

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
November 18, 2021
LUZERNE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

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

PRESENT: Booth, Stone, Avery, Coulon, Mundt, Commissioner McCauley, Luzerne FD Chief Shepard, Blight Officer Bundoff, 12 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES – October 21, 2021

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

LIST OF BILLS

Total \$9289.54.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Taxes moving along, bill for Pierce Rd. has been paid. \$51,000 in revenue sharing this month.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$457,623.73; Cemetery Fund - \$51,719.80; Parks Fund - \$58,500.96; Road Fund - \$313,554.44; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$126,964.48; Fire Millage - \$138,918.72.

FIRE REPORT

Officers responded to a car fire.

Vacuum tanker received from DNR is Gaylord is missing parts. Parts available in Mississippi at a cost of \$388. The vendor will also send a manual on how to operate it. Truck previously in Weber Twp. They have been contacted to see if they have the missing parts.

Stone/Coulon To approve purchase of missing vacuum tanker parts after waiting a week to see if anyone from Weber Twp. gets back with us. All ayes. Motion carried.

FEMA grant – will cost each Twp. \$300 to write grant, the grant would go thru Mentor Twp., it would cost the successful depts. 5% match plus 6% for the grant writer. Application deadline is Dec. 17. This for 800 mg radios, one-time fee per ratio of \$200 to use the tower.

Stone/Booth to join the FEMA grant application for radios and pagers for the fire dept. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Community Service worker is helping work on the River Park pavilion. The cost for a metal roof will be \$1000 approx. for metal. Will not invest the money this fall. Look at it again in the spring. Jim Bundoff has some metal he offered to donate. Will need to be painted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town – Quiet

Utility Authority – Quiet

MTA – Consumers came to the last meeting and discussed large marihuana grow operations and the electricity they require. Townships need to contact Consumers because the electricity may not be available.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Two files closed; received a new complaint on an old file that's worse than before.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Caregiver & Blight Ordinance updates
Attorney liked the caregiver ordinance; felt we could use it. Board members need to review retyped copy and it will be addressed at the December meeting.
Blight Ordinance – We can use the old dangerous buildings ordinance rather than duplicating for dangerous buildings in the blight ordinance. We can sue the heirs on Pond Drive to clean up the burned structure. Also, the County Building Dept. can now condemn the structure on Deyarmond.
Blight Ordinance – Attorney sent letter requesting
Discussed how the attorney should write the ordinance then send it to us for any changes.
Shepard St. property – Previous court order is enforceable; we need to get a bid from someone to clean up.
- Update on columbarium – Prices thru funeral home range from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Also received a catalog from Salem Stones in Ohio. It appears the price would be somewhat less but further checking is required. Can we use ARPA money for a columbarium?

Will ARPA pay for anything for the fire department?

Marijuana licensing fees – Hoping to get information from the auditor on what that money can be used for.

- River Park Pavilion – Bid for roof repair – No bids. Will hold off until Spring and reassess the roof then.
- Budget Amendments – to add haz-mat cleanup refund (\$3403.34) and Title III grant funds (\$3837.19) to Fire budget.

Stone/Booth to make recommended amendments to the Luzerne fire dept. budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Letter of request from Alzheimer's Support group to add their information to the township website. No action taken.

MAIL:

- Charter Communications – As of 12/1/21, transaction will be completed transferring cable service from MiCom to Spectrum
- M33 Access looking for customers to justify money they got from the Feds. Waiting on MDOT approval to run the line along M-72 from Mio to Mishler Rd. County Commissioners will match what the Twp. has given to M-33 Access.
- Natural Rivers Zoning Variance Application – Boyd Dillon asking for variance to repair streambank.

Board of Review – 12/14, 5 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Wyrembelski – No comments from landowners across bridge on Black Bear Lane. Have a minimal plan for response if there is an event there. Other landowners don't want to spend any money on the bridge. Have permission to go on the property to make any plans.

Webber Twp. has told Wyrembelski they went with another insurance company and saved a lot of money. Don't know who it is yet. Only a couple insurance companies that issue municipal insurance. County and all Townships in Oscoda Co. have the same insurance so there's no debate on who pays what if there's a claim from more than one unit.

Re: pump pressure on #4. Pump unit is \$13000-\$14000.
Par Plan Grant – for training, can apply every 6 months.

BOARD COMMENT:

Library working on becoming a District Library. Will give them an independent board and make them independent of the County.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk