

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**August 19, 2021**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Coulon, Avery, Mundt, Commissioners McCauley and Bondar, Fire Chief Shepard, Blight Officer Bundoff, Attorney Kristi McGregor, 10 electors

**ABSENT:** Stone

**MINUTES** – July 15, 2021

**Mundt/Coulon to approve minutes of July 15, 2021 meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

**Total \$63,996.50.**

**Coulon/Avery to pay bills as presented totaling \$63,996.50. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Collecting taxes. Everything else about the same. Nothing yet from COVID money; no response yet from camper who refused to pay.

Account balances: General Fund - \$264,383.01; Cemetery Fund - \$53,457.61; Parks Fund - \$65,730.03; Road Fund - \$667,639.19; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$126,538.67; Fire Millage - \$138,916.54.

**FIRE REPORT**

Responded to a grass fire and attended Mio and Luzerne parades. Received a side-by-side Kubota from Enbridge.

Chief requested a 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. or 3<sup>rd</sup> Capt. position to get the fire officers into the stepping stones for top level positions.

**Mundt/Booth to authorize Chief Shepard to appoint a 3<sup>rd</sup> officer position. 2 ayes, 2 nays Motion failed.**

Gary Johncock’s bridge - Off Black Bear Lane. Previously the Fire Chief refused to take fire trucks across private bridge. Need to come up with a plan on which vehicles can go across the bridge. Wyrembelski would like someone licensed (engineer) to assess the bridge and let us know how much weight it can carry.

**Coulon/Mundt - Booth to contact Mr. Johncock and neighbors on Black Bear Lane and tell them we need to have an assessment by a structural engineer to determine how much weight the bridge can carry. All Ayes. Motion carried.**

Avery will make flyers of excess equipment to be bid upon or put on Facebook. (Cots, trash pump, lawn tractor). Bids to go to Clerk, will be opened at the Sept. meeting.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Thompson Road Repairs - Met with engineer and property owner on Thompson Rd. about easement request; property owner is expected to approve. Consumers Energy sent Booth a license today (an annual charge) but Booth requested an easement from Consumers which will not require annual renewal.

Signed contract on Pierce Rd., expect contractor to be there in September.  
Field work in T25NR2ESec 12.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Utility Authority – ordering parts for pump

Tri-Town – Painting the building

MTA Picnic here – 9/13/21. All county elected officials will be invited.

### **BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

Booth working with Building Inspector to get condemnations on Popp Rd. and Vine St.  
Vine St – have 30 days to demo, or fix. Building on Deyarmond is being sold to a neighbor, and he is guaranteeing the building will be demolished. The burned house on 12<sup>th</sup> St. has been removed, and a pre-fab home to be brought in sometime in September.

Attorney K. MacGregor filed for dismissal of a court case today because of issues with our ordinance. She feels the ordinance needs to be rewritten. Some of our ordinance touches on zoning. Too specific in some of the descriptions. Suggestion is for the Board to review the ordinance and make some changes.

MTA has a proposed blight ordinance.

**Booth/Coulon – Booth and Avery will work on reviewing the MTA blight ordinance and draft an ordinance to repair our current ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Township representative to The Steiner – Velda Kirby has volunteered.  
**Coulon/Mundt to appoint Velda Kirby to The Steiner board. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Marihuana facilities license application  
**Coulon/Avery to authorize the 2 Adult Use (Grow and Process) licenses to Wanda Products. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Cemetery Expansion – Survey to lay out cemetery previously, but the survey doesn't exactly match the layout as it is. Need to have surveyor lay out the rest of the lots (put in markers at each of the corners).  
**Mundt/Avery to have C2AE lay out and mark corners for the remainder of the west end of the cemetery. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Bid for carpet cleaning. \$650-\$700.  
**Coulon/Mundt to approve carpet cleaning for \$650 - \$700. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Marihuana Caregiver Ordinance - Supreme Court has ruled townships can require caregivers to purchase a permit from the township. Can regulate co-location by caregivers (response to recent fire where multiple caregivers were growing in the same location). Will get opinion from attorney, and discuss at Sept. meeting.
- Poverty Exemption Guideline – Resolution 2021-01 Amended – Would remove “**unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why**

**there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.”**

**Coulon/Avery to amend Resolution 2021-01 Poverty Exemption Guideline to remove exceptions to the federal guidelines. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- AMAR Corrective Action Plan

**Mundt/Booth to adopt AMAR Corrective Action Plan (amendment of Poverty Guidelines). All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Helper for Cemetery Maintenance – L. Heeg has been having trouble getting all the weed whipping done at the cemetery. K. Kirby will check into it and see if he can do the weed whipping, and will see how much a DR trimmer costs.
- Comstock Nelson Park Pavilion Roof – some of the boards are starting to rot and the roof is leaking. Need to replace the steel roof and some of the roof decking. We have money in the budget to pay. Booth will try to get bids for the September meeting.
- Comstock Park Dog Park – Everything put on hold because of COVID. Budgets will be available next month.

**MAIL:**

- EGLE permit – Hunt Creek
- EGLE permit application – Mio Hydro Pit

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Bondar – Can COVID funds be used for training for fire dept. officers?

Interviewing for Park Manager at County Park.

Commissioner McCauley – Electronics Recycle – Sept. 18, 10-2. \$5 per item but \$10 for large TVs, no rear projection TVs, keyboard and mouse are free.

No tire recycle this year.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Coulon - Always a discrepancy re: meeting times for Road Commission meetings. Constituents are trying to find out how the Road Commission prioritizes road jobs.

Meeting adjourned 9:06 p.m.