

Mercer Township, Butler County
4629 William Flynn Hwy, PO Box 380, Harrisville, PA 16038
MEETING MINUTES – June 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Mtg. called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: John Bennett, Jr.; William Long; Emil Treese; Nikki Ciochetto; Holly Tissue-Thompson. Visitors: None. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the May 18, 2026 Mtg. Minutes as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to accept the May 28, 2026 Special Mtg. Minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **OLD BUSINESS:** Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (4): 150 Station Rd #2; 1358 Eau Claire Rd; 4133 WFH; 204 Boyers Rd. Delinquencies-Three or more months (4). Property Liens (2): D. Brown (connect/debt); H. Russell (debt). Notice of Claim: Filed on H. Russell estate. Estate Auction scheduled for June 27. Delinquency Rate: Total-5%; Severe-1%. Sewer Lateral Inspections: 200 Shields Rd. (Crum) & 138 Boyers Rd. (Arblaster). Tepco Grinder Pumps: Pump alarmed & was replaced at 679 W. Mercer St. Ext on 6-15-26.

PumpMan Maintenance Program: New contract reviewed. Motion to accept contract from PumpMan for a 6 year Annual Inspection term at \$1,800 per inspection: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. Ground Leveling: Supervisors want Marvin to do the needed maintenance. Sludge Hauling: Will continue to use K&M, will let Marvin determine when. Flow Control Meter: Recently calibrated. Marvin reported it was acting funny. May have been struck by lightning. Had someone look at it. It was determined not to be a lightning strike, but instead a sensor in the pit had been bumped. It is fixed. Pine-Harrisville Authority: Letter sent in February to PHA requesting that Mercer Twp. be released from the PHA. Mtg. scheduled for 8/11/2026. 200 Shields Rd: DEP permit received. Solicitor will record the Easement Agreement. Paperwork has been completed for inspection. 138 Boyers Rd: Passed inspection. Paperwork & invoice received. Will bill for cost of reinspection of trap / T installation. Private Sewer: 632 Grove City Rd: SRSTP. Received DEP approval & permit. Holding escrow. 140 W. Oak Grove Ln: SRSTP. Need to collect & hold escrow. Office mailed copy of agreement & letter. On-Lot Sewage Permits (2026): 326 Frampton Rd (Mularski). Office: Building Permits (6): J. Pierce (solar); W. Tomko (garage); L. Bauer (greenhouse); T. McDougall (house/garage); R. Stuchal (barn); G. Westbrook (garage). Road Bonds: Anegada Energy-Halterlein gas well, Shields Rd. (2-18-26 to 8-18-26) Subdivision Plans: Giesler Family Trust. Outside spigot: W. Long installed. Drop slot: Need to finish inside. Outside basement doors: Need to paint second coat. FireFighter: Inspection completed 6-5-26. Invoice received. Municipal Garage: Doors on old shed: almost finished. 2024 Plow Truck: Got two new decals at Gear Racing. Boom Mower: Purchased 2022 John Deere tractor with boom mower from SEI. EGR issue addressed by cleaning sensor. Company will contact us about billing/tax exempt forms. Old Boom Mower: Advertised for sale in Butler Eagle on 6-1-26. Posted on Municibid. Bid is currently at \$8,100, will be open for two more days. We will accept the highest bid. To be paid by certified check. Will deposit to Capital Reserve fund. 2026 Paving Project: Received phone quotes for the small portion of Centertown Rd. that needs edge repair. Special mtg. was held May 28, 2026 at 4:30 pm to discuss & approve. Youngblood Paving was the lowest quote. Project has been completed. Tree Trimming: Letters were sent to all residents on Browntown Rd. to alert them that tree trimming will be happening between the end of June & early July. This will result in the road being closed in various sections during the day. Harrisville Borough & VFC, along with Butler Co. 911 Center have been notified, too. EMCWeather – Emergency Management Coordinator: B. Grossman is working with Butler Co. on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Butler County Hazard Mitigation Plan Revision: received letter from the County asking for help completing everything quickly. B. Grossman is working with Butler Co. to provide info for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Office worked with Brian to complete online survey. Harrisville VFC: Will be providing us with a financial report. EMS QRS Agencies: Harrisville VFC will be our designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. Still waiting on DOH inspection. "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property: In Litigation. F/U in October. Mercer Twp, Butler County/Ag Security Area: Want to create an Ag. Security Council. We need a committee of 1 supervisor, 3 farmers & 1 resident (non-farmer). Information on how to volunteer is on the website & in the spring newsletter. W. Long will follow up after fall harvest with farmers that may be interested. Centertown Rd. Curve: Supervisors were asked to install a guardrail on the sharp curve to help keep vehicles from driving off the road into the pasture. Supplies have arrived & are to be installed soon. No Littering Signs: Resident on Valley View Rd. complained about roadway litter. Signs were purchased & have been placed. **NEW BUSINESS:** Allegheny Mineral: White Oak Rd. closing: July 13 – 25, 2026. Solicitor advised there is no need to advertise. Need to send resident letters & be sure that EMS & PennDot are notified. Frampton/Unity/Valley View Rd: Complaint received about Twp. mowing at intersection. Supervisors will assess. Office will respond to complainant. **OTHER BUSINESS:** MTGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: Wolf Creek COG Mtg: (5-20-26) John attended. Provided update. Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (5-20-26) Nikki attended. Updates from Commissioners & Hazard Mitigation Plan. DCED presented information. Data Centers were discussed. Municipalities need to have ordinances & zoning in place to prepare how to regulate. Cannot rely on County level regulation. John will ask for ordinance examples at COG mtg. Butler Co. Association of Twp Officials (BCATO): (5-21-26) 2026 Spring Convention. Nikki attended. Presentations included: PSATS update; Butler Co. EMS update; Butler Co. Commissioners update; History of Succop Nature Park; Butler Co. history; Butler Co. faces & places in the Civil War. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: \$169,082. Sewer Fund: \$54,629. Liquid Fuels Fund: \$164,633. Capital Reserve: \$46,731. Escrow Fund: \$6,435. Total: \$441,510. Financial Report dated 5-15-26 to 6-11-26 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. Motion to approve the report & pay all invoices: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn mtg. at 8:15 pm: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. Mtg adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Holly Tissue-Thompson, Assistant Secretary

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