

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES**  
**July 18, 2024**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Wyman, Mitchell, Coulon, Avery, Wilson, Commissioners McCauley and Bondar, 10 electors.

**MINUTES:**

Coulon/Mitchell **to approve June 20, 2024 minutes.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Booth/Avery **to approve July 16, 2024 Big Creek Township Election Commission Special Meeting minutes.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**LIST OF BILLS:** \$36,996.77. Mitchell/Coulon **to approve to pay bills totaling \$36,996.77.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Account balances: General Fund - \$600,760.46; Cemetery Fund - \$32,311.94; Parks Fund - \$98,479.42; Road Fund - \$289,490.42; Luzerne Fire - \$217,901.53; Fire Millage - \$130,676.76

**FIRE REPORT:**

As previously discussed at the June meeting, an engine was sold for \$350.00.

Fire Chief Shepard reports that Luzerne Fire Department has been awarded \$12,600.00 from a Title III grant.

Luzerne Fire Department Assistant Chief Wyrembelski reported that the tires on the pumper truck (#3) are twenty-four years old per the codes on the current tires. A quote of \$2972.00 for six tires was given by Upper Lakes. Avery/Coulon **to approve six tires for the cost of \$2972.00 for truck #3.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Truck #5 needs 10 new tires. Bids are requested. It was also suggested to check the tires on the truck with Tri-Town that is being scrapped. Those may be able to be used.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Booth reports that the sidewalks for Comstock Park near the pickle ball courts will be delayed. Trenching and conduit needs to be run for electrical due to having interference with camera signal.

Board of Review had a couple clerical errors.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Utility Authority had a discussion on attendance.

There will be an open house at Tri-Town Fire Department in September.

New lockers have been purchased for Tri-Town fire Department.

### **ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:**

Bid from DCM Lawn and Repair was submitted for the Shepard Street property clean-up for \$4,525.00 with a request of \$3,225.00 payment down to apply toward rental equipment and dumpster fee. Coulon/Mitchell **to approve bid from DCM Lawn and Repair for the Shepard Street property clean-up for \$4,525.00 with a request of \$3,225.00 payment down to apply toward rental equipment and dumpster fee.**

Court ordered clean-up on Shepard Street will begin at the end of the month. Sherriff Grace stated he could have a deputy available to assist in the event of any issues.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A bid for a garage door opener at the township hall by Jerry Gauthier for the amount of \$706.00 was submitted. This includes labor. Booth/Wyman **to approve the amount of \$706.00 for garage door opener for Big Creek Township Hall garage.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Quotes for batteries for the radar signs in Luzerne are very high. It was decided to continue using the current batteries

It was requested by a deputy to put radar signs on Deeter Road by Terrace. There has been an increase of complaints with speeding in that area. Steve with the County Road Commission will be contacted to possibly put a portable speed sign out to monitor.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A bid for two garage door openers for Luzerne Fire Department by Jerry Gauthier for the amount of \$2484.00 was submitted. This includes labor and removal of existing openers.

Coulon/Mitchell **to approve the amount of \$2484.00 for two new garage door openers and installation.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Avery commented on complaints from the public regarding the recycle bins being emptied. There have been issues with the bins being full when dropping off recycling. Avery states that the bins have been emptied since that complaint.

It was noticed that the township has not received a check from Chris McGregor for over a year. Booth will contact Chris and we will introduce it at our August meeting.

Big Creek Township 2024-2025 ParPlan renewal for fire and board will be reviewed in detail with Paul Olsen.

### **MAIL:**

Letter from State Tax Commission and response letter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sherriff Grace discussed the millage that will be on the August ballots. Grace states he has three new officers in training and one recent resignation. The priority is to get a Resource Officer in the schools.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

A dam meeting was held. There are still 5000 small dams in Michigan per presentation given. The goal for DNR is to get the dam out for trout habitat. Consumers is requesting a decision by the end of this year. Then eleven years to take dam out.

Former Sherriff Jack Kann passed away on July 17, 2024.

Commissioner McCauley discussed the Holbert Dam removal.

Greenwood Township First Responders had purchased AED's and were told to purchase what the local EMS use so they are compatible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm  
Lori Wyman  
Big Creek Township Clerk