

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
August 9, 2018
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Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mitchell, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Asst. Fire Chief Shephard, Commissioner Kischnick, Prosecutor Morse-Bills , 8 electors

MINUTES – July 12, 2018 Regular meeting, July 12, 2018 Election Commission
Mitchell/Avery to approve minutes of 7/12/2018 regular meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Booth/Avery to approve minutes of 7/12/2018 Election Commission Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Additional \$2583.03 from Bunting Gravel, total invoices of \$15, 477.13.
McGregor/Avery to pay bills, totaling \$15,477.13, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Took in \$2300 in park rental.
Account balances: General Fund - \$287,182.22; Cemetery - \$39,782.35; Parks - \$115,329.59; Road Fund - \$233,113.81; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$70,438.27; Fire Millage - \$134,829.71.

FIRE REPORT

Responded to a grass fire in Greenwood Twp, and an accident with a fatality.
Painting of building is complete.
Chief Roddy will be retiring Sept. 1; he needs to submit a letter to the Board to that effect.
Unit #7 at Scientific in Gaylord; repairs estimated at \$10,000.
AuSable Valley Firefighters Assn has raised dues to \$100/yr. from \$20/yr. to provide working funds to hire individuals to provide training.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Working on old cemeteries this summer; we do own Atherton and Mt. Pindus Cemetery. Kevin Kirby has been cleaning up the dead trees from the Atherton site. Booth would like to fence our one acre; should we sell additional sites for current use, maintain it as a cemetery but not sell sites, or abandon it? No map has been found, 5 lots were sold, there was at least one burial. Mt. Pindus – Would like to fence also, ½ acre, we haven’t found any record that any lots were sold, and don’t think there’s any burials, but there may be a map recorded. Still searching and researching.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – Discussion on water valves; a couple lawsuits filed on people who never paid to hook up.
Tri-Town – new pumper is operational; old one will be sold at a later time.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Blight Officer not available for the meeting. He has written a ticket on Mio Drive but hasn't been able to contact the owner yet. Also working on a situation on Park Rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

- MTA resolution for assessment reform – resolution not available. Address it at a later time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fire Chief retirement effective 9/1/18.
Mitchell/Mundt to accept Luzerne Fire Chief Roddy's retirement as of 9/1/18. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Appointment of new Fire Chief
Booth/Mitchell to appoint Grant Shephard as Fire Chief of Luzerne Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Appointment of new Asst. Fire Chief
Shephard requested Frank Wyrembelski be appointed as Asst. Chief.
Wyrembelski requested the pay rate for Asst. Chief be reviewed. Will review when preparing new budget.
McGregor/Mitchell to appoint Frank Wyrembelski Asst. Chief of Luzerne Fire Dept. effective 9/1/18. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Assessment field work contract
Booth has been trying to get someone to work for him hourly doing field work and it hasn't worked out. There is a certified assessor who is interested in contracting at \$15/parcel. Booth would like to contract with him to review up to 300 parcels. Booth can move from line items within the Supervisor and Assessor budgets to cover the cost.
McGregor/Mundt to authorize Booth to contract to do field work. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Marihuana ordinance revision
There is an investor group that reviewed our medical marihuana ordinance and would like more specific information before making any kind of investment, such as including definitions, and spelling out penalties and procedure should there be a violation of ordinance provisions. Will address at the Sept. meeting to give Board members more time to review the proposed ordinance.
- Comstock Park renovation – McGregor and Booth have been attempting to meet with a company representative to look at the park and come up with a concept plan and cost. The representative hasn't followed through with the concept plan and doesn't return calls. Frank Wyrembelski plans to have ice rink at park this year. Booth has information on the liner on his desk, should act on approving purchase of the liner in Sept.
- Tractor/Mower used to mow the campground and office caught on fire; repairs were estimated at \$1200 so we opted to purchase a replacement. The loss has not turned been turned in to insurance co.; we need to check into that.

- Old garage doors at Luzerne fire hall – What do we want to do with them?
Mitchell/Mundt to give old Luzerne fire dept. garage doors to Lyle Heeg. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL:

Oscoda County Airport revised approach plan – Eliminates the N/S runway, and identifies a new drive on the North side of DNR office to provide access to homes adjacent to the hanger. There has been a problem with cars going through the airport area to get to residences.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There will be a seminar in Gaylord re: new proposed assessment regulations. They will be “looking for input from the people” on the proposed new assessment policy.

There will be a report next Tuesday at commissioner’s meeting re: new courthouse building project.

BOARD COMMENT:

Park Rd. Bridge – Not sure yet when they’ll start working.

Don Davis turned in bill for painting. There were a few other items thrown in when he was painting.

Avery/McGregor to pay the extra \$400 for painting the shed and conex box at Luzerne Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.

Windows in the back of the fire hall are the original steel windows. There’s a builder willing to help replace them for \$450; the Luzerne Firemen will assist the builder, and the Luzerne Firemen’s Association will pay the cost.

Booth/McGregor to authorize Luzerne Firemen’s Association to replace the windows in the back of the fire hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Tom Buhr’s research leads him to believe Joe Lewis was doing a promotional tour and offered a prize for anyone who could knock him down. Possibly Cassie Morse-Bills has additional pictures and will provide them to him if she finds any.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk