

**AGENDA: SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA
November 18, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7: pm by

Members present:

Visitors:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed: Second:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Waiting for signed agreement to be returned with signatures from Marion Township & Kozy Rest. Will invoice Kozy Rest for this latest portion of fees. Kozy Rest has begun submitting shop drawings and submittals for review for the sanitary sewer extension project.

Public Sewer:

1. **Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** Unchanged: D. Brown #2; K. Schumacher; R&M Holdings '09, LLC; McFeaters; Brandon (204 Boyers Rd).
2. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (8):** Updated: None are 3-4 months delinquent. Eight (8) accounts (6 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more.
3. **Property Liens (10):** Updated: D. Brown (connect)-states he will be connected by end of year; F. Carroll-Gillen (debt)-agreed to our requested terms but did not comply this month; S. Heller (debt); V. Kennedy (3 properties)(debt); R/J. McFeaters (connect/debt); G. Mullett (debt)-set up auto pay; H. Russell (debt)-waiting for property sale; 204 Boyers Rd-sale contested.
4. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. Waiting for final tax return to be filed. House still being lived in.
5. **Sheriff Sale (5):** Updated: S. Heller; R. McFeaters; & 3 V. Kennedy properties. V. Kennedy properties were on hold if he paid as agreed. Did not pay as agreed. Solicitor continued Sheriff sale proceedings. Made pmt. at the end of Oct. S. Heller: Sale postponed. McFeaters: Will be up for Judicial sale.
6. **Auto Pay:** 44 of 120 accounts (37%) are set up on auto pay.
7. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-8.3%; Severe-6.7%.
8. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:**
9. **Grinder Pumps:**
10. **Emergency Generator:** Repaired a diesel fuel leak.
11. **Concrete Stanchions:** Marvin will look at cost to replace & provide a quote. Wants to complete before winter.
12. **Sludge Removal:** Completed on 11-8-24.

Private Sewer:

1. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2024):** (6) - A. Burnett; T. McDougall; D. Kellogg; S. Fisher; S. Lennon; G. Hindman.

2. **Holding Tanks**: Waiting for returned & recorded agreements. One regular mail letter sent was returned to the Township with a "return to sender" label. We have not received any information from the certified letter.

Municipal Office:

1. **Building Permits (2024)**: (15) - J. DiSanti (house); E. Meier (house/garage); L. Fulmer (garage); K. & R. Boozel (garage); Crossroads-North Tower (cell tower); King Autos (building reno.); D. Reich (machine shed); J. DiSanti (pool); J. Crum (solar panels); B. Diamond (solar panels); C. Linamen (modular home); A. Esquenazi (pole barn); C. Stuchal (ag. bldg. add.); K. & R. Boozel (house); R. Shields (trailer demo).
2. **Election 2024**: Twp. has 773 registered voters. 72% of registered voters voted in person. Mail in ballots brought the total to roughly 82-85% total voters.

Municipal Garage:

New Dump Truck: Received on 11-8-24. Payment released to SEI.

"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property: In Litigation.

EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:

EMS QRS Agencies: Butler Co. 911 center has requested that municipalities designate a licensed agency to help respond to medical calls in our area. Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure.

Allegheny Mineral Corp./White Oak Road Closure: Original Agreement: Aug. 19, 2019 until 2033. AMC would like to extend the agreement to be able to close the road for the agreed-to 5 years, but begin later than originally agreed. Solicitor sent updated proposal to AMC.

Station Road:

Ordinance #80 - Employee Handbook: Motion to adopt Ordinance #80 - Employee handbook by . Seconded by .

NEW BUSINESS:

Saloom Lane: There is a ROW past the first residence. Is that a Township ROW?

Grants:

Per Capita Tax:

Budget 2025:

Millage Rate: Millage rate needs to be decided so it can be reported to DCED by the December 1st deadline. Proposed Resolution 2024-1118-01 advertised on 11-7-24, which proposes a line item of 2 mills for a Fire Tax, while keeping 0.5 mills for EMS & 6.6 mills for the Township. **Motion** to adopt Resolution 2024-1118-01:

Fee Schedule rates: 2025 rates need to be determined for adoption at Jan. Org mtg. Administrative Sewage lateral inspections & private on-lot inspections application fees need to be increased due to increased administrative responsibilities. Other fees need to be updated as necessary such as sanitary sewer connection fees.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:

Butler Co. COG: (10-24-24) 2-3:30pm-Penn Township Munic. Bldg. Bill to attend.

Mercer Co. COG: ()

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (11-4-24) Homeland security briefing.

ROAD REPORT:

10/1/24-Mowed Harmony & Prairie Rds.
10/2/24-Videoed Shields & Harmony Rds. for bonding purposes.
10/4/24-Mowed Whitaker & Centertown Rds., fixed sign on Harmony Rd.
10/8/24-Risch & I took care of a drainage problem on Crum property. Greg Ferguson & I repaired/replaced reflectors throughout the Township.
10/11/24-Mowed Enterprise & Sutherland Rds. Bill & I repaired the guardrail along Prairie cemetery.
10/14/24-John & I did Pa #1 call.
10/15/24-Replaced batteries in security system.
10/16/24-Took fins off the truck before hauling logs.
10/17/24-Bill & I worked on cleaning up the tree that was removed by the power company.
10/21/24-John & I did Pa#1 call; Mowed STP.
10/30/24-John & I surveyed the roads to decide which roads we want to pave.
10/31/24-Delivered a load of anti-skid to Harrisville Boro as requested.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$121,786
Sewer Fund:	\$79,113
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$87,228
Capital Reserve:	\$15,646
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$5,017</u>
Total:	\$308,790

Motion to accept the Financial Report & pay bills due through the next month: Second:

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** to adjourn meeting at pm: Second: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: