

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
June 20, 2019
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Call Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, Mundt, Luzerne Fire Chief Shephard, 16 electors

ABSENT: Stone

MINUTES– May 16, 2019 Regular Meeting and May 29, 2019 Special Meeting
Mitchell/Avery to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Invoices totaling \$34,768.84, including \$4300.00 for Whitehouse Disposal for Clean-up Day.
Avery/Mitchell to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Donations for park project - \$2500 from Luzerne Predators, \$500 from Luzerne Chamber, \$5000 from Whaley Steel. Rec’d Title I money (Roads) of \$21000; Community stabilization funds of \$7700; Money donated to Luzerne Fire Fund from Firemen’s Association totaled \$2800.
Fund totals: General Fund - \$337,286.94; Cemetery - \$45,325.97; Parks - \$87,412.39; Road Fund - \$260,354.16; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$97,992.91; Fire Millage - \$137,320.58.

FIRE REPORT

Held Driver’s Training Course, and responded to 2 structure fires. Nathan Socia passed FFI, and Socia and Brian Roddy are now attending FFII. New lockers were installed; checked around on patches for a better price but all were similar cost so the order has been placed as approved in May.

Chief Shephard requested use of Fire Dept. property for Independence Day festivities. Will be on the 6th of July. The Board authorized its use as requested.

Asst. Chief Wyrembelski requested info about treating for dust between ORV trailhead and fire dept. Booth will talk to DuFour from the Road Commission about brining that ¼ mile.

Question about fire dept. drawing water at new Park Rd. bridge. Booth will talk to DuFour about that also.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Field work in T25N R1E, and T25N R2E; the Comstock Park Project is complete; the bridge on Park Rd. is complete and Zimowske Rd. is complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – Business as usual.

MTA will probably have a meeting in July; will be discussing Steiner Museum funding and a possible electronics recycling. (Meeting may be July 8 at Steiner Museum)

Recycle Boxes – Rates have increased to \$50/ton so our costs will go up. Will notify Whitehouse of our rate increase from \$1 to \$2 per bag.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Twenty-four cases were reviewed. Blight Officer Bundoff has been talking to people and trying to work out how to resolve issues. Six have been cleaned up; one went way beyond just cleanup. There are a few violators that are going to have to be pushed. One citation issued today. Bundoff suggested we send letters to people who go above and beyond in their cleanup. Mr. Friday questioned if the Blight Ordinance addressed grass height. Our ordinance does not. Sometimes the grass gets quite high because the people are weekenders.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Township Cleanup Day – Filled 7 dumpsters. Total charge was \$4300.00. Good turnout, and a \$40 donation from one dumper.
- Recreational Marihuana Ordinance – All the rules not promulgated yet, LARA not sure what the rules will be. We will have 90-120 days after the rules are promulgated to act on an ordinance. Will delay decision until the rules are available.
- There will be a “Kush Fest” in Luzerne in August at the Express (weekend prior to Labor Day). Anticipate 3000-5000 people.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Donation Request – Annual Fire Safety and Burn Prevention Education Program
Mitchell/Mundt to donate \$50 to Fire Safety program. All ayes. Motion carried.
- MTA Dues for 2019/2020 - \$2147.16.
Mitchell/Avery to pay the dues to MTA for the year. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mio Lions – Donation of “Welcome to Mio” sign. Twp. has insurance to cover (Inland Marine portion of the policy).

MAIL:

Oscoda Co. Planning Comm. Updating their Master Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Friday – Questioned who the assessor was, and why someone besides Booth was doing the Field work.

Wyrembelski – Traffic moving too fast thru Luzerne. He questioned if MDOT could put out additional signage. Sheriff put additional patrols because of the rapidly moving traffic. Also lots of pedestrian traffic moving from South side of highway to Comstock Park. Booth will check out speed study and possible signage for Luzerne.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 8:13 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk