

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2021
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Deb Coulon, Stone, Mundt
Meeting restricted to Board Members and the speaker making a presentation.

MINUTES – November 19, 2020 Regular meeting
Stone/Coulon to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Total of invoices for Dec. and January - \$40,295.27. Additional invoice – \$72.00. Grand total - \$40,367.27.

Mundt/Stone to pay bills as presented, totaling \$40,367.27. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Revenue sharing up about \$5000 this month.

Account Balances: General Fund- \$567,807.89; Cemetery Fund - \$55,957.40; Parks Fund - \$63,662.27; Road Fund - \$204,776.20; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$109,991.37; Fire Millage - \$131,822.25.

FIRE REPORT

No meeting or training in December. Firefighters responded to two down powerlines. Enbridge granted Luzerne Fire Dept. \$6000 for a new hazmat trailer. The trailer will be used to house boom materials for pipeline spills.
Two firefighters – Brian Roddy and Nathan Socia – resigned from the Department.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Working on budget and getting ready to turn assessment roll in to county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stone – Attended first sewer authority meeting.
Tri-Town set budget for this year.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

One ticket paid in Nov. that we haven’t received payment from the court for..

OLD BUSINESS:

- Thompson Road – Will cost 200,000 – 400,000 depending on how much we do. No Road commission cost share for 2021. Will look at it while working on the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jose Brown Re: Big Creek Drive – 80 feet of Big Creek Drive is not maintained by the Road Commission because there's no place to turn the trucks around. Mr. Brown is willing to take on the maintenance of the road if the township doesn't want to maintain it. The township has no plans or desire to put a road to the Big Creek; the property at this time is private property. Mr. Brown was told by neighbors that there was an easement to the creek on the property line. Clarified by Booth that the township could utilize the property line for a road if need be according to state law, but we have no plans or desire to build and maintain access to the creek. That property is private until such time as the township decides there needs to be a road.
- Roman Benson Re: Adult Use Marihuana Ordinance - Requesting Canna Club be authorized to sell Adult Use marihuana. The state is changing their regulations and now most people are letting their medical card go and just buy recreationally. The recreational centers can deliver to any location in our county even if we don't have recreational marijuana ordinance.
- Aaron Baggett Re: Adult Use Marihuana – looking for adult use for cultivation. Want to convert a portion of their grow operation to adult use.
- Board of Review Appointments – Booth requested Tom McVeigh, Al Grewe, Tom Osterbeck be appointed. Next year training is mandatory.
Booth/Stone to appoint Tom McVeigh, Al Grewe, and Tom Osterbeck to Board of Review. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Poverty exemptions – Must make updates in our policy, including removing item 7 (more than 2 years' ownership of home), and delete the 90% exemption. Exemption must be 100%.
Booth/Coulon to approve resolution 2021-01 to make changes to poverty exemption policy.
Roll Call vote – Avery – yes; Coulon – yes; Stone – yes; Mundt – yes; Booth – yes.
Resolution 2021-01 passed.
- COVID-19 plan presented.
Stone/Coulon to adopt Covid-19 Response Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Reviewed list of items Luzerne Fire Dept. would like to purchase with Title II funds.
Mundt/Avery to authorize Luzerne Fire Dept. to spend ~~\$\$\$298.00~~ 9263.69 in Title III funds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bondar – Gypsy moth spraying planned, residents have to have 10 or more acres, up to 640 acres, to get cost share. Cost to residents would be \$13 per acre.

Booth – Moved to not go through with recreational marihuana. Motion died for lack of support.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 9:12 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk