

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

PRESENT: Booth, Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt, Fire Chief Roddy, Sheriff Grace, Commissioner Kischnick, 4 electors.

MINUTES – August 20, 2015 Regular Meeting

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

LIST OF INVOICES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Received state funding (\$35,000); moved \$18,000 for Frick Street cleanup to special account in the General Fund. Account balances: General Fund - \$254,792.53; Cemetery - \$18,146.74; Parks - \$14,080.47; Road Fund - \$172,221.99; Luzerne Fire Dept. - \$17,783.44; Fire Millage - \$168,321.29.

FIRE REPORT

Firefighters responded to a powerline down, two rollovers, attended meetings on new SCBA and compressor fill station, removed old generator to make room for SCBA equipment. Bid taken for rewiring for new compressor from Gaylord Electric - \$695.

Brandy Cole resigned from Luzerne Fire Dept.

Booth/Mitchell to remove Brandy Cole from fire dept. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Roddy requested funds to make purchases from Firemen's Memorial. No action taken.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Booth presented 2015 Tax Rate Request.

Booth/Mundt to levy .8686 for general fund and 1.00 mills for Fire Dept. for 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

Three people taken to court for junk complaints. Two requested extension which was denied. Third has put up a board and tin fence but complies with our ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Applications for Maintenance position – Four people interviewed for replacement of Jack Nolan. Committee recommends position be offered to Russell Campbell. He is willing to do anything including working weekends.

Mundt/Avery to offer maintenance position to Russell Campbell. All ayes. Motion carried.

During busy time, we may need to hire someone temporarily to assist.

Status of Recreation Grants/Bids - Received \$5000 grant from Par Plan for new safety equipment. Bid from Sinclair \$3314.00 to supply and install mats. They are a sole supplier of these mats.

Booth/ Mitchell to contract with Sinclair to supply and install rubber mats in Comstock Park. All ayes. Motion carried.

Also received \$500 from First Federal which can be used for any upgrades.

McGregor writing a grant with Great Lakes Energy for \$18,250 to purchase new equipment and make a walking path behind the playground equipment, with play structures along the path.

Resolution 2015-10

Mitchell/Avery to adopt a resolution of support for the application to Great Lakes Energy for Comstock Nelson Park renovation project in the amount of \$18,250.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Booth, Avery, Mitchell, McGregor, Mundt. Nays – None. Resolution Passed.

Still have a balance of \$1600+ to purchase additional safety equipment thru the Par Plan grant which needs to be obligated by February.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pillars Park erosion problem – meeting Oct. 1 with DNR and Consumers to see what permits need to be obtained and what can be done. May have bids by October meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No August or Sept. meeting for Ordinance Committee.

Tri-Town advertised for new Assistant Chief; special meeting next Thursday to review applications.

Good turnout for open house, firemen have been doing a lot of maintenance. Had a picnic to thank Jim McVeigh for his years of service.

MAIL: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheriff Grace – Sept. 26th is take back drug day. Have taken back about 120# in last 4 yrs.

Hiring new Deputy next Monday.

Commissioner Kischnick – Next Tuesday's (9/22/2015) commissioners meeting moved to Thursday (9/24/2015) at 4 pm.

John Nolan – Speed limit by Comstock Park is 35 but no sign until well past the park. Lots of people going 55 past park. Suggested it be posted again close to the park.

John stated he has really enjoyed the job; he's been working for the Township close to 30 years.

Ellis – what are we going to do about the building for maintenance? Booth talked about prices from North Star – about \$8000 to deliver 12'x36' bldg.

Booth will have tractor brought up for next meeting and will look at what size building we will need to house the equipment.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mtg. adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk