

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2017
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, McGregor, Avery, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Commissioner Kischnick, Sheriff Grace, Prosecutor Morse-Bills, 12 electors.

MINUTES – April 13, 2017 Regular Meeting

McGregor/Mitchell to approve minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Grand total \$12,636.44 including additional invoices of \$341.04.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

Transferred 2017 tax collections from tax account to General Fund accounts.

Account balances: General Fund - \$265,692.29; Cemetery Fund - \$23,544.24; Parks Fund - \$101,002.51; Road Fund - \$320,663.26; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$21,530.62; Fire Millage \$232,649.80.

FIRE REPORT

Held Driver’s Training, and responded to three fires during the month. Discussed penetrating nozzle and possibility of purchasing at Firemen’s Memorial. Works especially well on metal roofs. The Board will take it under advisement for the next couple months and make a decision prior to Firemen’s Memorial. Community Service workers have completed some of the tree trimming/cutting at fire dept.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Water on at parks; cemetery and parks both looking good.
Sent a bunch of letters on blight/junk complaints.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town – All policies adopted and new manuals being prepared.

Utility Authority – May take money (\$80,000) from CD to pay for new screening to keep pumps and grinders from clogging.

Phone lines for utility authority about \$600/month. Can change over to cell usage and save about \$400 per month.

Joint Land Use Study for Camp Grayling/Alpena – Will be meeting for 3 days in June to go thru facilities at Grayling and Alpena.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blight Enforcement Officer – Got the ad in the paper too late for this meeting. Will address the applications in June. Tickets will need to be ordered with our information.

Asst. Chief, Luzerne Volunteer Fire Dept. – Received application from Grant Shepard. All firefighters at meeting with Fire Dept. were in favor of Grant as Asst. Chief.

Booth/Mitchell to appoint Grant Shepard as Asst. Fire Chief. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cassie Morse-Bills Re: Golf carts on county roads/streets

McGregor/Mitchell to adopt Golf Cart resolution 17-10. Ayes: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mitchell, Mundt. Nays – None. Resolution adopted.

Maplewood Housing tax exemption – Complaints from residents about security and management. Tax exemption expired 2009. Will have more information next month.

Luzerne Fireworks Permit for Independence Day 2017 – Request to do fireworks 7/1/17 in Luzerne.

McGregor/Mitchell to allow Fireworks display. All ayes. Motion carried.

McGregor/Mitchell to contribute \$500 each to Independence Day festivities at Mio and Luzerne. All ayes. Motion carried.

2017 Listing of Foreclosed Property

Mitchell/Mundt to waive right to foreclosed properties. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth discussed request for representation at focus group on State's outdoor recreation plan. McGregor agreed to represent the township.

McNamara requested a meeting with Board to address the issues from last month. Will invite him to attend the next Board meeting.

MAIL:

DEQ Permit for Large quantity water withdrawal

Montmorency/Oscoda Child Protection Council request for donation – To help with Child abuse and neglect. Not something the township can contribute to.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kischnick – New Chair LaNita Olson. Pat Kelly appointed as Commissioner from Dist. 3 to fill the remainder of Brandy Wright's term.

Going to be a class on Robert's Rules of Orders on May 31 at Community Center. Board members welcome to attend.

Sheriff Grace – ORV safety course on 4/15; on 5/15 there will be a Boater safety course. Open to young adults 12 and up.

Thirty-one lbs. of medication at the last Take Back Drug day. Expect about \$1200 in donations for Child Assessment Center from the Butterfly donation campaign.

Hired 2 new deputies.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 7:42 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk