

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
March 18, 2021
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Coulon, Mundt, Stone (via Zoom), Bundoff, Commissioners McCauley and Bondar, Asst. Fire Chief Wyrembelski, 4 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES – February 18, 2021 Regular meeting, March 3, 2021 Special Meeting
Stone/Coulon to approve minutes of February 18, 2021 and March 3, 2021 meetings as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Total invoices - \$21,133.37.

Coulon/Avery pay invoices totaling \$21,133.37 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Fund balances: General Fund - \$572,575.64; Cemetery Fund - \$55,682.95; Park Fund - \$63,707.73; Road Fund - \$200,739.08; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$101,333.95; Fire Millage - \$131,850.41.

FIRE REPORT

Responded to 2 fires, a mutual aid response with Greenwood, and 2 mutual aid responses with Tri-Town.

Problem with snowmobiles and ATVs crossing Fire Dept. property and leaving trash on the property. Booth and Wyrembelski will meet with Deeters’ owners to attempt to find a solution to the problem.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

One more meeting of Board of Review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town – Going to replace some doors at fire dept.

Utility Authority – Adopted Budget for 2021-22.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Received 7 new complaints, did inspections and sent notices.

Contacted court re outstanding ticket payments.

Discussed request from a member of the public to make public the original complainant. After discussion the board elected to leave the policy as it is.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pioneer State Mutual Ins. Refund – Oman Wilson – Refund the property owner(s) and send refund to 216 Pearl St.

- LED Lighting Update – Consumers plans to replace our center suspension lights in 2022 at no charge to us. School has asked their lights to be removed from our contract, so there will be approximately 45 lights to update.
- Finalize Budget – Both recommended a transfer of \$473,000 into road fund. Expected total amount in road fund should then cover all regular expenses, and Thompson Road culvert and Pierce Road repairs.

Booth/Mundt to transfer total of \$473,000 from General Fund to Road Fund in 2021-22; total Road Fund account for 2021-22 - \$860,554.45. Amendments to be made to budget when costs are finalized.

Roll call vote – Stone – yes, Coulon –yes, Avery – yes, Booth – yes, Mundt – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- American Tower Proposal – Would like to buy out our tower lease at Luzerne Cemetery. Offering a one-time \$78000, or extend the contract for 40 years with a \$10,000 bonus. No action was taken.
- MTA Conference
Booth/Mundt to authorize any board member to attend the MTA Conference in April. Coulon – yes, Avery – yes, Stone – yes, Booth – yes, Mundt – yes.
- Board Meeting Schedule 2021-22
Stone/Coulon to Meet 3rd Thursday for 2021-22, 7:00 p.m. – all ayes. Motion carried.
- 2021-22 Fee Schedule
Booth/Avery to adopt fee schedule as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Authorization to sign BS&A Software Proposal for Accounting programs–
**Stone/Coulon to authorize clerk to sign contract with BS&A
Stone – yes, Coulon – yes, Avery – yes, Booth – yes, Mundt – yes Motion carried.**
- Request from Lisa Schanck Re: Cemetery. She would like to purchase a vacated lot for her son’s headstone, which is adjacent to her daughter’s lot. Board has no problem with Mundt selling the lot to Lisa Schanck.
- Marihuana Ordinance – Attorney has no problems with the ordinance.
**Mundt/Coulon to opt in and adopt our ordinance, 2021-25, Ordinance Authorizing and Permitting Commercial Recreational Adult-Use Marijuana Facilities.
Stone – yes, Coulon – yes, Avery – yes, Booth – yes, Mundt – yes.**
- MDOT Proposal for M-72 – MDOT planning road work on M-72 from M-33 to 14th in 2027 and requested our input into additions we might want to put along the road such as sidewalks, landscaping, etc.
- Additional budget amendments recommended for 2020-21.
Mundt/Stone to make budget amendments as recommended. All ayes. Motion carried. Stone – yes, Coulon – yes, Avery – yes, Booth – yes, Mundt - yes

MAIL:

Letter from LARA Re: Blue Collar Clothing Co. – Denied liquor request

Letter from EGLE Re: Pine Gate Renewables Permit – Project moving forward

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Info on Covid money coming into township – what will we be using it for? Has to be COVID related.

Re: Fence - Would Deeters like to share the cost of the fence? Would we be able to sell 30 feet from the north side to Deeters?

BOARD COMMENT:

Commissioner Bondar – Gwen Monk is retiring, there will be an ad to hire replacement. Final day June 1st. \$15.23/hr.

Joe Breugh looking for part-time seasonal help at fairgrounds.

County Park will be looking for seasonal help.

Tom McCauley– M-33 Access internet is going to be connected at the county park.

Will pick a date for clean-up day next week.

People looking for a location for HazMat disposal. Phone # on EGLE for a disposal location.

Maybe could have a collection on dump day, and could also collect electronics that day and save in the old haz-mat trailer.

Electronics recycle Sept. 18. \$5, TVs over 38” \$10.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Budget Hearing March 25, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk