

## **BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**

**March 17, 2022**

### **BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Stone, Coulon, Avery, Mundt, Blight Officer Bundoff, Commissioner Bondar, 9 electors

**MINUTES** – Feb. 17, 2022

**Coulon/Mundt to accept minutes of February meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**INVOICES** – Additional invoices totaling \$340.24; Grand Total \$50,570.17.

**Stone/Avery to pay invoices as presented with additions, total \$50,570.17. All ayes. Motion carried.**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Revenue Sharing \$49,500 this month; Fire Dept. received \$7,700 for responding to down powerline, and securing until arrival of Consumers Energy crew.

Tax collection finished.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$473,522.32; Cemetery Fund - \$50,275.98; Parks Fund - \$51,052.73; Road Fund - \$306,774.21; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$119,686.17; Fire Millage - \$138,921.56.

#### **FIRE REPORT**

Officers responded to a reported fire at the cemetery. A fire had been set on a grave to thaw the ground for excavation.

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

- PFAS Sampling –Concerns foam was used on the gas station fire in Luzerne and the fire dept. used it for training behind fire hall. 10 wells tested; no problems so far.
- Comstock Pavilion Roof – Completed, looks good. Had to replace more boards than the bid reflected. There will be an additional charge of \$100 for the extra lumber.
- Mapes Road junk dump has been cleaned up as well as possible with snow by the USFS; they'll finish cleanup when the snow is gone. They filled their dumpster; Booth authorized them to take the balance to Whitehouse Disposal and send the bill to the township.
- Board of Review is ongoing, wrapping up shortly.
- Did get tire recycle grant (\$2025). Tire recycle will be on 6/11/22 with dump day and electronics recycle.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MTA - Sting was present and gave a presentation.

Connected Michigan broadband representative was here and gave a presentation. M-33 Access will be aggressively seeking a 2.9M grant requiring a 25% match; township and county ARPA money can be used as our 25% match.

Utility Authority – Adopted budget for the year, looking at replacing pumps and will be requesting townships share their ARPA funding to upgrade pumps.  
Tri-Town – Adopted budget; received \$7500 grant from Enbridge.  
Stone and Coulon met regarding Marihuana Enforcement Officer and blight enforcement.

### **BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

One official complaint; on hold until the revised ordinance is approved.  
What can we do about our unserved warrants? Some have been given to the Sheriff's Dept. for service a year ago and still haven't been served.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Blight Ordinance #11 – New revised blight ordinance provided by our attorney was reviewed.

**STONE/COULON to adopt amended Blight Ordinance #11.**

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Booth, Stone, Coulon, Avery, Mundt**

**Nays – None**

**Absent – None**

Ordinance #11, Amended March 17, 2022, has been adopted. It will be effective 30 days after publishing.

- Budget

Resolution 2022-05 – Resolution to Adopt the Budget

**Coulon/Booth to adopt the Annual Budget for FY 2022-23, Resolution 2022-05.**

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Avery, Stone, Coulon, Booth, Mundt.**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

Resolution 2022-05 adopted.

Resolution 2022-06 – Resolution to Appropriate Funds for Fiscal Year 2022-23

**Stone/Avery to adopt Resolution 2022-06 General Appropriations Act.**

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Booth, Stone, Coulon, Avery, Mundt**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

Resolution 2022-06 Resolution to Appropriate Funds for Fiscal Year 2022-23 adopted.

Budget Amendment to increase revenue as follows:

101-000-528 Other Federal Grants \$143,605 ARPA Funds

101-000-479 Marihuana Licensing \$ 81,500

Amendment to increase expenditures as follows:

101-265-971 Building & Grounds Capital Outlay \$45,500 (expenditure of ARPA funds for fiber optics installation)

**Stone/Mundt to increase General Fund revenue estimates for 2021-22 FY by \$225,105 and expenditures by \$45,500.**

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Booth, Stone, Coulon, Avery, Mundt**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

Motion adopted.

Line item budget amendments presented.

**Mundt/Coulon to adopt recommended line item amendments. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Doug Wellman, Doug's Disposal – Semi-retired, GFL purchased the disposal business as of March 7. Doug needs to know what we want done with the recycle bins. Booth will look into it and report at the next meeting.

**Booth/Avery To authorize Treasurer to utilize Huntington, Northland, Merchantile banks for township money. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Tri-Town Budget –

**Booth/Coulon to approve Tri-Town Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Bid from Shawn McCosh for magnetic signs for Maintenance and ordinance trucks

**Stone/Coulon – To authorize purchase of signs for maintenance and ordinance trucks @ \$35 ea for 4 magnetic signs – All ayes. Motion carried.**

Marihuana Enforcement Officer – Jim Bundoff is interested; Stone and Coulon discussed what the enforcement officer's responsibilities would be. Check out complaints and see if provider is complying with ordinance, issue citation, then turn over to MSP.

Change Jim's title to Ordinance Enforcement Officer

**Stone/Mundt to hire Bundoff as Ordinance Enforcement Officer. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Coulon and Stone will meet with Bundoff every 2-3 months to discuss needs/problems and how enforcement efforts are working.

Five residents complaining regarding marihuana grow facility on 11<sup>th</sup> st. Smell is very bad at residences. Complaints from Funeral Home, NEMSCA School, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist facility, Handrich's, Kann's Auto. The Enforcement Officer will contact the grower.

Speed signs for Luzerne – Booth has been looking some up. Tapco signs are \$3500 each; Radarsign \$3265. Other municipalities recommend we purchase extra rechargeable batteries (one battery will last at least a week). Booth will talk to Marlene Kaminski and see if the Luzerne Chamber will be still be cost sharing.

**MAIL**

- DEQ Permit – Burdis – Bridge on West Branch Big Creek

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 8:01 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk