

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES
May 16, 2024
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

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

PRESENT: Booth, Wyman, Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, Wilson. Commissioners Bondar, McCauley, & Marsh.

ABSENT: Avery

MINUTES: Mitchell/Wyman to approve April 18,2024 minutes. All ayes. Motion passed.

LIST OF BILLS: \$113,270.95. Coulon/Mitchell to approve to pay bills totaling \$113,270.95. All ayes. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Account balances: General Fund – 539,826.63; Cemetery Fund - \$36,672.96; Parks Fund - \$105,172.93; Road Fund - \$265,297.86; Luzerne Fire - \$222,922.70; Fire Millage - \$129,615.50

FIRE REPORT: Luzerne Fire Chief Shepard announced that the fire department would request that they no longer do pool fillings. **Mitchell/Wyman to approve that Luzerne Fire Dept. will no longer fill pools.** All ayes. Motion passed.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Waiting for one more item from Land Bank grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MTA meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024 – discussed Fire Department and Library.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

McGregor property is cleaned up. A new building is in place with metal siding. Board approved that this is sufficient.

Gerber Road resident presented disagreement of how property complaint was addressed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Coulon/Mitchell to approve dust control contract. All ayes. Motion passed.

ParPlan for new fire truck. Paul Olson gave an estimate of an annual cost for the new fire truck to be around \$1080.00 at renewal time in August. Booth/Mitchell to approve amount of **\$1080.00 for insurance for new fire truck for Luzerne Fire Department.** All ayes. Motion passed. It was suggested by Booth to have Paul Olson come in to go through the policies in detail.

Coulon/Wyman to approve township attorney to draft and agreement for Supervisor Prosperity Group regarding the old Mio dam.

NEW BUSINESS:

Booth/Coulon to approve Dykema request for Grant of Franchise to Great Lakes Energy Cooperative to provide broadband high-speed fiber internet. All ayes. Motion passed.

Ordinance officer requested approval for a garage door opener. Booth requested to obtain bids/estimates on that to discuss approval at next June meeting.

Coulon/Mitchell to approve purchase of four drawer locking file cabinet and whiteboard calendar/corkboard for clerk's office not exceeding \$400.00. All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Wyman to approve late submission of meeting dates for Safe Routes to School to K. Mitchell. All ayes. Motion passed.

Aaron with Oz Farms is requesting five (5) additional marijuana permits. A motion would need to be made to the ordinance. Oz Farms is agreeable to wait until that change is made.

Coulon/Mitchell to approve the addition of five (5) permits to the Marihuana Regulation Ordinance No. 2023-27. Roll Call. All ayes with one absent. Motion passed.

Wyman/Mitchell to approve a sign for River Park. All ayes. Motion passed.

Four bids were received for the roof on the building at the new park in Mio. Booth/Coulon to approve bid to Rondo & Sons for the roof on the building at the new park in Mio. All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Mitchell to approve \$200.00 for Election Prep Training for Clerk and Deputy Clerk. All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Mitchell to approve a budget amendment from Capital Outlay for Title III Grant for \$15,000.00. All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Coulon to approve request for security key from bank for Clerk's office. All ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A group with Oscoda County Republican Party was here to present on election integrity.

Tri-Town Fire Department will have a pancake breakfast Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Red, White, and Blue Collar Festival.

Brad Gusler presented to the township regarding the Blight Ordinance.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Steiner Museum is working on inventory. Also working on getting the gift shop ready to open. The Wilderness Chronicle will be back out and available on May 25,2024.

Commissioner Bondar reported that Michelle Knepp has two maintenance positions available. Also, the Senior Center is hiring a part-time cook.

Commissioner McCauley reported that two new deputies have been hired with the Oscoda County Sheriff's Department. They are now fully staffed.

Brice Degrammont was appointed as Resource Officer with the schools.

BOARD COMMENT:

Trustee Mitchell informs that Safe Routes to School is going to conduct a survey with students during sixth hour on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the following week asking how students got to school each day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

Lori Wyman

Big Creek Township Clerk