

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
February 18, 2021
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Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Coulon, Stone, Mundt, blight officer Bundoff, 15 electors
ABSENT: NONE

MINUTES – January 21, 2021 Regular meeting
Correction – total amount of Title III funds to spend on equipment - \$9263.69.
Stone/Coulon to approve minutes with correction to amount of Title III funds available.
All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Total bills: \$16,889.89
Delete \$9500 demolition reimbursement to Pioneer State Mutual Insurance Co. Booth will talk to building inspector about the house renovation at 216 Pearl St.
Stone/Coulon to pay bills as presented less \$9500 for Pioneer State, total of bills \$7389.89.
All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer’s computer not working properly with Quick Books. Computers can be upgraded or replaced. Both computers are at least 10 years old.
Booth/Stone to have computer tech, GLTC, LLC, replace both Treasurer Office computers for a total of approximately \$3000. All ayes. Motion carried.
Account balances: General Fund - \$557,415.92; Cemetery Fund - \$55,820.18; Parks - \$63,623.92; Road Fund - \$203,245.63; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$105,997.67; Fire Millage - \$131,849.80.

FIRE REPORT

Firefighters responded to a structure fire and assisted Tri Town on a fire.
 Fire Extinguisher Inspection Report and proposed updates. Total of \$514 of new extinguishers needed to replace old (1946-1955) extinguishers.
Coulon/Mundt to purchase 4 fire extinguishers from Mid-Michigan Fire Protection.
All ayes. Motion carried.
Replaced some fuel filters on #5 and had some difficulty keeping it running.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Assessment roll sent in to the county, notices will be mailed shortly.
Booth had a couple meetings with Consumers Energy re: upgrading to LED lighting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – No new business. Sold old truck, held off on raising fees.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

One violator failed to comply with court order, has received 2 tickets so far.

Bundoff would like to meet with the County Clerk (and Avery) to determine a schedule for payment of blight ticket proceeds. Tickets were paid in November and township portion of proceeds still not received.

Avery/Stone to authorize Bundoff to talk to County Clerk and set up a schedule for payment of blight ticket proceeds. All ayes. Motion carried.

For restitution, court wants a certified copy of actual costs. Copy costs now \$.10 per copy for color and black & white. Can use that cost for now, will look at revising the cost when reviewing the fee schedule next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kristen and Krista Bensen RE: Adult Use Marihuana – Presented signatures from 550 people interested in having the recreation use available.

Dan Bonamie, Supervisor Beaver Creek Twp, here to support the Bensons in their request. Beaver Creek working on an ordinance to opt in to adult use.

Coulon/Mundt To write an ordinance to move forward with opting in to adult use marihuana for the facilities that are already open for medical.

Roll Call Vote – Stone – No, Coulon – Yes, Avery – No, Booth – No, Mundt – yes.

Motion failed 3-2.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pierce Road Renovation – Linda Yelland spoke regarding how terrible Pierce Road is getting. No cost share from Road Commission this year; cost to do Pierce is \$380,000. Recommended she speak with Road Commission as road maintenance is their responsibility. Coulon volunteered to attend the meeting with Yelland.
- Road Commission Brining Contract - \$.23/gallon, Total 19971.36 per application.
Stone/Avery to authorize Booth and Mundt to sign contract with Road Commission for Summer 2021 brining. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Fee Schedule – Update with new wages for next meeting
- Pay Resolutions – Resolutions 2021-03 thru 2021-06 approved for a 2% pay increase.
- Budget Amendments and adjustments recommendations from Mundt were reviewed.
Stone/Avery to approve recommended Budget Amendments and Adjustments. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Assessment Policies – Booth presented a policy resolution 2021-02 for Real Property Exemptions.
Booth/Coulon to adopt Resolution 2021-02 Policy and Procedures for Real Property Exemptions, as presented. All ayes.
- Enbridge is requesting a letter of support from Townships to rebuild all of Line 5.
Stone/Booth to send a letter of support to Enbridge for rebuilding all of Line 5. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

- Consumers Energy – Will be getting a bid from Consumers to upgrade some of our Center suspension lights to LED. Will have proposal for the next meeting.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Bonamie, Beaver Creek Twp. Supervisor, questioned why the board members didn't approve the marijuana motion because of the potential tax revenue to be received.

BOARD COMMENT:

Commissioner McCauley - 2 weeks until next Road Commission meeting. All votes have to be done by roll call if completed thru Zoom.

MTA Training – MTA Board of Review training on Feb. 26. It's required for all Board of Review members.

Stone/Coulon to have all Board of Review members and Booth attend virtual Board of Review Training held by MTA on February 26. All ayes. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing March 25, 7 pm., special meeting to follow to adopt the budget.

Meeting adjourned 9:36 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk