

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
July 15, 2021
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Call Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Booth, Stone, Coulon, Avery, Mundt, Blight Officer Bundoff, Commissioners McCauley and Bondar, Fire Chief Shepard, 6 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES – June 17, 2021

Stone/Coulon to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Total \$6717.20 including additional.

Coulon/Avery to pay bills totaling \$6717.20 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Received \$44000 Revenue Sharing, and over \$2500 in park rental fees.

Account balances: General Fund - \$288,691.68; Cemetery Fund - \$54,437.83; Parks Fund - \$63,536.87; Road Fund - \$690,111.92; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$145,257.47; Fire Millage - \$138,915.81.

FIRE REPORT

Held 2 trainings this month to make up for missed months. State working on new requirements for training, that will require more than 2 hrs. per month.

Firemen responded to two fires during the month.

Located a trailer in St. Johns for Haz Mat. \$8690. Requesting to use some of the Equipment Cap. Improvement money to supplement the \$6000 given by Enbridge.

Stone/Mundt to authorize the purchase of the enclosed trailer for \$8690.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ok to pay for the total purchase with the credit card.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Doing field work in 26-2E, sec. 25 & 26

Thompson Rd. – Trying to obtain easements from property owners. Need to make a concession for one owner to save a tree. Consumers says if we buy an easement it will be \$5000 one-time fee; if we buy a license, it will be approximately \$500/year indefinitely.

Contractor will be doing Pierce Road this year.

Did stimulus application this week, we’ll be getting approximately \$280,000, half this year and half next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer Authority – spending stimulus money on valves that are old.

Tri-Town – Got a bid to paint the fire hall, \$6000. Contacting a contractor regarding repairing the wood structure on 2 corners to replace damage/rotting wood.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Got a favorable judgement on Cherry Creek Rd. blight; Shepard St. becoming a problem again and Bundoff received letters from Mr. Shepard.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Garrett Dawe Re: Solar Speed Signs – MDOT has a policy on speed signs. MDOT must verify the existing speed limit is appropriate. MDOT did a preliminary study and expects an official study would require the speed to be increased or at least shorten the 45 mph speed zone. A portable sign can be used without a speed study.
Could do sign enhancements, eliminate the passing zones, add markings on crosswalks. Board members suggested a 4-way stop there.
MDOT will do some enhancements to the signs and add crosswalks. They'll also study the possibility of a 4-way stop.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wolverine Insulation Bid for insulating - \$2414.00 to spray foam duct work (to be paid by Consumers) and \$648 to replace bat insulation in perimeter with spray foam (probably our cost).
Stone/Avery to have Wolverine Insulation foam insulate the hall crawl space, including replacing the fiberglass bats on the perimeter. All ayes. Motion carried.
- M-33 Access Contract – Attorney recommended a time frame on the contract (60 days from payment to start) so that was added to the new contract with M-33 Access. Booth authorized in June to sign the contract.
- Big Creek hosting September MTA meeting (Picnic) on 9/13.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Requested some maintenance/parking area for the Boardwalk in Luzerne, possibly the USFS could use some stimulus money to repair the parking lot.

Steiner made about \$1500 at pancake breakfast.

BOARD COMMENT:

County Commissioners: Title III money – County voted to split the \$15000 Title III Grant among the fire depts. (except Greenwood as they have no Federal land within the township). Tenant has moved out of Park residence so County Commissioners ready to move forward with interviewing and hiring a new manager.

Stone – receiving complaints about large marihuana growers, supposedly caregivers, and we don't know who has received caregiver licenses. Sheriff is directing complainants to the township.

Meeting adjourned 8:41 pm

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk