 10th St., and the Marshall property in Luzerne on Park Rd. County dangerous buildings ordinance not currently being worked on. McGregor & Mitchell were working on the update of Twp. ordinance, will revisit this to update our policy.

BOARD COMMENT:

Commissioner Kischnick – County Board of Commissioners made Equalization Director a permanent position. Negotiated Police Officer’s Union contract; County Commissioners have changed meetings back to 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 10 am due to lack of attendance at evening meetings.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk