

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Coulon, Stone, Mundt, Blight Officer Bundoff, Asst. Fire Chief Wyrembelski, Commissioner Bondar, 4 electors.

ABSENT: None

**MINUTES:** August 19, 2021

**Coulon/Avery to approves minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Invoices total \$70,040.53.

**Stone/Mundt to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Revenue sharing over \$50,000 this month. Title III money came for the Luzerne Fire Dept.

Account balances: General Fund - \$260,893.06; Cemetery Fund - \$52,487.68; Parks Fund - \$61,029.20; Road Fund - \$664,911.56; Luzerne Fire Fund -\$128,110.52; Fire Millage - \$138,917.28.

**FIRE REPORT**

No fire runs this month.

Mr. Johncock and his neighbors are considering hiring a structural engineer to inspect their bridge to determine if it's structurally sound enough to hold a fire truck.

Jennifer Hansen, DNR surplus, advised there is a vacuum tanker available. It's a Freightliner, and ours if we want it. Also there are some light bars available.

**Coulon/Stone to authorize Asst. Chief Wyrembelski to sign a contract with DNR for the vacuum tanker and light bar. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Fire Chief Shepard asking for authorization to take a fire truck to the county park for a Halloween party. It's a private party for campers only. No support from the Board as it's a private party.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Pierce Road has been paved. Contractor is finishing up the job.

C2AE will stake out the remaining cemetery lots for a total of \$700.

**Coulon/Mundt to authorize Booth to sign the contract with C2AE to lay out the remaining cemetery lots. All ayes. Motion carried.**

The State has accepted the AMAR correction plan approved last month.

Booth doing field work in T25N R2E, Sec. 25.

The carpet was cleaned at the office. Good job.

The State is coming out with more guidelines for ARPA money. Booth working on the state-provided formula to determine whether the township has had any revenue loss due to COVID. Outdoor space modifications can be paid by ARPA money.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Utility Authority got their audit report. Some of the pumps and digesters are 20 years old. The Authority is checking into using ARPA money to upgrade the pumps and digesters.

Tri-Town building was painted and looks good. Their Title III money came in also. Enbridge contacted the Tri-Town Chief, and a grant may be available.

MTA picnic included discussion on Hazard Mitigation. The State contacted Consumers regarding upgrade of 20-year-old power lines (because of potential fire danger).

### **BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

Discussion regarding current blight ordinance. Booth suggested we have a special board meeting for the entire board to go over the existing ordinance, then send it to the attorney for suggestions/input. A special meeting will be held Sept. 21, 2021 at 7 pm to review the ordinance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Caregiver Ordinance – Attorney is looking into the particulars allowed in an ordinance. Our proposed ordinance would limit co-location of caregivers. There is new proposed legislation to limit a caregiver to 12 plants, in an attempt to limit the amount of illegal marihuana that's available. Should have an update for next month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Lot Split Request – Smutek. Request is to split Hamlin Pines lot 17 into 2 equal lots (33' each), then combine the south half with lot 16, and the north half with lot 18, making the 2 new lots 99x200'.  
**Stone/Avery to approve Smutek lot split application. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Bids for roof at Comstock Park – No bids to date. Did request an estimate from Don Davis to power wash and restrain after roof is completed.
- Consumers Energy Easement, Thompson Rd. Unable to do a lease since land is controlled by FERC; Consumers is proposing an easement agreement at \$100/yr.  
**Stone/Mundt to authorize Booth to sign a license agreement with Consumers for \$100/year. Easement to be used while culvert is being replaced on Thompson Rd. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Ordinance #19 – Responding to a Dangerous Goods/Hazardous Material Emergency Incident.  
**Coulon/Stone to approve proposed update to Ordinance #19, Responding to a Dangerous Goods/Hazardous Material Emergency Incident, with addition to section 2, including down power lines. Roll call vote: Ayes: Booth, Stone, Coulon, Avery, Mundt. Nays – None. Ordinance adopted, to be effective 30 days after publication.**

**MAIL:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was a discussion about streetlight outages, and promptness of repairs when reported to Consumers.

Commissioner Bondar reported a local quilt group is making photo quilts to display in the courthouse. Electronics recycling will be 9/18/21 at the fire hall.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Stone commented on how much A.J. Welser does for the veterans in the county. He's doing a great job. Commissioner Bondar reported the county has renewed the lease for Community Mental Health; Jennifer Cronkwright is being promoted to Chief Register of Deeds with the resignation of Gail Yoder; Commissioners approved a higher than starting wage for more experienced deputies at the Sheriff's Dept.; EMS is bringing in a part-time receptionist to fill in for Sherry Wilson; County is hiring SCA to assist Oscoda County in decision making with the ARPA process.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk