

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**November 17, 2022**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Avery, Coulon, Mitchell, Mundt, Fire Chief Shepard, Commissioners Bondar and McCauley, Ordinance Officer Bundoff, 2 electors

**ABSENT:** None

**MINUTES** – October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting

**Coulon/Mitchell to accept minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

\$37,063.97

**Mitchell/Coulon to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

\$52,000 for revenue sharing. Account Balances: General Fund - \$683,169.83; Cemetery Fund - \$42,159.74; Parks Fund - \$38,922.35; Road Fund - \$509,091.11; Luzerne Fire - \$163,198.95; Fire Millage - \$139,224.29.

**FIRE REPORT**

Responded to a report of explosion, a lift assist, and held a trunk or treat at the park. Someone ran in to the fence at the fire dept. Wyrembelski is running into issues getting a copy of the police report from the sheriff’s dept.

**Mundt/Mitchell to go ahead and fix the fence at Luzerne Fire Dept. and pursue reimbursement from offender. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Well at Luzerne Fire Dept. – Booth talked to Webb Well Drilling; there are a lot of steps to complete to get the well in with the specs we’ve provided. A slower draft (250 gph) is much less expensive than 400 gph. Webb is way behind but will get an estimate. Also a possibility of getting a holding tank for water backup.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Utility authority requesting \$15,000 from each twp of ARPA funds to upgrade the pumps at the sewer treatment plant.

**Avery/Coulon to share \$15,000 of ARPA funds with Utility authority for purchase of new pumps. All ayes. Motion carried.**

MTA – Speaker from Thunder Bay, they’re putting in a pharmacy at the clinic in Fairview and considering other such as dental for the future. They may have drug awareness programs and possibilities for use of marihuana license money.

**BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

Four notices on non-compliance, 3 new citations this month.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Thompson Road update – Road is paved, road is 3 foot narrower than contract specified, so guardrail would be on the DTE gas main. DTE can't complete that for 90 days. So probably won't have guardrail for this winter.  
Lots of problems with the engineering on this project.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Potential New Attorney – received a proposal from Fahey Schultz, Kyle O'Meara would be our primary attorney. They would work with several other townships and would be familiar with our issues.

**Coulon/Mitchell to retain Fahey Schultz (Kyle O'Meara) as the new Township attorney. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Potential New Engineer firm – Brad Butcher from Sidok Group was present at the meeting. They are primarily an architectural firm; he recommends we look for another firm if we're mostly interested in engineering.
- Par Plan Grant Application for Video surveillance of office and garage - Booth presented a resolution for video surveillance on the office and maintenance building.

**Coulon/Mitchell to authorize Booth to submit the Par Plan Grant application for video surveillance equipment of office and garage. Bid is \$3056, grant would be for \$2500. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Capital Improvement Plan – Spark grants require a capital improvement plan. Booth presented a rough sketch that can be added to by board members.
- Utility Authority request for ARPA Funds (See Committee Reports)
- Blight Officer Position Posting – Booth and Mundt will work on an ad for the paper. We'll need to order a camera for new officer.
- Streetscape Contracts – Mentor placed bids. Only received one bid. Should consider new banners, also want to add 3 new "Welcome to Mio" signs.

**Mundt/Mitchell to authorize Booth to sign contracts for streetscape maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### **MAIL:**

Letter from EGLE regarding complaint of a violation at Island Lake.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

### **BOARD COMMENT:**

Commissioner McCauley – expect to sign papers for the new Sheriff's Dept. building to be added to the new Courthouse. Expect to use ARPA funds.

Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm

Rhonda Mundt  
Twp. Clerk