

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
June 14, 2018
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Regular meeting called to order by Trustee Mitchell at 7:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Avery, Mitchell, Mundt, Kischnick, Roddy, Shepard, 6 electors

ABSENT: McGregor

MINUTES – May 10, 2018 Regular meeting – One correction on public comment. Should have said memorial for K. Mitchell at K of C.

Mundt/Mitchell to accept motion as corrected. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Booth arrived at 7:25 p.m. and assumed control of the meeting.

LIST OF BILLS

Avery/Mitchell to pay bills as shown including additional, total \$28,720.75. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Expect tax bills to come out July 1st.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$298,747.56; Cemetery Fund - \$40,092.08; Parks Fund - \$119,999.34; Road Fund - \$255,234.86; Luzerne Fire: \$92,110.57; Fire Millage - \$134,781.44.

FIRE REPORT

Responded to Propane leak, and an RV fire. Returned light tower to Gaylord DNR due to extensive problems. Repairs made to trucks by maintenance man. Will see if McGregor has further information on lockers for Luzerne VFD at next meeting.

Independence Day festivities in Luzerne will be on June 30.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

With L. Heeg and K. Kirby, fixed canoe launch site at River Park. Getting field work ready for the summer work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – screen has been installed and they're happy with it. Will screen items as small as a cigarette butt.

Tri-Town Fire Board – Purchased pumper truck from Westland Fire Dept.

Road committee – will be meeting shortly; Zimowske Rd. will be completed this year. Road Commission will be getting funds from USFS to do improvements at Boardwalk parking lot off Galloway Rd. and will also get us a price for applying gravel on those gravel roads most in need of repairs.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Gave a couple tickets this week, sent a bunch of letters.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Garage addition bids – 10x24' addition for trailer storage.

K M - \$7830

No additional bids received.

Mundt/Booth to accept K M Builders bid of \$7830.00 for garage addition. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Replacement of Park outhouse roof

K M – \$2686 with dimensional shingles

\$2800 with steel roof

No additional bids

Avery/Mitchell to accept K M Builders bid of \$2800 for steel roof for campground outhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mundt/Avery to accept bid of \$2500 from Primary Electric for running electric to garage. All ayes. Motion carried.

- DTE Tree Grant

Avery worked on grant application. Very short timeline for application. Trees need to come from Dept. of Agriculture approved nursery, and no nurseries in NE Michigan are approved by Dept. of Agriculture. Will look into it a little earlier next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob Hoffman here to represent Masonic Lodge. Discussed their function and requested tax relief. Booth will meet with Hoffman and discuss the form required to determine whether they can be exempt.
- LVFD maintenance projects:
 - ❖ Garage door bids – Bid from Justin Holberton to replace 2 doors and metal around doors, and new door openers in the amount of \$4274.80, which includes the increase of 7% for new aluminum tariff.
 - ❖ **Avery/Mitchell to accept bid from Justin Holberton for \$4274.80 for garage doors for the fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.**
 - ❖ **Mitchell/Avery to accept Don Davis bid of \$3500.00 for painting the Luzerne Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.**
 - ❖ Tree Removal – A couple dead trees need to be removed as they're next to the property line. Maintenance personnel or Booth will cut trees.
 - ❖ Concrete Replacement – a bid was received from Hanson's Masonry - \$1750.00. – **Mitchell/Booth to approve bid of \$1750.00 from Hanson's Masonry to replace the concrete in front of the garage. 3 ayes, one nay. Motion carried.**
- Memorandum of Agreement with Thomas Buhr
Mr. Buhr would like to put a memorial at Ma Deeters commemorating a Joe Lewis fight believed to be held in Luzerne on July 4, 1933. The actual fight was held on what is now Fire Dept. property. Booth will contact Norm Caldwell regarding if The Steiner has any interest in being involved, and possibly he or Mr. Buhr would have a resource to design the memorial.
- Request for support from Tri-Town Fire Department for the Fire Pup Safety program – **Mitchell/Avery to contribute \$50 to Fire Pup program for student fire safety. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Poverty Standards – Booth would like board members to review previous exemption resolution for action at next meeting, to be effective in 2019 (most exemptions for 2018 have already been approved at March Board of Review).
- Resolution to add administrative fee to tax bills (**Resolution 2018-09 – A Resolution to Adopt a 1% Tax Administration Fee**) – Does not apply to special assessments, but does apply to all other taxes. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Filing of Property Transfer notices and effective date. State is demanding Townships charge fees or a resolution waiving fees. Fee is \$5/day beginning 45 days after transfer, up to \$200. **Avery/Mitchell to support a resolution to waive the fees for not filing Property Transfer Notice. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Fire Dept. millage (Resolution 2018-10 – **A Resolution to place on the November 2018 ballot a millage renewal proposal for Fire Dept. operations.**) Roll Call vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

- 2018 Tax Rate Request - .8720 mills for general operating, and 1.0 mills for fire operation.
Booth/Mundt to authorize signature of the 2018 L-4029 approving .8720 mills for general operating and 1.0 mills for fire operations. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Resolution in opposition to HB 6049 and SB 1025 (Resolution 2018-11) – hold until July to give board members time to review proposed resolution.
- Mower bids – Received bids to replace or repair tractor that started on fire. Old tractor is 12 years old, estimate \$1200 to repair.
Mitchell/Mundt to purchase zero-turn mower from Klimmek’s for \$4199. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Cemetery Markers – Plastic routed 8” signs to place on fence designating lots in Old Section of cemetery are \$10 each. We’d need a total of 30 signs.
Mitchell/Avery to purchase 30 lot designation signs for cemetery. All ayes. Motion carried.
- McGregor requested a change of date for July meeting. Due to other conflicts, the board opted to not change the date at this time.

MAIL:

- Letter from Dept. of Ag re: DeLong sheep farm – Same people are complaining about contamination, Dept. of Ag met with them again and determined no violations were present. He recommended if there were further complaints that the State may charge the complainant with harassment.
- Letter of Introduction from Cypress Creek Renewables, a solar energy developer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.