

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
MAY 21, 2015
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, 9 electors

MINUTES: Minutes of April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting were presented.

McGregor/Mitchell to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS: Total of invoices \$131,900.56 including additional invoices for Frontier (\$220.21), Ronda Gusler (\$80.00) and Municipal Underwriters (\$1310.00).

McGregor/Avery to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved \$50,000 to road fund as budgeted; \$32,500 received for revenue sharing in May. Account balances: General Fund - \$221,681.77; Cemetery - \$25,358.73; Parks - \$20,160.91; Roads - \$204,380.72; Fire Millage - \$232,058.01; Luzerne Fire: \$22,670.10.

FIRE REPORT: Several fires, car accidents, carbon monoxide calls. Questions regarding calibration of carbon monoxide sensor.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Getting ready to do field work in June; must contact landowners before entry onto private property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Tri-Town – next mtg. 7/9/15 because of holiday.

MTA – Good training.

Avery – River Park looks good. McGregor left comments about improvements and repairs needed at Comstock Park. Swings can be adjusted to meet safety requirement.

County Ordinance Committee: Meeting will be June 10, 5 pm, County Commissioners' Room

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Road Repair Priority List for USFS
Mishler Rd – ½ mile; Park Rd. Pierce Rd., and Coupland Rd. - ¼ mile each. Booth will send a letter to USFS with our priorities.
2. Disposal of Fire Truck – McKinley Fire Dept. interested in fire truck. One additional bid received.
Mentor (for McKinley Fire Dept.) offered \$5000
John Nolan bid of \$6000
**McGregor/Mitchell to accept highest bid for old fire truck. Ayes – 3, Nays – 2.
Motion passed.**
3. Bids for replacement of Fire Dept. roof. Ad was late getting into paper; 2nd week just came out this week (5/20/15)
**Avery/McGregor open only bid for Fire Dept. roof repair tonight. Ayes – 4; Nays – 1.
Motion carried.**

K & M Builders - \$23,625.

Mitchell/Mundt to reject bid and rebid in June. Ayes – 3; Nays – 2. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fireworks Permits – Luzerne Fireworks Committee requested approval of fireworks.
McGregor/Mitchell to approve Luzerne public fireworks display. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Tax Reverted Property listing – Co. has forfeited several pieces of property; property must be used for public use if we take it. Must be used for public use. Not interested in obtaining.
3. Risk Control Grant & First Federal grant – Looking at grants to update parks. Need a resolution for Risk Control Grant from Par Plan.
Resolution 2015-08 was written.

Booth/McGregor to offer resolution for application of Recreation grant money from Par Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Booth – yes; Avery – yes; Mitchell – yes; McGregor – yes; Mundt – yes. Resolution approved.

Booth/Avery - Motion to approve application for \$500 grant from First Federal Community Foundation. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Steiner Museum –Norm Caldwell – Water well estimate was \$8000. Cost was \$10,000 for 300 ft. well. Amount we paid was \$590 under original allocation; they are short of funds to do the well in the amount of \$500. Steiner requesting our full allocation of the additional \$590.
Booth/McGregor to pay the additional \$590 of the Big Creek allocation to Steiner Museum. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Pontem program for Cemetery Management was discussed.
Avery/Mundt to purchase the Pontem cemetery program. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAIL: Par Plan sent a letter with a cash rebate on our policy of \$159.30.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Blight – M-72 and power line (just East of Township office); trailer on Park Rd. just outside of Luzerne; site across from school looking bad again and is being referred to attorney because the owner is not responding to letters. Also have received complaints about the renovation at the corner of 10th and Deyarmond. Those have been referred to the Building Dept. as they have an active permit for that building.

BOARD COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned 8:06 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk