

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
October 11, 2018
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Call Regular Meeting to Order at 7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, McGregor, Mitchell, Mundt, Fire Chief Shephard, Commissioner Kischnick, Prosecutor Morse-Bills, 10 Electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES – Sept. 13, 2018 Regular meeting, Sept. 27 Election Commission Meeting

McGregor/Avery to approve minutes of Sept. 13, 2018 regular meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth/Mundt to approve minutes of Sept. 27, 2018 Election Commission Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

McGregor/Mitchell to pay bills as presented, totaling \$15,096.07. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Have taken in \$12000 in September in administration fees for tax collection so far. Past the due date for summer tax collection, any additional payments will have late charges.

Received payments for 3 blight tickets so far.

Fund Balances: General Fund - \$300,331.15; Cemetery - \$38,595.67; Parks - \$114,097.48; Road Fund - \$227,261.40; Luzerne Fire - \$65,283.94; Fire Millage - \$134,923.03.

FIRE REPORT

Firefighters responded to a car fire, 2 accidents, and 2 fires. Truck #7 scheduled to be completed by the end of the week. All 3 new windows that we approved a couple months ago have been installed at the fire hall.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Kevin’s been doing a great job cleaning the Atherton and Mt. Pindus cemeteries.

Road projects – Park Rd. Bridge & Co. Rd. 489 – both all torn up, should be completed on schedule

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – doing GIS mapping

Tri-Town – Hired a grant writer for grant writing process for FEMA grant

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tire Recycle – Oct. 20 at Tri-Town. Can use firefighters to haul tires into the trucks.

Same rates at last year. If there's a group that wants to clean up state land, they should let us know and possibly we can reduce the price.

Booth requested authorization to apply for a state grant for next year (fenced area, passenger vehicles only).

McGregor/Mitchell to authorize Booth to apply for a tire recycle grant for 2019. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ice Skating Rink – NiceRink has a skating rink package for a 25x45' rink for \$369.99. We'll have to purchase boards for sideboards. Will hold off on placing an order until Booth can discuss with Wyrembelski.

Kristi McGregor – Update on Play structure at Comstock Park

She's had contact with Sinclair Recreation and they provided a plan and a grant for \$38,384.09, making the structure \$120,000. It will fit in the existing playground at the park. We have some grant commitments but not enough to pay the \$29,000 installation charge. Discussed using equivalent of admin fee for tax collection to help pay the overage.

McGregor/Mundt to purchase the proposed play structure for Comstock Park at a cost of \$158,384.09, less the grant of \$38,384.09. (\$120,000.00)

Roll call vote – Booth – yes, McGregor – yes, Avery – yes, Mitchell – yes, Mundt – yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Streetlight contract - Booth requested Consumers Energy to audit our street lights. Audit showed we **have been** overbilled. **Consumers Energy told us we will be getting a refund of** about \$18,000.

Mundt/McGregor to authorize Booth & Mundt to sign street light contract with Consumers Power. All ayes. Motion carried.

Computer Server Proposal – Server update would cost approx. \$7909. **Our current server is full. Our I.T. person is not sure that our current server is backing up everything.** The new tax program from BS&A will not fit on the new server.

Booth/Mitchell to go forward with replacing the server at a cost of \$7909.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Recycle – The place Whitehouse has been using for recycle is now closed. Recycle has to go to Saginaw or Traverse City. Trucking will be about twice the current cost, and there will be a cost for disposal. Will monitor the situation for a couple months to see how the expense goes.

Audit report came in. The auditor (Jim Anderson) will make a presentation if we want him to come to a Board meeting.

Discussed FOIA request for 2016 election materials, and the amount of time required to comply with the FOIA.

Booth/Mitchell to reimburse Mundt \$195 for hours spent copying to comply with a FOIA. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL:

Public hearing for Oscoda Co. Rd. Comm. For 5-year plan Oct. 30 at Tri-Town.
DNR has open house in Grayling for timber plan for next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kischnick – Greenwood also looking at recycling situation, no decision made to date.
Testing for Legionnaire’s has been completed; all clear at the courthouse.
Nothing to report on the new courthouse.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk