

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**January 19, 2023**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Coulon,,Mitchell, Mundt, Luzerne Fire Chief Shepard, Commissioners Bondar and McCauley, 6 electors

**ABSENT:** Avery

**MINUTES** – December 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

**Coulon/Mitchell to approve minutes of December 15, 2022 meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**INVOICES** - Total 14295.70.

**Mitchell/Mundt to pay bills totaling \$14,295.70 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Fund Balances: General Fund - \$638,366.29; Cemetery Fund - \$40,582.68; Parks Fund - \$38,531.89; Road Fund - \$289,809.36; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$157,142.32; Fire Millage - \$139,267.80.

**FIRE REPORT**

Assisted Tri-Town on a structure fire, responded to EMS assist.

McKinley is getting pumps tested, Luzerne wants to take 2 units for testing.

**Mitchell/Coulon to authorize LVFD to have 2 pumps tested at McKinley Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Will have a public hearing on the proposed Recreation Plan on January 26, 7 pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Utility Authority – Special Meeting to allow Real Estate One to hook into the water system.

Tri-Town – adopted budget for next year

**BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

Booth met with Mr. Sarson on Marty Drive re: old trailer, additions, junk. Said he needed until August to clean it up, he wants to leave the mobile home on the lot. Board agreed to give him until June 15 to clean up and the situation will be reviewed then.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Capital Improvement Plan – Changes or additions  
**Mundt/Coulon to adopt Capital Improvement Plan as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Township Recreation Plan – Public Hearing 1/26/23
- Ordinance Officer Applications

New attorney is reviewing our 3 marihuana ordinances and hopes to get it back to us by February meeting.

Only application for Ordinance Enforcement Officer is Larry Wilson who was present and interviewed by the Board.

**Mitchell/Coulon To hire Larry Wilson for Blight Enforcement Officer on a probationary basis until June 15. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Ordinance Officer vehicle – Coulon got some quotes for a vehicle – F250 4x4 - \$49155.68.

**Mitchell/Mundt to purchase a Ford F250 4x4 vehicle for enforcement/recreation maintenance, total cost \$49,155.68. All ayes. Motion carried.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resolution re: Blight Elimination grant – These grants are for properties already owned by the municipalities. Booth is checking with them on whether we can use property we are looking to buy. Grant due by Jan. 31; another grant will be available later in the year.
- Thompson Rd/Algonquin Trail Road Repair – Thompson \$172,770; Algonquin \$74,598.  
**Coulon/Mitchell to give Booth the authority to sign an agreement with the County Road Commission to repair/repave Thompson Rd. and Algonquin Trail. Estimated Total cost \$247,368. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Marihuana grow application – Royal Flower LLC  
**Coulon/Mitchell Table Royal Flower LLC application for a Marihuana grow facility until Feb. meeting because of possible changes in our ordinance on smell and noise control. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Annual MTA Conference - in Traverse City this year.  
**Booth/Mitchell to authorize any board members to attend annual MTA Conference in Traverse City. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Appointment of Board of Review members  
**Booth/Mitchell to appoint Grewe, McVeigh and Osterbeck to Board of Review. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Approval for Board of Review training  
**Booth/ Mitchell to authorize Board of Review members to attend MTA training either in person or virtually. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- Engineering Firms – There will be reps from 4 firms at the February meeting.
- Avery has received a tire recycle grant for \$3000 for next summer. Clean-up day is scheduled for June 10, 2023.
- Budget – Will work on 2023-24 budget after short recess.

#### **MAIL:**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bundoff – City of Bessmer has a noise ordinance, maybe we could refer to that for our updated marihuana ordinance.

Jeff Tenniswood – Discussed having a retail outlet on their property. Wanted to know if the Board would consider adding another retail location.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Jackie – Comission Chair is Varner; Vice Chair is McCauley  
McCauley – Danhoff is going to have contractor dumpsters since GFL has big delays.  
Dust control costs have gone up considerably; contractor was bought out by GFL.

8:30 break for 5 min

Resume 8:45 with budget workshop

**Booth/Coulon Send \$5000 to the Steiner for our portion of their building project. All ayes.  
Motion carried.**

Budget workshop 6 pm before the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:45.