

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**September 21, 2023**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call Regular Meeting to Order at 7:03 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Booth, Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, McCauley, Bondar, Wilson, 10 electors

**ABSENT:** None

**MINUTES** –August 17, 2023 Regular Meeting

**Coulon/Mitchell to approve minutes of August 17, 2023 meeting as presented. All ayes.**

**Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Total of invoices - \$291,323.52. (Includes invoice for paving of Thompson Rd. which was also included in August list of invoices.)

**Avery/Mitchell to pay bills totaling \$291,323.52 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Revenue Sharing \$44000, down about \$6000 from past months. Received RAC money, \$3200 in medical marihuana funds. Received \$1500 reimbursement, money from PAR plan for cameras/lights for hall. Closed out CDs at Huntington.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$484,813.60; Cemetery - \$36,491.68; Parks - \$35,651.49; Road Fund - \$197,516.39; Luzerne Fire - \$203,413.40; Fire Millage - \$144,016.15.

**FIRE REPORT**

- Luzerne Fire Truck – (To replace pumper we got from Green Oak Twp.) Richfield Fire Dept. (St. Helen) has a truck for sale for \$8500. DOT and pump tested annually, 1992, very few miles. Recommendation from Fire Dept. is to purchase.

**Mitchell/Booth to purchase pumper truck from Richfield Twp. for \$8500. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Luzerne Fire Grant – Applied for in June, approved Sept. 8 and has to be fully expended by Sept. 30.

Supplied with a list of equipment the fire dept. wants to purchase with the \$10000 grant  
**Coulon/Mitchell to approve purchase of equipment, total \$10,018, by Luzerne Fire Dept. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Jim from County Park – Spent ARPA and RAC money on fire rings, new roof on pavilion, new wi-fi boosters, new shower mats, ice machine, and will replace steps to the backwaters.

Booth attended meeting at 5 Channels with Consumers and others. Consumers will hold a public hearing October 30 at the school at 6 pm.

Had first meeting for Safe Routes to Schools program. Any time grant funding is requested it has to go thru the Road Commission.

Attended meeting with MDOT on motorized trails. Alcona, Oscoda and Iosco counties may be proposing a trail to go all the way from Oscoda to Grayling.  
Recreation Plan questionnaire on township web site.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Tri-Town got \$20,000 in grants. Will be having a special meeting next week to discuss uses for the funds.

Oct. 7 there will be a search and rescue event at the 2 houses at 404 Morenci; all the county fire depts.. have been invited.

Utility Authority – signed letter of intent to apply for grant funding for upgrading facilities.

MTA – Discussed Steiner, solar installations. State would like to take away regulation of solar fields from township.

### **BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

Dangerous buildings (4) are being cleaned up; 3 more to deal with.

Inspections of marihuana facilities being planned for the next couple weeks.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- RFP for demo bids for properties in Mio – Asbestos sampling can be done and reported within 3 weeks.

**Coulon/Mitchell to approve contract with Sagasser & Assoc. in the amount of \$2243.00 to do asbestos and paint sampling at 404 Morenci. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Requested a bid for Phase I Environmental; not required on residential; Sagasser not recommending it be done.
- RFP for Demo – will be one more review then would like to get the bids out and bids back by October meeting.

**Mitchell/Coulon to send out RFPs for demo of 2 buildings at 404 Morenci. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Signboard for Cemetery - \$1288.85.

**Booth/Coulon to purchase sign board for Cemetery, total cost \$1288.85. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Employee/Trainee for Clerk's Office

**Coulon/Mitchell to hire another employee in Clerk's office. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Vehicle Policy – Written policy not available yet
- Booth will look at getting the bed liner bid.

### **MAIL:**

Variance application received by MDNR for 2990 N. AuSable Rd. Hearing will be held October 5, 2023.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Bondar – Distribution of Title II and Title III funds has been updated.

Bidder's meeting for Sheriff's Dept. on Sept. 28. 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

McCauley – Covid on the rise, state is gearing up.

Greenwood going ahead with first responder vehicle; need to get supplies first.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steiner pancake breakfast at County Park – October 7.

Dylan McGregor – Court says neighbor can put up a fence, and he feels Wilson can't use photos he didn't take from Karen's property. Also photos aren't showing date and time.

Tom Osterbeck supported McGregor's position. Complaining about Wilson's interpretation of blight ordinance.

Meeting adjourned 8:13 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt  
Township Clerk