

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

March 17, 2025

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

Members present:

Visitors: Jackie & Ryan Parton (residents); Mike Weaver (Anegada Energy); Melissa Schultz (SR Community Library director)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the February 17, 2025 Meeting minutes as printed: Second:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Received payment for 2024 expenses. One resident has contacted the office wanting to connect when possible. Will contact him when project has been approved for connection.

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):** Eight (6 owners) are delinquent by 5 months or more.
3. **Property Liens (10):** D. Brown (connect); F. Carroll-Gillen (debt); S. Heller (debt); V. Kennedy (3 properties)(debt); R/J. McFeaters (connect/debt); G. Mullett (debt)-auto pay; H. Russell (debt); 204 Boyers Rd (upset sale contested).
4. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. Waiting for estate attorney. House is still occupied.
5. **Sheriff Sale (5):** S. Heller (on hold-Sept); R. McFeaters (on hold); & 3 V. Kennedy properties (on hold). Mr. Kennedy continues to pay an average of 10-14 days late.
6. **Auto Pay:** 45 of 119 accounts (38%) are set up.
7. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-13%; Severe-6%.
8. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:**
9. **Grinder Pumps:** Marvin to check on the last one sent for repair.
10. **Concrete Stanchions:** J. Bennett Jr. contacted our engineer to see if there's a different product we can use. There is a new stainless steel product. Engineer to send pricing.
11. **Sewage Line Ownership:** Our engineer asked who officially owns the Mercer Township sewage lines that connect to Harrisville & Grove City through the Pine-Harrisville Authority. Solicitor is investigating.
12. **EADS:** Forestville 2024 report -
13. **Grove City:** 2025 Quarterly estimated payments -

Private Sewer:

1. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2025):**
2. **Holding Tanks:** Waiting for 3 agreements (Dollar General, Violante & Anglin) to be recorded & returned. Received call from J. Anglin (Frampton Rd property) who will be in Florida until the 2nd week in May. Will complete it when he returns. Office will follow up on other 2.

Municipal Office:

1. **Building Permits (2025):** B. Rider (roof solar); D. Reich (house/garage).
2. **Road Bonds:** MT Logging-Frampton Rd. ?
3. **Credit Cards:** Current card account expires 6/2025. Need to make changes/updates.

Municipal Garage:

1. Salt / Antiskid: Have ordered our limit of salt for this season. Have delivered 3 loads to Harrisville.

“For Love of the Lost”/Fish property: In Litigation. Solicitor sent agreement to both property owner & resident to be signed & returned. Resident phoned office asking what to do with the agreement. Returned his call & left message. **Motion** to sign agreement:

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: Amended agreement accepted by AMC. Solicitor advertised on March 10th for public comment & Township adoption. **Motion** to adopt “Addendum to Agreement”:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Paving Project: Bid package received from C. Shaffer at PennDOT. Need to advertise for bids & to schedule & advertise Bid Opening Meeting on: April 18, 2025 at Noon at the Twp. Building. Bid to be awarded at the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting. **Motion** to advertise the “Request for Bids” & the “Bid Opening Meeting” scheduled for April 18th, 2025 at Noon:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Butler Eagle: Received a call on 2-25-25 from a reporter asking for a brief history of Mercer Township & old photos or old locations where they could take photos. Need by March 30th.

Newsletter: Office & Supervisors to update. Approve at April meeting to be printed & mailed to residents.

CDL Program: Contact person & paperwork binder has been reviewed & updated. New employees must pass a pre-employment drug screen & consent to a full query of the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse prior to offer of employment. PSATS suggests we also do a driver’s license check through PennDOT. PSATS also suggests having any contractor we hire sign a “Contractor’s Statement of Compliance with CDL Testing Program Requirements.”

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (2-18-25) Commissioners spoke about latest projects & funding. Explained receipt & proper use of the opioid grant funds that has drawn some unfavorable responses in the local paper. Cranberry Twp. has a Citizen’s Academy to teach about local government what & why. DCED spoke about help they provide municipalities with planning & implementing & funding projects. Focus on multi-municipal projects. Butler Co. Parks & Rec. received Agency of the Year award for the state. Events were highlighted. They also will help write grants. PennDOT has an upcoming training that would be helpful.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (3-11-25) Commissioners spoke about all their projects. Preparing for 2026 NFL Draft next April. Keeping an eye on funding changes. Looking at possible data centers being built. Update on Butler County EMS training & coverage to help struggling VFC’s & EMS providers. Need to all work

together to sustain & improve. We must fix this at the County level. Refer any interested folks to get them into training. Southern Butler Co. Stormwater Mgmt. program was also discussed.

Mercer Co. COG: (?)

BCTCC: (3-25-25)

ROAD REPORT:

2/1/25-John salted Twp.

2/3/25-John salted Twp, had a light problem with the truck. Bill fixed the problem! John took truck to get decals on. I checked antiskid complaint.

2/6/25-Salted Twp & put away load of salt.

2/8/25-John plowed & salted Twp.

2/9/25-Bill checked roads.

2/10/25-Checked roads, mixed load of antiskid, Bill assisted VFC with tree removal on Glacial Till.

2/14/25-Checked roads, salted Twp.

2/15/25-John plowed & salted Twp. both AM & PM.

2/16/24-John checked roads. Bill salted Twp. in the PM.

2/17/25-Plowed & salted Twp, plowed drifts three times during the day, Bill mixed anti-skid.

2/18/25-Checked roads, plowed drifts on Shields, mixed anti-skid & took load to Harrisville Borough.

2/19/25-Bill fixed truck wiring.

2/20/25-Checked roads, salted Twp.

2/21/25-Checked roads, plowed drifts.

2/24/25-Put load of salt away.

2/28/25-Checked roads.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund: \$58,370

Sewer Fund: \$72,698

Liquid Fuels Fund: \$148,745

Capital Reserve: \$75,704

Escrow Fund: \$5,017

Total: \$360,534

Financial Report dated 2-14-25 to 3-13-25 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to accept the Financial Report & pay all expenses: Second:

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

Respectfully submitted: