

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES
February 15, 2024
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Mundt, Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, Wilson, Commissioners McCauley and Bondar, 8 electors

MINUTES: Coulon/Mitchell to approve January 19, 2024 minutes. All ayes. Motion passed

LIST OF BILLS: \$108,004.78 Mitchell/Mundt to approve to pay bills totaling \$108,004.78
Hold bill from Morse Concrete for demo of houses on Deyarmond St. Bid is under Ryan Wykoff. Bill needs to be submitted by Ryan Wykoff. **Mitchell/Mundt to approve payment to Ryan Wykoff for demo of houses on Deyarmond St.** All ayes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Account balances: General Fund -\$409,510.68; Cemetery Fund - \$28899.90; Parks Fund - \$12,907.35; Road Fund - \$171,541.92; Luzerne Fire - \$174,204.28; Fire Millage - \$131,234.78

FIRE REPORT:

Fire Chief Shepard reported that the back-up camera for the new fire truck has been installed.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Report of Assessment roll has increased. Showing taxable value increase of 5%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MTA meeting; Suggestion was for Township to have a liaison to attend Road Commission meetings.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

10th Street Blight report regarding storage for tires; One building (tent) is in good standing position. The second tent is more like an event tent and is not in good standing condition. A letter will be drafted regarding a long-term plan of what the township expects for storage buildings/tents.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speaker call with Kymberly Kutzler with American Towers. American Towers best least deal was to continue annual lease deal as it is with 5 year increases for a total of 40 additional years with a \$20,000.00 signing bonus. **Coulon/Mitchell to approve to extend contract with American Towers.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Dan Shaffer has submitted his resignation for the Steiner Board effective immediately.

Booth/Mundt to accept Dan Shaffer resignation for the Steiner Board. All ayes. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Shepard contacted Inspire Tech to list the old pumper truck online. Auction is another possibility. Further discussion will take place at March board meeting.

Bid for well at Luzerne Fire Dept, **Coulon/Mundt to approve to have well installed by Twin Lakes for \$19,000.00.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Big Creek Township Marihuana permits can be extended to expire when the state license expires. **Coulon/Mitchell to approve extension of Marihuana permits.** All ayes. Motion passed.

There will be a bench placed at River Park in memory of a young man who loved to camp at the park as a child and family still frequents there. His mother has made the request. There will be a plaque with the young man's name placed on the bench.

NEW BUSINESS:

Booth/Coulon to approve rewritten Dangerous Building Ordinance. Roll call. All ayes. Passed.

An additional charge from Pinnacle Abatement for removal of asbestos at the 404 Morenci St. was submitted. **Booth/Mitchell to approve additional charges.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Steiner Museum Historical Commission sent a letter requesting for funds allocated for the Steiner Museum. This will be added to the March meeting after further contact with Steiner of what the requested amount would be.

Big Creek Township Clerk, Rhonda Mundt has submitted a letter of resignation to the board.

Booth/Mitchell to approve resignation from Rhonda Mundt. All ayes. Motion passed.

Pay resolutions for fiscal year 2024-2025

Avery/Coulon to approve salary for the office of Supervisor/Assessor. All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Coulon to approve salary for the office of Clerk. Roll call. All ayes. Motion passed.

Mitchell/Mundt to approve salary of office of Treasurer. Roll call. All ayes. Motion passed.

Mundt/Avery to approve salary for the office of Trustee. Roll call. All ayes. Motion passed.

MAIL:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner McCauley discussed the new Sheriff's Dept. building, and new state-wide septic regulations.

BOARD COMMENT:

Budget meeting to be scheduled for Thursday, February 22,2024 @ 6.30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm

Lori Wyman

Deputy Township Clerk