

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**September 14, 2017**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

**PRESENT:** Booth, McGregor, Mitchell, Avery, Mundt, Chief Roddy, Blight Officer Ellis, Commissioner Kischnick, Sheriff Grace, 6 electors

Call Regular Meeting to Order at 7:03 P.M.

**MINUTES** – August 10, 2017 Regular Meeting

**Mitchell/Mundt to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion Carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS** - Total including additional invoices - \$21,428.48.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Tax collection completed for summer tax.

Fund balances: General Fund - \$278,708.18; Cemetery - \$32,966.84; Parks - \$98,508.20; Roads - \$180,857.94; Luzerne Fire - \$15,994.32; Fire Millage - \$190,881.71.

**FIRE REPORT**

Responded to two fires, and held one meeting. Attending Firemen’s Memorial on 9/15-16 and going to pick up a newer pickup from Enbridge on 9/20.

DNR says we’ll get bulbs for light bar and they’re still working on transformers.

Attending MTA training for Fire Chiefs/Assts. in Frankenmuth. Roddy has requested to use the Fire Dept. truck to travel to both and will be using pickup to travel to training and pick up new pickup..

Funds for Fire Dept. for Firemen’s Memorial

Checked out prices on piercing nozzle; prices currently about \$750.

**Booth/McGregor to allow expenditures at Firemen’s Memorial of up to \$1000 if it includes a piercing nozzle and \$500 if no piercing nozzle. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Memberships for Firefighters at Bigfoot Gym – The gym owner has offered a reduced rate membership to firefighters. Luzerne Firemen’s Association is paying 50% of the membership fees. Firemen were questioning whether the Township would pay the balance as they’d be using the gym to maintain minimum fitness levels.

**Mitchell/Booth to allow McGregor to abstain from voting on the Big Foot Gym membership issue. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Booth – To authorize payment of balance of membership fee. Motion died for lack of support.

R. Ellis has agreed to start up the Explorer program again, primarily with the older kids.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

MTA Picnic was held 9/11. Next MTA meeting at Mentor Twp. Hall on 10/9/2017.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Tri-Town received a pickup from Enbridge also. One firefighter left Tri-Town, one requested 6 months leave.

Utility Authority – Attended Court today and Judge found in favor of the Utility Authority. RAC committee has been meeting again. RAC Committee has \$30,000 to spend in Oscoda Co.; the Horse Camp needs a bathroom which will cost approx. \$19000. Avery questioning if we could provide funds to help build a bathroom. Booth felt it would be questionable since the Forest Service charges for use of that facility.

**Mundt/McGregor To apply to RAC committee for funds to build playground at River Park and trail under the bridge from Pillars Park to Forest Service trail on E. side of bridge. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Co Rd. Commission hoping to finish Zimowske next year, have been approved one portion for sure and are hoping to get the final section approved to complete next year also.

## **BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

Issued 2 citations so far. Majority of people will clean up after being contacted.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Painting Bid Luzerne Fire Hall – Crack filler Don Davis planned to use is Elastomeric which is flexible chinking. Booth recommends we have Don Davis paint the bare wood, then get bids in the spring for painting the entire hall.

McGregor/Mundt to paint soffit and bare wood only this fall. After discussion

**McGregor/Mitchell to accept Don Davis' bid for \$3500 for painting the entire building this fall. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Tire Recycling - Couple townships at MTA were supportive. County commissioners took to commission meeting and agreed to sponsor up to \$7500. Trying to set up a recycle day for the latter part of October. Discussed the cost, whether it should be \$1 or \$2 and whether we should cut the cost for those people who said they picked up from state or federal land. Also there should be a bigger cost for truck tires.

**McGregor/Mitchell to have tire recycle this fall. All ayes. Motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Pickup – Luzerne Fire Dept. – We are getting a new truck; will have 2004 truck available for other use. Booth recommends if we utilize it for a township maintenance truck that we reimburse the fire department budget for repairs that were made this year.

**McGregor/Mitchell to keep the fire dept. pickup for a township maintenance vehicle and transfer the cost of maintenance (approx. \$1200) from hall maintenance to fire dept. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Request for Exception to burial policy – Luzerne Cemetery

Request by Jim Smith to allow his cremains to be buried in a single grave with his parents (one full burial, one cremains).

**Booth/Mitchell to allow an exception to the Luzerne Cemetery burial policy. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Rollover of funds for MTA compost program - \$105.50 left from MTA compost funds that is the Big Creek Twp. Share.

**Booth/Mundt to leave the compost funds within the MTA funds to cover Big Creek Twp. Annual Oscoda County MTA dues. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**MAIL:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Peggy Smutek – No speed limit or road signs at dead end of Deeter Road. Lots of excessive speed on that road. ATVs and vehicles use the campground road as a racetrack. Should put up a dead end road sign before the end of the road, and speed limit signs at the entrance to the park. Booth will look into signs.

Sheriff Grace – Will be contacting both USFS and DNR about excessive ATV speed in that area. New hire at Sheriff's Dept. starting Monday. Two new patrol cars were delivered (Ford Explorers). Went to homeland security and got a little money for radio batteries and radios. M-72 speed limit up to 65 now.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Kischnick – happy to get funds for tire recycling.

McGregor – would like to address streetscape trees and possibly have Bob Ojala attend a meeting to discuss types of trees. Booth recommended he be at the MTA meeting in Mentor twp. next month.

Meeting adjourned 8:41 pm