

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
February 16, 2023
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, Mundt, Fire Chief Shepard, Ordinance Officer Wilson, 7 electors

MINUTES – January 19, 2023 Regular Meeting and January 26, 2023 Public Hearing
Mitchell/Coulon to approve minutes of January 19 Regular meeting and January 26 Public Hearing as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

Mitchell/Avery to pay bills as presented, totaling \$17,999.55. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Fire Dept. got \$8100 reimbursement from Consumers for tending a down powerline.
Account Balances: General Fund - \$664,533.10; Cemetery - \$40,519.25; Parks - \$38,443.61;
Road fund - \$291,233.51; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$162,666.90; Fire Millage - \$139,289.91.

FIRE REPORT

No calls for the month.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Assessment rolls will be printed within the week.
Thompson Rd.- gas line has been moved, so the guardrail can be installed at any time.
Recreation Plan didn’t get registered in time to qualify for current grant application period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Authority – New pumps are in, waiting for installation.
MTA – Amber Wohlert was the speaker at the MTA meeting.
Comins Twp. looking at approving recreational marihuana.
Next MTA in March at Mentor Twp. with Lori Burzlaff from Mercantile Bank in Fairview as the speaker.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

2 complaints inspected. Received revenue from Court.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Potential Engineers
Derek Huff and Brian Bowles, Spicer Engineering, made a short presentation. They do engineering for more than 100 municipalities. Offices in Standish and Traverse City.

- Representative – Steiner – Velda Kirby resigned from Historical Commission/Steiner board.

Booth/Coulon to accept resignation from Velda Kirby from Historical Commission/Steiner board. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board is looking for interested candidates to replace her.

- Marihuana Ordinance Revisions
Unlimited growers could be problematic; Attorney recommending we change that. At this time, we will change ordinance to:

Medical – Class A – 1
 Class B – 1
 Class C – 10

Adult Use – Class A – 1
 Class B – 1
 Class C - 5

We may want to consider adding a microbusiness.

Discussed removing the co-location stipulation.

Review by Board members, will contact attorney with some minor changes in quantities of permits, etc. and we'll get an updated version. Hope to approve next month.

- Pay Resolutions 2023-02 thru 2023-05**
- Tri Town budget –**
Coulon/Mundt to approve Tri-Town budget in the amount of \$117,550.00. Big Creek Portion is \$63,653.00. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Board of Review Training – Feb. 27 or Mar 2
Booth/Coulon to authorize training for Board of Review members. All ayes. Motion carried.
- MDOT resolution – for permits for activities in ROW (parades)
Coulon/Mitchell – to authorize Booth and Mundt to sign State Highway Right-of-way permits.
Ayes – Booth, Avery, Coulon, Mitchell, Mundt
Nays - None
- Camp Grayling request to acquire 160,000 additional acres of State land for training purposes – Table until March
- Meet Mar 13 at 6 pm at Mentor prior to MTA to discuss streetscape.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Scott, McKinley Fire Dept. Grant for new radios not accepted last year, has been resubmitted for this year.
- AJ Welser – brought examples of Veteran's Memorial bricks which are available for sale now.

BOARD COMMENT:

Recess 8:15 for 10 min; will return to work on the budget

Budget

Budget Hearing March 23, 7:00 p.m.

Booth/Mitchell to rescind Resolution 2023-03. All ayes. Motion carried.

Booth/Mitchell to approve revised Resolution 2023-03.

Ayes – Booth, Avery, Coulon, Mitchell, Mundt. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned 10:22 pm

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk

CORRECTION TO ABOVE DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING:

Due to a conflict in the use of the hall, the budget hearing will be changed to March 28, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Big Creek Twp. Hall.