

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**November 8, 2018**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Booth, Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt, Fire Chief Shephard, Blight Officer Ellis, 7 electors

**ABSENT:** None

**MINUTES**– Minutes of October 11, 2018 Regular meeting were presented.

**McGregor/Mitchell to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Total invoices of \$19468.55, including additions of \$1216.46.

**McGregor/Mitchell to pay bills totaling \$19,468.55 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Revenue sharing of \$43,000 was received. Playground equipment for Comstock has been ordered.

Account balances: General Fund - \$303,854.83; Cemetery - \$38,418.29; Parks - \$13,329.39; Road Fund - \$221,543.10; Luzerne Fire Fund – 63,541.09; Fire Millage - \$134,947.60.

**FIRE REPORT**

Firefighters responded to a car fire at Deeter’s (next door to fire hall), a downed powerline, and 2 accidents. Unit #7 has been returned from Scientific and is back in service. No invoice for the Unit 7 repairs received to date.

Proposed new firefighter for consideration – Nathan Socia. Nathan has attended his 3 meetings and been approved by the firefighters.

**Mitchell/McGregor to approve Nathan Socia as probationary firefighter for Luzerne Volunteer Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Mike Dekun has requested a 1-year extension to get his FFI certification due to his inability to attend the required classes because of his job. He expects to be able to arrange his schedule when the next training is held.

**Avery/Mitchell to give Mike Dekun a 1 year extension to get his FFI class. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Robert Iwinski has resigned from Luzerne Fire Dept. because his job is keeping him out of town for the foreseeable future. Socia and Dekun will be attempting to get FFI training at a class to be held at Tri-Town this winter.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Zimowske Rd. rebuild is nearly complete; Park Road bridge is being graveled and the Road Commission is hoping to have it finished yet this winter. Randall is still closed to through traffic and we have no information on the reason. The Road Commission has made no commitment on allowing a pipe for water withdrawal on Park Road bridge.

Booth is working on a grant for security systems and security lighting for Fire Hall and Comstock Park.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Utility Authority – Received a clean audit report. A developer is interested in putting in an assisted living across from Mio School. The developer is negotiating with utility authority for tap-in fees.

Tri-Town – A new probationary Firefighter joined; purchased turnout gear; received proposed grant request from grant writer.

## **BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

Most of the blight complaints have been cleaned up, or are being cleaned up.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- D. Wellman from Whitehouse Disposal spoke. The recycle facility in Alpena is being shut down. American Waste in Traverse City is the closest recycler he can find, but there is a cost of \$20/ton where previously there was no charge. Contents of boxes average about a ton. Wellman expects the cost will be about \$400 per box to dump, due to the \$20/ton tipping fee and the additional miles to the facility. He recommends we raise our fee to \$1.50 or \$2 per bag. American Waste doesn't require the recyclables be sorted by type.
- Ice Skating Rink – Booth talked to F. Wyrembelski about the skating rink. He'd like to go bigger than 20x40'. Cost of liner and timbers will be around \$900.

**McGregor/Mitchell to go ahead with purchase of skating rink supplies at a cost of approximately \$900. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Streetlight contract – Total credit after audit is \$18,271.13 which we will use to replace high pressure sodium and mercury vapor lights with LED. Consumers will replace some of our streetlights (mercury vapor) with LED fixtures at no charge; the higher wattage lights will cost us \$7,023.00 to change over to LED. Next month we should get the cost estimate to swap out the center span lights.

**McGregor/Mitchell to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Consumers Power to complete the \$7,023.00 in streetlight upgrades. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Steiner building project – Estimating \$30,000-\$40,000 for a new addition to building. We will be notified after they receive the final estimate for the building project of how much we will be requested to supply.

### **MAIL:**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Fire Dept. didn't have Association bonfire last year because of lack of brush. There are several brush piles there now that should be pushed together for the bonfire in January. Will look for someone with a front end loader in the Luzerne area that can do it, or contact the road commission.

Mr. Friday inquired who had done the brushhogging along the roads in Luzerne area. Booth replied it was USFS clearing for firebreak.

Veterans breakfast Friday, 11/9 at the school.

#### **BOARD COMMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm.

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk