

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
May 16, 2019
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Regular Meeting called to order 7:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Avery, Mundt, Fire Chief Shepard, Commissioner McAuley, Sheriff Grace, 8 Electors

ABSENT: Stone

MINUTES – April 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

Mitchell/Avery to approve minutes of April 18, 2019 regular meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Avery/Mitchell to pay bills totaling \$9849.54 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Revenue sharing approximately \$37,700. Some revenues have been collected for camping at Luzerne River Park.

Account balances: General Fund - \$355,671.92; Cemetery Fund - \$46,164.63; Parks - \$84,304.90; Roads - \$234,035.79; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$102,142.00; Fire Millage - \$137,295.20.

FIRE REPORT

Firefighters responded to a down power line and dumpster fire, and did a walk-thru at Woodhaven to assess in case of propane fire.

Chief Shepard wants to purchase embroidered Fire Dept. patches at a cost of \$35 setup, plus \$12/patch. Total \$95.00 for setup and 5 patches.

Avery/Mundt to authorize Luzerne Fire Chief Shepard to purchase Fire Dept. patches. All ayes. Motion carried.

Firemen’s Bash – Fundraiser put on by Firefighters Association on Sept. 7 at Luzerne Express Campground.

Luzerne Fire Dept. driveway being graded and shaped in conjunction with work being done at Deeter’s. Luzerne Express & Firefighters are setting up a new spot on Fire Dept. property in the shade for a hitching post for horse riders.

Discussion about Hazmat training and disposition of hazmat trailer at fire dept. Duane Roddy offered to talk to County Commissioners about the trailer, its repairs, and where it will be stationed.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Comstock Park – Contractor has been working on the playscape at Comstock. Most of it has been completed except for a pallet of parts that haven’t arrived yet. The remaining parts, the mulch, and Geo fabric should be at the park on Monday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – Operating normally, planning to put more insulation in the building.
Tri-Town Fire Dept. had a fundraiser in conjunction with Blue Collar store last weekend.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Booth ran an ad for blight officer; Booth and Stone interviewed 3 applicants. One applicant withdrew his application. Applicant would be hired on a probationary status for 6 months.
Avery/Mitchell to hire Jim Bundoff, recommended by interview committee, for blight officer. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Street Light Contract – Tammy Opalecci from Consumers called, Consumers may decide to not charge for center suspension replacement so we should hold off on signing the contract for the upgrades. A new person has been appointed by Consumers to deal with all street light upgrades.
- Free Dump Day
Doug Wellman willing to do dump day any weekend except on holiday weekends. Booth talked to a guy at Alpena Dump Day, who indicated that do not take garbage for free dump day, they just take appliances/furniture, etc.
Township Cleanup Day, June 8, 9-2 pm, No tires. Shepard/Wyrembelski will recruit helpers from Luzerne Fire Dept., Avery will work verifying it's township residents or property owners. Will have a large roll-off for large pieces, no household trash will be accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Blight Officer applications (above)
- Tree Grant – Stone found a nursery in Charlevoix where we can get trees, so he's going to submit the grant application this week.
- Mio Downtown Streetscape – Bids were not taken for maintenance of flowers, and changing of flags for the streetscape this year. Last year's contractor did a good job, and he's willing to do it for the same price this year.

Mundt/Mitchell to contract with Paul Rowden (in conjunction with Mentor Twp.) to do streetscape maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Recreational Marihuana –

Avery/Mitchell to opt out of the recreational marihuana.

Roll call vote – Mitchell – yes, Avery – yes, Booth – no, Mundt – no. Motion failed.

Special meeting/Public Hearing will be held on May 29, 2019 at 7 pm to discuss if our residents would like to see recreational marihuana facilities in the township.

- Foreclosed Property List from County Treasurer – Booth checked out parcels, doesn't see any reason why we'd want to purchase.

Mitchell/Mundt – to NOT purchase any of the 2019 foreclosed properties as offered by the County Treasurer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comstock/Fire Dept. security cameras PAR Plan grant – 50% match. Our share will be about \$2700.

Will discuss at our May 29 meeting.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Grace – Next LEPC meeting July 17. D. Roddy should contact Brenda at the County Commissioners office to be placed on the agenda to discuss disposition of Hazmat trailer at Fire Dept.

Marine Safety Course last weekend; drop in attendance possibly due to an on-line course that's available.

Take back drugs day was held in April. 36# were collected.

National Police week was the week of May 12-18, and he (and all of us) thank all the police officers.

Steve DuFour from Road Comm. requested our consideration of brining 3 miles of W. Cherry Creek Rd. instead of the 2 miles we currently pay for. The road runs through another township, and a private property owner is willing to pay half the cost. No motion was made.

Commissioner McAuley – Equipment on site to start courthouse construction, expect starting date will be Monday (May 20).

Request about Luzerne Bridge on Park Road – when will it be completed and the road open? (The road commission expects the blacktopping to be completed by Friday, May 24.)

BOARD COMMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Socia taking test for FFI 5/16/19. Brian Roddy will be in FFII with Socia starting in June.

Meeting adjourned 8:52 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk