

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
May 10, 2018
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Regular Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Blight Officer Ellis, Commissioner Kischnick, Sheriff Grace, Prosecutor Morse-Bills, 10 electors

ABSENT: Avery

MINUTES– April 12, 2018 Regular Meeting, May 3, 2018 Special Joint Meeting with Mentor Twp.

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

LIST OF BILLS - Total of \$7661.64

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

None as Treasurer was absent.

FIRE REPORT

Training at Amish school, 4 fire calls. One firefighter passed FFI training (Brian Roddy). Several truck repairs completed. Chief Roddy had two requests for the Township Board to consider. 1) The LVFD Assn. would like the Twp. to help pay for new lockers (\$4183). Discussion was held regarding lockers with board members and firemen. Firemen will get more bids and we will consider this Fall. 2) Firemen would like to purchase a “Y” valve for \$280.

McGregor/Mitchell to purchase Y valve for fire dept. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding painting the building – Booth will get new bids.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Training in Lansing today; State Treasurer wants to change the way assessing is done; it appears there will be much more expense for local units if the change is made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town meeting this month, lots of truck repairs.

Utility Authority – DEQ has given preliminary approval for screen they’ve been working on which should help with clogging.

Joint meeting with Mentor – Awarded bids for maintenance of streetscape to Complete Lawn & Garden.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Sent a bunch of letters in April; three properties from last year have been taken over by banks and are in the process of being cleaned up.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Garage addition bids
Only received one bid, 2nd was to be mailed but we didn't receive.
- Park outhouse roof bid
Only received one bid, 2nd was to be mailed but we didn't receive.
Board elected to hold the bids we received until the next meeting to see if other bids were in the mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cassie Morse-Bills –Announced Candidacy for Probate Judge to replace retiring Judge Root.
- Tax Reverted properties –
McGregor/Mitchell to sign waiver on tax reverted properties. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Report on Cemeteries – Booth has been looking into the abandoned cemeteries – Union Corners (Atherton Twp. Cemetery), Rich Road, Mt. Pindus. We own one acre we previously thought belonged to the USFS at Union Corners. Booth has been attempting to get survey records from USFS. Possibly could get kids from schools to clean up this summer.
- Survey Bid – Abandoned cemeteries. Determined some had been surveyed by USFS. Booth attempting to get bids.
- DTE Tree Grant – Avery would like to apply to DTE for trees for streetscape.
Mitchell/McGregor to authorize Avery to apply to DTE for tree grant. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Luzerne River Park – Lost some rocks with high water and ice at the canoe launch. Will be working with Kevin and Lyle this weekend to replace the stones. McGregor offered stones from her residence.

MAIL:

- Brine Disposal – Merit Energy – Did get confirmation from EPA that Merit has withdrawn their application.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

R. Ellis requesting whether Road Committee is active this year, as some of the roads are terrible. Booth discussed gravelling Abbott and a portion of Palmer with Road Commission. Supposed to be getting bids from Road Commission for gravel.

J. Bondar – wanted to know if there was any decision on how to notify residents if there was something like the Merit Brine disposal permit. Lengthy discussion re: social media and responsibilities if we post information. Suggestion was made that a member of the public check our posted public notices regularly to see if there is any notices that should be posted on social media.

D. Roddy – Klint Mitchell died in a medivac crash. Memorial service June 2, 3 pm at ~~Legion~~ K of C (corrected 6/14/2018).

Deb Coulon – Commending Sheriff's Dept. on activities at pharmacy.

Grace – There were 46# of drugs received in the Take Back Drug day and turned over to DEA.
Proud of all the agencies that helped in the pharmacy stand-off.

Kischnick reported the mandatory registration of kayaks is off the table.

T. Cole not in favor of switching septic/well permitting from Health Dept. to DEQ.

Proposed legislation re: reimbursing counties and townships for veteran's exemption of property tax still in committee. Costing Oscoda Co. \$50,000.

Breaking ground on courthouse in June.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 8:48 pm

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk