

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
August 20, 2020
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Regular Meeting to called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Stone (chair), Mitchell, Avery, Mundt, Blight Officer Bundoff,, Commissioners McAuley, Bondar, 12 electors

ABSENT: Booth

MINUTES – July 16, 2020 Special Meeting with Mentor Twp., July 16, 2020 Regular Meeting, July 20, 2020 Special Meeting with Mentor Twp., August 6, 2020 Special Meeting
Mitchell/Avery to approve minutes of all 4 meetings as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Mitchell/Mundt to approve bills totaling \$\$43,363.22 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Account Balances: General Fund - \$498,878.00; Cemetery Fund - \$58,064.46; Park Fund - \$67,638.92; Road Fund - \$244,089.75; Luzerne Fire fund - \$111,408.03; Fire Millage - \$131,734.36.

FIRE REPORT

Luzerne Volunteer Firefighters responded to 4 fires and one accident in July, and attended two parades, and worked during the Independence Day fireworks.
Update on hazard pay for volunteer firemen – Forms were completed for Tri-Town and Luzerne Fire Dept. and submitted for hazard pay, 13 Firefighters for Luzerne and 17 for Tri-Town, \$1000 for each active firefighter.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

None – Supervisor was ill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Six court cases this month before three judges; all pointed out deficiencies in our blight ordinance. Bundoff rewrote some of the specifications of the ordinance for board members to review. Court is enforcing the letter of the ordinance rather than the intent.
Mundt/Avery to appoint Stone and Mitchell to a committee with Bundoff to review and revise the blight ordinance to correct deficiencies. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Engineering Proposal for Thompson Road from C2AE, total of \$15,000 plus \$1,800 for permitting services.
Mitchell/Stone to sign Thompson Rd. engineering proposal from C2AE. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Roman Benson Re: Recreational Marihuana Ordinance – Requested we reconsider our position on recreational marihuana and start to consider changing our ordinance. Presented some talking points and a petition with approx. 200 signatures. Discussed public hearing/contacting attorney about updating recreational marihuana

NEW BUSINESS:

- Notice of Foreclosed Properties from County Treasurer
Mitchell/Avery to not take the foreclosed properties. All ayes. Motion carried.
- American Tower Proposal - \$8000/year for 8 5-year leases plus \$15000.
No action taken. Discuss with Booth.
- Hazard pay for essential workers – All but elected officials. This will include deputies, park workers, and cemetery worker, blight officer and election workers. Can use Treasurer's administration fee to cover the cost.
Mundt/Avery to pay essential workers \$1000 hazard pay. All ayes. Motion carried.
Avery/ Mundt to pay each election worker \$100 per election for each election they work. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Municipal Underwriters – New Policy and Premium notice
Mitchell/Mundt to approve new policy with Municipal Underwriters. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Croptoberfest 2020, Oct. 10, 2020 – To be held at Bigfoot Lodge.

MAIL:

- County Capital Improvement Plan
- County Equalization Director/Assessor – Must be a concensus of opinion of townships for appointment of County Assessor. Hold for Booth's return.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Electronic Recycling 9/12, 10-2 at Tri-Town. Stone and Avery volunteered to work.

Richard Walser – Commented on rights of hearing impaired. Talked about our blight officer's discussion with him regarding his "blight". Feels he's paying excessive taxes on the three properties.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mundt/Stone to adjourn 8:25 pm. All ayes.

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk