

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES**  
**October 16, 2025**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Wyman, Ecker, Coulon, Avery, Wilson, Commissioner Bondar, Luzerne Fire Chief Shephard,

**MINUTES** – Coulon/Ecker to approve September 18, 2025 minutes. All ayes. Motion passed.  
Coulon/Ecker to approve September 18, 2025 Closed Session minutes. All ayes. Motion passed.

**LIST OF BILLS:** Avery/Ecker to approve to pay bills totaling \$78,840.71. All ayes. Motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Account balances; General Fund - \$720,949.79; Cemetery Fund - \$16,334.10; Parks Fund - \$162,259.49; Road Fund - \$162,439.31; Luzerne Fire - \$170,023.14; Fire Millage - \$218,307.27

**FIRE REPORT:**

Fire Chief Shephard reports with meeting and training on September 3, 2025 with seven (7) firefighters in attendance, assist to Tri-Town on September 4, 2025 with three (3) firefighters, and an extrication at Comstock Park on September 29, 2025 with five (5) firefighters assisting.

Luzerne Fire Department is working on getting a third quote for possible generator installation.

Coulon/Ecker to approve Randy Booth to sign Resolution 2025-10 Approving Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MI-MABAS) Agreement. All ayes. Motion passed.

Wyman/Coulon to approve Luzerne Fire Chief Shephard to order the necessary supplies for the MABAS board. All ayes. Motion passed.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:**

Reimbursement for FEMA has been submitted. FEMA changed rates. Big Creek Township is required to cover 25 %.

Safe Routes to School Plan has been revised and submitted.

The pavilion at the Mio park has been delayed. The contractor will be invited to attend the November meeting with updates.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sue Perry with Steiner Museum reports that a Five Year Strategic Plan has been adopted. It is difficult to get enough people to participate. A form will be available for submitting projects. Signs have also been designed for Steiner Museum that each township can place at their individual township. It will have the township name on the sign also.

Avery reports that the Tri-Town fall open house had a great turn out.

No new news to report with the Utility Authority.

## ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

The cabin on Gerber Road has been cleaned up.

The citations that are being issued need to have the resident's driver's license on them per the District Court. Unfortunately, it isn't possible to get the driver's license number. It was discussed that the township may need to amend the Blight Ordinance to have the citations handled through the township clerk's office and the board.

**Coulon/Wyman to authorize the township attorney to send a letter to the attorney for McGregor Transfer Site regarding negotiations.** All ayes. Motion passed.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Met with NEMCOG regarding the Master Plan, to include Mentor Township. Mentor Township has budgeted for \$5000.00 this year.

**Booth/Coulon to consider amending the plan if Mentor Township would contribute another \$5000.00 in the next fiscal year towards the plan.** All ayes. Motion passed. If Mentor Township declines, the Master Plan will not be amended.

Luzerne Fire Department will hold off on bids for new signs for traffic control during calls. They are working on repairing the ones they have.

The township sign was discussed. We will be looking at other options with businesses and try to get a company closer to the area. This will be introduced again at a later date.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Booth/Wyman to approve Huron Engineering and Surveying invoice in the amount of \$10,400.00.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Complaint of the condition of the blacktop at the pickle ball court in Luzerne was addressed. The township will look into having it seal coated next spring/summer.

Snow plow bids were received. Booth/Wyman **to approve Smitty's for snow plowing for the Township Hall, shovel walks and plow Nancy St. & Cedar Rd.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**MAIL:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter was received from Biotech Agronomic giving information regarding biosolids that will be applied in the area.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

AJ Welser announced that a 32-pound turkey was given to the Legion by the Senior Center due to the Senior Center oven not being large enough. American Legion will be having a Thanksgiving dinner with that turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

Senior Center has Yuker games every Wednesday @ 12:40 pm.

Meals every day at the Senior Center is \$4.00. If you are not a senior, it is requested to pay a little more.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Ecker commented on the speed signs that are in Luzerne. It is noted that when the signs are not in working order due to losing their charge, people seem to speed through there at much higher speeds. The township

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm  
Lori Wyman  
Big Creek Township Clerk