

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP MINUTES  
DECEMBER 18, 2025  
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Booth, Wyman, Ecker, Coulon, Avery, Wilson, Commissioner McCauley, Luzerne Fire Chief Shephard, four electors.

**MINUTES** – Ecker/Booth **to approve November 20, 2025 minutes.** All ayes. Motion passed.  
Booth/Ecker **to approve Special Meeting November 25, 2025 minutes.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**LIST OF BILLS:** Coulon/Ecker **to approve to pay bills totaling \$40,809.38.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Account balances: General Fund - \$741,517.19; Cemetery Fund - \$15,955.67; Parks Fund - \$137,070.77; Road Fund - \$148,448.57; Luzerne Fire - \$166,230.12; Fire Millage - \$219,622.22

**FIRE REPORT:**

Fire Chief Shephard reports with meeting and training on November 3, 2025 with eight (8) firefighters in attendance, vehicle accident on November 26, 2025 with three (3) firefighters assisting, and vehicle accident on November 29, 2025 with six (6) firefighters assisting.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:**

Meeting with FEMA. Went through application and signed additional papers. The money has been obligated and hoping to disperse funds in March.

Board of Review met on December 9, 2025 at 1pm for clerical errors.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Tri-Town had their JAWS serviced and received radio grant.

Utility Authority purchased a pump to keep lines from freezing when the fire department uses hydrants.

Still in need of two more people for the planning committee.

**ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT:**

Things are slowing down a little bit. Some letters will be going out certified.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Tri-Town and Luzerne Fire was awarded \$74,000.00 for the radio grant. There is no match required. Both departments are requesting the Big Creek Township Board if they would consider matching that 25% to meet the need for handheld radios and pagers.

**Coulon/Ecker to confirm the Big Creek share of the 25% (\$9000) match for the Congressionally approved spending grant.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**Coulon/Wyman to approve to have NEMCOG do our recreational grant through the county.** All ayes. Motion passed. The county did pass their resolution to authorize.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kraft business contacted the clerk regarding the Xerox copier for the Township Hall. Clerk was told that the machine would have no security updates available and it is at the end of its life. Bids will be obtained and presented at the January board meeting.

A-1 Services has updated their prices for cleaning of the township hall. Prices have stayed the same amount for a long time. The increase is accepted.

**Booth/Wyman to approve to contribute \$150.00 for Mock Election Program for the schools in Oscoda County.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Luzerne Cemetery sign is faded and worn. It was suggested to contact the person who originally made the sign to see if that person can do another one in the spring. It will be brought back to the table at a later date.

**Coulon/Ecker to approve to contract with Blamer Financial Services to complete the annual reports, 1099's and W-2's.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**Booth/Wyman to approve Board of Review Training in West Branch for Township Supervisor and all three BOR members at the cost of 75.00 each.** All ayes. Motion passed.

**MAIL:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email from EGLE. Copy of permit for discharge of riprap and install tree revetments along streambank.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

AJ Welser gave an FYI regarding printer choice. He stated that the REICHO printer at the Roscommon Veterans office was not satisfactory and issues were reoccurring at a constant.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

It was brought to the board with concern regarding who is responsible that firefighters go out with proper attire. A safety issue would be addressed if there was concern.

Booth moves to enter into a closed session to consider a confidential legal written opinion to assume MCL15.268IH. Supported by Ecker.

Roll call vote:

Avery – yes

Coulon – yes

Ecker – yes

Booth – yes

Wyman - yes

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Called to order at 7:36 pm.

Ecker/Coulon to come out of closed session at 8.00 pm. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Booth made a motion to have attorneys move forward with filing paperwork for criminal prosecution and civil law suit option against Ed Duke and Duke Landscaping and Construction LLC. Supported by Ecker.**

**Roll call vote:**

Booth – yes

Ecker – yes

Coulon –yes

Avery –yes

Wyman – yes

Ecker/Coulon **to adjourn meeting at 8:03 pm.** All ayes. Motion passed.

Join the meeting by Teleconference call @ 989-321-2522.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Lori Wyman

Big Creek Township Clerk