

AGENDA: SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA

April 21, 2025

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

Members present:

Visitors: D. Evans - Harrisville VFC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the March 17, 2025 Meeting minutes and the April 18, 2025 Bid Meeting minutes as printed: Second:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:

Public Sewer:

1. **Incomplete connections/inspections (5)**: D. Brown #2; K. Schumacher; R&M Holdings '09, LLC; McFeaters; Brandon (204 Boyers Rd).
2. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (8)**: Three are 3 months delinquent. Five are delinquent by 5 months or more. (2 of the 5 are paying as arranged.)
3. **Property Liens (7)**: D. Brown (connect); F. Carroll-Gillen (debt); S. Heller (debt); R/J. McFeaters (connect/debt); G. Mullett (debt); H. Russell (debt); 204 Boyers Rd (connect/abandon-upset sale contested).
4. **Notice of Claim**: Filed on H. Russell estate. Waiting for estate attorney.
5. **Sheriff Sale (2)**: S. Heller (on hold-Sept); R. McFeaters (on hold-Judicial sale?).
6. **Auto Pay**: 45 of 119 accounts (38%) are set up.
7. **Delinquency Rate**: Total-9%; Severe-3.7%.
8. **Sewer Lateral Inspections**: none this month.
9. **Future Requested Connections**: 1 - Campground Rd; 1 - Center Street.
10. **Grinder Pumps**: Marvin to check on the last one sent for repair. J. Bennett will follow up.
11. **Concrete Stanchions**: New stainless steel product - cost: \$41 each. Will assess & determine best option.
12. **Grove City**: 2025 Quarterly est. pmts – we underpaid \$4,247 last year. Estimates increased by \$1,250 per quarter this year.
13. **Harrisville Annual Pump Maintenance Fee**: unchanged? Will send annual pmt.

Private Sewer:

1. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2025)**: B. Snyder.
2. **Holding Tanks**: Waiting for 3 agreements (Dollar General, Violante & Anglin) to be recorded & returned. Recorder of Deeds office runs about 2-3 months behind. Office will follow up in May.

Office:

1. **Building Permits (2025)**: B. Rider (roof solar); D. Reich (house/garage); C. Haring (pole barn); S. Pierce/J. Krenke (above ground pool); 4330 WFH cell tower (back-up generator/concrete pad); G. Shreve (2) (demo old trailer, new doublewide).
2. **Road Bonds**: County Line Road – 2018 bond release.

3. **Subdivision Plans:** McDougall plan - to sign.
4. **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.

Municipal Garage: New truck is at Hunter's for warranty work.

EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator: Attended boot camp in New Castle on 4-12-25. Reports that there is concern about loss of Federal Grant funding for the program.

"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property: In Litigation. Solicitor sent agreement to both property owner & resident to be signed & returned. Resident returned a signed copy to the office, which has been forwarded to the Solicitor.

Anegada Energy: They will provide Mercer Twp. with copies of all permits and will obtain a road bond prior to any work being done in the Twp. Supervisors have received two letters on this day (4-21-25) from Beran Environmental Services regarding applications sent to the DEP for: "Joint Application for Pennsylvania Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit" and "Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-4) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)" for review and comment.

Station Road: Speed humps: J. Bennett, Jr. will contact engineer.

2025 Paving Project: Bid Opening Meeting was held on: April 18, 2025 at Noon at the Twp. Building. Bid to be awarded this evening. Motion to accept: _____ as the Bid Recipient for the 2025 Mercer Twp. Paving Project at a bid total of: _____ : Second: .

NEW BUSINESS:

219 Browntown Rd. culvert:

227 Browntown Rd. tree:

Butler County Use Fee Grant Application: Will attend meeting on April 22, 2025. **Motion** to approve and sign grant request letter:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Newsletter: Printing quotes: Minuteman Press (Butler) - 450 B&W copies, folded: \$127.86; Printing Concepts (Grove City) - 450 B&W copies, folded: \$286.00. **Motion** to approve 2025 Newsletter to be printed by:

BCATO 2025 Spring Convention: May 15, 2025 at the Butler Country Club 8 am – 3 pm. Motion to pay \$40 each for _____ to attend:

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Office will be closed.

CDL Program: New CDL employees must pass a pre-employment drug screen & consent to a full query of the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse prior to offer of employment. Two potential employees have been sent for pre-employment drug screens.

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:

Mercer Co. COG: (3-19-25) J. Bennett Jr. attended.

BCTCC: (3-25-25) W. Long attended. Berkheimer contract expires in 2026. Looking into renewal contracts.

PINE-HARRISVILLE AUTHORITY: (4-8-25) J. Bennett, Jr. attended. Tim McNickle resigned as Authority Solicitor. Roger Shaffer, Jr. was appointed as new Authority Solicitor.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (4-14-25) J. Bennett, Jr. attended. Senator Scott Hutchinson spoke.

ROAD REPORT:

3/1/25-Checked roads.

3/8/25-John salted roads.

3/27/25-Removed tree from Glacial Till Rd.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$77,804
Sewer Fund:	\$63,847
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$149,245
Capital Reserve:	\$75,720
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$5,017</u>
Total:	\$371,633

Financial Report dated 3-14-25 to 4-17-25 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to accept the Financial Report & pay all expenses: Second:

Capital Reserve: Transfer from General Fund:

CD: Looking into terms and rates with MCSB.

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

Respectfully submitted: