

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
March 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, Commissioner McCauley, 7 electors

MINUTES – February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

LIST OF BILLS

Additional invoices totaling \$1250.00.

Mitchell/Avery to pay bills totaling \$13,434.49 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Received approximately \$50,000 in Marihuana excise tax, \$50,000 revenue sharing during the month.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$732,294.51; Cemetery Fund - \$40,087.57; Parks Fund - \$38,291.87; Road Fund - \$189,555.43; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$160,206.11; Fire Millage - \$139,309.90.

FIRE REPORT

Assisted Fairview VFD on a structure fire.

Having problems with SCBA batteries. Only lasting a couple months.

Two firefighters testing for FFI this week.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Board of Review was held this week with a light turn-out. Only about 42-43 petitions.

Received contracts for Thompson and Algonquin Trails.

Reimbursement request for RAC grant due by end of month, to request the \$73,000 we were granted. Guard rails on Thompson should be done by the end of the month.

Recreation Grant – We are now a registered entity for State of Michigan, and started grant application. Hope to have it completed by the end of next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town – Putting LED lights around the building. Water pump out on one of the trucks.

2 Firefighters taking test for FFI this week.

MTA – Avery attended MTA meeting where M. Bolus was speaking about the national guard request for an additional 160,000 acres.

Utility Authority adopted their budget for the year.

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

22 Inspections, 22 notices of non-compliance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Marihuana Ordinance #2023-27
Mitchell/Coulon to adopt Marihuana Regulation Ordinance 2023-27 as presented. Ayes – Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, Booth, Mundt Ordinance is adopted.

- Camp Grayling request for additional land
Coulon/Avery to approve resolution 2023-09 to oppose Camp Grayling lease expansion. Ayes – Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, Booth, Mundt Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marvin Taylor, Mio AuSable Schools, re: sinking fund uses
Looking for input from community on what the community thinks should be done with the sinking fund millage approved last year.
 - Road Commission Dust Contract
Proposed contract cost up 50% from last year. Discussed deletions from the proposed brining contract.
Coulon/Mitchell to remove selected roads from the 2023-24 brining contract. All ayes. Motion carried.
Coulon, Mitchell to authorize Booth and Mundt to sign revised Road Commission Brining Contract. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - Marihuana Grow Permit Application – Class B licenses already issued, have Class A or C available. Mundt to contact applicant to see if they'd like to amend their application to either Class A or Class C Adult Use.
 - Budget Amendments
Booth/Mitchell to approve budget amendments suggested by the Clerk. All ayes. Motion carried.
Need to take money from reserves to cover to special assessments 871 and 872.
Amend Fund 871 (Nancy Street) budget to add \$252 to the budget for 2022-23. That \$252 will need to be borrowed from the Road Fund as all reserves have been spent.
Amend Fund 872 (Oak and Cedar Lane) budget to add \$100 to budget for 2022-23. That money is available in Fund 872 reserves.
Booth/Mitchell to make amendments to 2022-23 budgets, and borrow \$252 from the Road Fund to cover the deficit in Fund 871. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Engineering Firms – Spicer Group has northern Michigan office, do all the types of work we're looking to have done.
Coulon/Mitchell to hire Spicer Group for our Township engineers. All ayes. Motion carried.
We want them to start working on the "Safe Routes to Schools" plan to be prepared for road work to be accomplished in 2024.

MAIL:

- Par Plan Bd. Of Directors Election/candidate nomination
- EGLE Permit

PUBLIC COMMENT:

McCauley – Discussed the Camp Grayling request for an additional 160,000 acres in their lease. Equalization looking for another employee as one of their employees quit this week.

Lots in town – the lot on M-33 still asking \$130,000.

Each township is being asked to contribute \$3000 to Veteran's Memorial.

BOARD COMMENT:

USFS did an inspection of tower site. Everything looks good.

Need a representative for Steiner. Looking for volunteers.

Put \$73000 of RAC money into Park fund and budget for that additional amount.

Meeting adjourned 8:29 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING MARCH 28, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk