

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
January 10, 2019
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, Mundt, Fire Chief Shepard, Commissioner Bondar, 16 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES – December 11, 2018 Regular meeting

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

LIST OF BILLS

Total of invoices - \$41268.48.

Mundt/Mitchell to pay bills totaling \$41,268.48 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Revenue Sharing was \$42,000 this month, higher than expected.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$306,641.63; Cemetery - \$37,731.71; Parks - \$11,708.69; Road Fund - \$202,023.66; Luzerne Fire - \$45,143.76; Fire Millage - \$134,995.97.

FIRE REPORT

Firefighters responded to a structure fire, 1 vehicle accident, 1 property damage accident.

Two Firefighters in FFI training ongoing now.

- New Firefighter Packet – Brian Hudson - was on Luzerne Fire Dept. previously, trained and certified. Has been on Tri-Town Fire Dept. and now would like to come back to Luzerne. Chief Shepard and Asst. Chief Wyrembelski requested he be approved.

Avery/Booth to return Brian Hudson to the Luzerne Fire Dept. as firefighter. All ayes. Motion carried.

Would not be probationary as he already has all the certifications.

Replaced toilet and pumped septic tank at Fire Dept. Really small tank and septic system. Will have to address it at some time with a larger system.

Ellis would like to see the Dept. obtain 2-3 sets of ice cleats, approximately \$30 at Luzerne Hardware.

Mitchell/Mundt to authorize Luzerne Fire Dept. to purchase 4 sets of ice cleats. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Working on assessment roll; Consumers is preparing estimates to replace some of the center span streetlights with LED or high pressure sodium.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – signed a contract to retain the same auditor as last year; looking into a new attorney as the previous attorney has retired.

Tri-Town – Met and approved new budget.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

No new complaints. Blight Officer Ellis turned in his resignation effective 12/31/18.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Jackie Bondar introduced Bob Hunter, new ambulance director effective 12/20/18. He's also the fire chief in Johannesburg.
- Application for Medical Marijuana Dispensary License – Dean Wilson has filed an application for Medical Marijuana Dispensary license.
Booth/Mitchell to approve the application from Dean Wilson for a Medical Marijuana Facility license. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Trustee Vacancy – Kristi McGregor turned in her resignation effective 12/31/18 when she was appointed County Prosecutor. The new appointment will be effective until General election in 2020. Will have a special meeting Feb. 12, 2018 at 6 pm to interview interested persons. Selection of new trustee will be made at the regular Feb. meeting (February 14, 2018).
- Ellis inquired if we would be interested in making a policy that in order to be paid for training, a new firefighter needs to remain with the department for a minimum time period. Board elected not to change the policy at this time.

MAIL:

- Landmark Dividend – Cell Tower Lease

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kischnick – Thanks for working with him for the last 6 years, but he won't be back.

Commissioner Bondar – New commissioners trying to get familiar with all that's going on, forming committees. Working hard to get information for the public.

February 9 at 6 pm the Luzerne Fire Dept. is hosting a bonfire at the brush pile in Luzerne. Skating rink is in place and functional at Comstock Park.

Electrical problem at fire hall; Consumers will be putting a transformer across the road from fire hall and will run a dedicated line to the fire hall to run the compressor used to fill the scba equipment.

BOARD COMMENT: - None

Temporary recess 7:55, to resume with budget workshop at 8:05.

Meeting called to order 8:20 pm

Avery/Mitchell to make the proposed budget amendments including increasing the Parks & Recreation Fund \$21,000 (to \$144,900) with a transfer from the General Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

Budget workshop continued with discussion of Luzerne Fire Dept. budget for 2019-2020.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk