

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
July 20, 2023
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Coulon, Avery, Mitchell, Mundt, Blight Officer Wilson, Fire Chief Shepard, Commissioners Bondar and McCauley, 9 electors

MINUTES – June 15, 2023 Regular Meeting, July 10, 2023 Special Meeting with Mentor Twp. **Coulon/Mitchell to approve minutes of June 15, 2023 regular meeting and July 10, 2023 special meeting with Mentor Twp. as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

LIST OF BILLS

Invoices totaling \$105,959.72.

Mitchell/Mundt to pay bills totaling \$105,959.72 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

CD investments doing well – a little over \$3000 interest in General Fund. Moved money from Luzerne fire checking to Money Market at Merchantile in Fairview; received a little over \$300. Account Balances: General Fund - \$491,592.79; Cemetery Fund - \$37,477.12; Parks Fund - \$140,038.25; Road Fund - \$345,652.84; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$203,854.27; Fire Millage - \$143,673.80.

FIRE REPORT

Firefighters assisted Tri Town on a Grass Fire, Wildfire, and structure fire.

Awarded Title III funds of \$5,515 from Oscoda County.

Mike Humphrey from MABAS will be here next meeting to discuss benefits of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System).

Shepard questioning need for landline phone. Will wait until Point Broadband gets into Luzerne then determine if the phone is necessary.

New Firefighter application – Kimberly Wilson. Currently also on McKinley Fire Dept.

Mitchell/Coulon to approve Kim Wilson as a firefighter on a probationary basis for 6 months. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

July Board of Review held 7/18.

Rec’d \$145,000 grant from Land Bank for demo of blighted buildings in Mio.

Attended a Land Bank meeting on demo projects – have to have a licensed contractor or builder remove buildings.

Should have grant agreements in the next week.

Once we get the grant processed, the fire dept. will be able to utilize the houses for search and rescue but not to burn – too close to neighbors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Town – bought tires, got a Title III grant.
Sewer Authority – No meeting

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Having trouble with a resident that has a lot of tires. He feels he should be given some time to clean up because he just moved to the township.
Old church in town has been removed and has cleaned up well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Resolutions for purchase of Crandall and Booth Properties
Resolution 2023-14 Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Real Property (Koski).
Resolution 2023-15 Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Real Property (Booth)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nick Custance Re: Pickleball Court, Comstock Park
Will be having a pickleball tournament at Labor Day festival. Would like to have permanent courts in Luzerne.
Booth/Coulon to allow community of Luzerne to use Comstock Park and Fire Dept. property for the Labor day weekend. All ayes. Motion carried.
Fencing cost for courts is \$15000+. Luzerne Predator Hunt has funds and may be willing to put some money into that. Adding Pickleball courts was not mentioned when creating the 5 year Recreation Plan.
Mitchell/Coulon to commit the township to \$10000 if someone else can provide the rest of the cost.
Roll call vote – Avery – no
Coulon – yes
Mitchell – yes
Booth – no
Mundt - no
- Resolution 2023-16 To support the Joint Big Creek and Mentor Township Application for Consumers Prosperity Award.**
- Handicap swing at Comstock Park
Small child playing on handicap swing pinched and broke his thumb. There is a pinch point on the ramp and should not be played on by children. Maybe the manufacturer has a suggestion; at the very least put up a sign.
- L-4029 –
Booth/Avery to adopt L-4029 for 2024. Gen Fund - .872 mills; Fire – 1.00 mills. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Inspection and maintenance schedule for all properties – Wyrembelski has been working on the fishing pier at Pillars Park. He'd like to create a maintenance plan for all the facilities in the township. Wyrembelski authorized to go ahead with maintenance plan.
Pillars – people driving down to the river going around the rocks. Earl Powell will donate a gate; move the rocks to 42" apart, apparently with no charge. Powell authorized to go ahead with gate. Signs have been stolen, big sign is fading. Booth will get a bid for the renovation of the sign for the next meeting.
- Request from Tri-Town for contribution to Fire Pup fire education program –

- Avery/Mitchell to donate \$100 for Fire Pup program. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Request from cemetery sexton for a pop-up shelter to be used for cremation burials during inclement weather.

Coulon/Avery to authorize Mundt to purchase a pop-up shelter for cemetery, approximately \$100-\$150. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL:

Rate Increase letter from Spectrum

Letter from Michelle Hoitenga re: Camp Grayling expansion

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Bondar – Hired replacement for motor pool; Consumers inspected the Park and told the Manager the park has never looked so good. Manager requested an enclosure for dog park which was approved. Park has been approved to get electric on the west end so they'll have a well and can put in some electric sites on the west end. Veteran's memorial just got approval for a marble headstone.

McCauley – State trying to get a mandate to do 5-year septic inspections. Owner would be responsible for cost of inspection. Electronics grants should be coming soon. Possibility of getting grant money to put up a permanent building for electronic recycling on our property.

MTA meeting 9/11 at Comins Twp. May just have a meeting, no picnic.

STEINER – Finalized their budget; did some remodeling; open Sat. & Sun. from 11-4.

BOARD COMMENT:

Received notification the new pickup will be built the week of Aug. 7.

Mtg. adjourned 8:58pm

Rhonda Mundt
Township Clerk