

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 29, 2012  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Supervisor James Booth, Clerk Judy Berney, Treasurer Sue Avery, and Trustee Marian Buchanan. Absent: Janis Sanderson. Others present: Fire Chief Kelly Smith, Assn't. Fire Chief Duane Roddy and eighteen citizens.

**ITEMS APPROVED:**

Buchanan moved seconded by Avery to allow Luzerne Fireworks Association to hold fireworks on the American Legion property, 3590 Legion Dr., Luzerne, MI. on June 30, 2012 with a rain date of July 1, 2012. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Booth moved, seconded by Buchanan to purchase fire rings and redi mix for park from Luzerne Hardware. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Booth moved, seconded by Avery to accept Precision Excavating's bid for the gravel and excavation work at the River Park. Ayes: 4 Nay: 1 Motion Passed.

Avery moved, seconded by Berney to reinstate Terry Hepler as a fireman on the Luzerne Fire Dept. on the probationary conditions. Ayes. Motion Passed.

**BOARD ISSUES:** Bids for fire rings and redi mix were received from Pioneer General Store, Mio Ace Hardware and Luzerne Hardware. Bids for excavating and limestone road gravel were received from Precision Excavating and Marksmen Excavating.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- An update was given on Firefighter Nancy Mantz's employment with the fire department. The matter was tabled until the June meeting.
- Discussion on the format to be used for New Hire. Possibly adding approval or disapproval on the officer's interview sheet was mentioned.
- Copies of an evaluation report and counseling form was given to board members.
- Discussion about the need for the officers to know the policy procedures. The policy procedures need to be part of a training meeting. Chief Smith made a request for three eight hour Saturday training days. He will do a schedule and then get approval from board.
- Discussion on ATV training to be done for every firefighter.
- Request to approve using synthetic oil for the fire vehicles. Tabled until June meeting. Chief Smith will get bids on a 55 gallon drum of both synthetic and 15W40 oil.
- Discussion on numbers and letters for the #7 truck. Tabled until June meeting for bids.
- Discussion on trying to paint the interior of the fire hall.
- Discussion on the stand by generator.
- Discussion on SOG's and redoing the Hazmat Ordinance to include vehicle fires.
- Discussion on approaching Enbridge to help purchase foam. Also the repair work Enbridge did without notifying the fire department.
- Chief Smith will get bids for repairing damage on truck #8 and fixing windshield chips on truck #8 & #4.
- Stressed that the disciplinary policy needs to be followed and action of any incident to be taken care of within four to five days.
- The issue concerning firemen Ron Reidel was discussed with Fire Chief.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Discussion on consideration of zoning in township. Suggestion was given to form a committee to look into zoning and report to board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.  
Judy Berney, Big Creek Township Clerk