

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
December 15, 2022
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Coulon, Mundt, Mitchell, Avery, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Bundoff, LVFD Chief Shepard, Commissioner Bondar, 5 electors

ABSENT: None

MINUTES – November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting and Nov. 22, 2022 Special Meeting
Mitchell/Coulon to approve minutes of November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting and November 22, 2022 Special Meeting as provided. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Total of invoices \$282,713.30. This includes most of the bill for rebuilding Thompson Road.
Mitchell/Coulon to pay bills as presented, totaling \$282,713.30. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Fund Balances: General Fund - \$640,137.51; Cemetery Fund - \$40,520.82; Parks Fund - \$38,678.39; Road Fund - \$293,148.45; Luzerne VFD - \$159,726.87; Fire Millage - \$139,245.68.

FIRE REPORT

Responded to 2 down powerlines, a vehicle accident and assisted Tri-Town on two occasions.
Well – Haven’t yet been able to get any additional bids, and nothing yet from Webb.
Utilize \$15000 from grant, \$15000 from fire fund, rest from ARPA funds to put in 6” well, bid \$47,941.09, but may be more as the bid is 6 months old.
Coulon/Avery to contract with Simmons to put in a 6” well at the Luzerne Fire Dept., utilizing \$15000 from grant money, \$15000 from fire fund, and the balance from ARPA funds. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Dec. Board of Review, Veterans’ exemptions.
Thompson Rd. update – DTE will be working on Thompson Rd. as their next job. The guard rails can be installed as soon as relocation of the gas line is finished.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BCMUA ordered pumps, Mentor agreed to pay \$15,000 and we agreed to pay \$15,000 from our ARPA funds in November.
MTA – discussed DNR property list, discussed Mio dam, ARPA expenditures.
Tri-Town may move their meeting from Jan 5 to Jan 12.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Made inspections, closed one case. Still have 18 open active cases.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Capital Improvement Plan – Would like to approve the tentative plan in January.
- Township Recreation Plan – a copy of the plan will be put on the website for public comment.
Coulon/Mitchell to approve presenting Township Recreation Plan to public and other townships for comment. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Speed signs in Luzerne have been installed. THANK YOU to Frank and his son for getting it set up.
- Coulon/Mitchell to purchase a new laptop for marijuana licensing and enforcement. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Booth/Mitchell to purchase a digital camera for ordinance enforcement. All ayes. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Blight Officer Application – No applications to date.
- Phone System – Bids received from Anavon and M-33 Access.
Booth/Mitchell to contract with M-33 Access for a phone VOIP system. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mike Benefiel – working on engineering for north and south Luzerne fiber; hiring new employees. Implementing a federal program that allows anyone with kids in school to save \$30 a month on internet access.
- Marihuana Ordinances – Review by Attorney – should we send our ordinances to our new attorney to see what changes they'd recommend in Caregiver, Medical and Recreational.
Coulon/Mitchell to forward Caregiver, Medical and Recreational Marihuana Ordinances to our new attorney to make them enforceable. All ayes. Motion carried.
- FOIA forms were revised by MTA in March of 2020 after a change in the FOIA laws. Our attorney sent updated forms in response to a FOIA on election materials.
Mitchell/Avery to adopt the revised FOIA forms. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2022-12 - Support for Mio Dam –
**Mitchell/Coulon to approve a resolution in support of maintaining the Mio Dam. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, Booth, Mundt
No - None**

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENT:

Mtg. adjourned 8:21 pm

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk