

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
April 18, 2019
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Regular meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Stone, Mitchell, Mundt, Fire Chief Shepard, Commissioners McAuley, Bondar, Marsh, 10 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES– March 14, 2019 Regular Meeting, March 21, 2019 Budget Hearing, and March 28, 2019 Election Commission Meeting

Avery/Booth to accept minutes of March 14, 2019 Regular Meeting, March 21, 2019 Budget Hearing, and March 28, 2019 Election Commission Meeting as presented. All ayes.

Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Avery/Mundt to pay bills totaling \$6303.59 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

All tax money has been received and paid out to schools, state and county. New Fiscal Year funds were all disbursed to the individual Township funds.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$330,570.70; Cemetery - \$46,631.88; Parks - \$86,336.72; Road Fund - \$235,336.22; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$104,589.90; Fire Millage - \$137,264.85.

FIRE REPORT

No calls during March. Two firefighters went to Indianapolis to a fire conference where they received lots of good information.

Lockers – Asst. Chief Wyrembelski reported on revenues received by the Luzerne Fire Assn. in an effort to raise enough funds to purchase new lockers. They have raised approximately \$2300, but are still approximately \$600 short of the funds required.

Stone/Booth to pay the balance of \$600 from the Fire Fund for the lockers at Luzerne Fire Dept. (To come from building supplies). All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Ad for blight officer will be in the local paper for the next 3 weeks, so hopefully we’ll have some applications for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stone – Grant application put together for trees for streetscape, but he hasn’t been able to find the trees (must be state inspected). Once he finds the trees and gets an invoice, he can send in the application.

Utility Authority – Normal Operations. A couple major water leaks this spring.

MTA – Discussion from Consumers Energy (Rich Castle) regarding their programs. Also Mercantile Bank gave a presentation, and there was discussion regarding The Steiner and the division of building costs.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Booth has received some complaints, and will be doing some inspections in the next week.

Paul Ciske, Mio School, was present to discuss the upcoming millage election. He is seeking support for the .6 mils being requested in the May 7 election.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Street Light Contract and converting to LED – Regular street lights are \$900+ to replace with LED. Center suspension lights are over \$2000 per light. Booth recommends three center suspension lights (McCormack & W 11th, W 8th and Jay Smith, W 8th and Nolan) be replaced at a total cost of \$6,420, then use the other \$6000 to do another 6 regular street lights.

Mitchell/Stone To go ahead with upgrade to LED of 3 center suspension street lights at a cost of \$6420, and 6 regular street lights at a cost of approximately \$6000, and authorize Booth to sign the contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Steiner Museum – Briefly discussed their proposed building project and our contribution (budgeted \$10,000). The County supports their operations, so won't be making a contribution. Other Townships have not indicated they've budgeted any funds at this time.
- Comstock Playground Equipment – Meeting with Sinclair Recreation Friday at 10 am. We've received the invoices for installation (\$34,750) and placing bark (\$4,167) Booth requesting authorization to sign contract for installation when he sees Rich Sinclair, the Game Time representative, on Friday at the Comstock Park.

Mundt/Mitchell to authorize Booth to sign the contract with Sinclair Recreation for installation of the Comstock Park playground structure. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- MTA's request for Township opinion on the option for Non-partisan Township Offices Stone/Mitchell to oppose the nonpartisan elections. All ayes. Motion carried.
Resolution 2019-08 Resolution to Oppose Non-partisan Township Offices.
Stone/Mitchell To oppose legislation that would allow township boards the option to have elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot.
Roll call vote – Ayes – Booth, Avery, Mitchell, Stone, Mundt.
Nays - None
- Proposed Free Dump Day – Estimate cost to be from 10-20,000. We'll pick a date at May meeting; Booth will talk to Whitehouse about when it would work for him.
- Luzerne Fireworks Assn. Application for Fireworks for Independence Day weekend, to be held July 6 or rain date of July 7.

Stone/Mitchell to authorize clerk to sign fireworks application for Luzerne Independence Day celebration. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth/Avery to authorize Supervisor or Clerk to sign permit for Mio fireworks if the Chamber of Commerce request a permit for the Mio Pond backwaters for Independence Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

Avery/Mitchell to donate \$500 each to Luzerne and Mio Fireworks displays. All ayes. Motion carried.

Avery would like to use the hall on June 6 for a BS&A training for Oscoda County Township Treasurers.

Booth/Mundt to authorize use of the hall on June 6, 2019 for a BS&A training for Treasurers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Luzerne Fire Dept. Par Plan Grant – for security system. Received resolution and will consider at the May meeting.

MAIL: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner McAuley – Greenwood Twp. opted out of donating to the Steiner.

Commissioner Bondar – County will continue to support the Steiner with \$5000 annually and insurance and electric payments. Wolgast will be available at the May 7 Commissioner meeting.

BOARD COMMENT:

Need to have the driveway graded and gravel added. Booth will contact a couple vendors. Wyrembelski requested the skating rink be put in the pavilion next year.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk