

MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY
4629 WILLIAM FLYNN HWY, PO BOX 380, HARRISVILLE, PA 16038
MEETING MINUTES – May 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by: John Bennett, Jr. Members present: John Bennett, Jr; Emil Treese; William Long; Nikki Ciochetto. Visitors: None. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the April 21, 2025 Meeting as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None. **OLD BUSINESS:** Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Possibly 3-6 months to complete. Waiting for DEP review. There are still several steps to be completed. We will have our 3rd party inspector (Dan Goncz, Gannett-Fleming) check the line before we approve. J. Bennett, Jr. was contacted by the construction project manager about attending a 1 hr. 15 min. Zoom mtg the end of May or beginning of June. Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5). Delinquencies-Three or more months (10). Property Liens (7). Notice of Claim: H. Russell estate. Sheriff Sale (2): S. Heller (sold 5-16-25); R. McFeaters (on hold-Judicial sale). Auto Pay: 45 of 119 accounts (38%). Delinquency Rate: Total-8%; Severe-3.7%. Sewer Lateral Inspections: 623 W. Mercer St. Ext. Grinder Pumps: Marvin to check on last one sent for repair. Concrete Stanchions: John talked to Marvin. We'll have the concrete blocks delivered to the STP. Private Sewer: On-Lot Sewage Permits (2025): B. Snyder; J. Zahn; S. Sammarco (Ken McMurdy-agent). Holding Tanks: Waiting for 3 agreements (Dollar General, Violante & Anglin) to be recorded & returned. Office will follow up. Office: 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); J. Bennett Jr (pool); D. Kellogg (house); Tooley (trailer demo). Road Bonds: Blue Ox Timber (Whitaker/Centertown). Subdivision Plans: None. Municipal Garage: New truck still has a light issue. To go back to Hunters for repair. CDL Program: New CDL employees must pass a pre-employment drug screen & a full query of the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse prior to offer of employment. Supervisors need to sign consent form for annual Clearinghouse record requests for our files. 2025 Paving Project: Wiest Asphalt, Inc. was the Bid Recipient for the 2025 Mercer Twp. Paving Project at a bid total of: \$98,558.58. Letters were mailed to all bidders. All bonding & paperwork has been received at the office. Pete spoke to Wiest. They plan to pave June 16-18. Butler County Use Fee Grant Application: Attended mtg on April 22, 2025. John received notification that we will receive a \$50,000 grant upon project completion. EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator: No report. EMS QRS Agencies: Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. Anegada Energy: Will provide Mercer Twp. with copies of all permits & will obtain a road bond prior to any work being done in the Twp. "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property: In Litigation. Solicitor is handling the agreement. Resident paid the fine set to help recover legal costs incurred by the Twp. 219 Browntown Rd. culvert: Water crosses the road & ponds at the end of the driveway. Supervisors evaluated the situation & met with the homeowner & the homeowner is in agreement that he will be responsible for rerouting the water. 227 Browntown Rd. tree: Dead, leaning tree appears to be in the Twp. ROW. Supervisors evaluated. Part of tree is in ROW, however it still shows life. No power lines are involved. Pete will talk to our PennDOT rep. about consulting an arborist to evaluate. **NEW BUSINESS: McDougall Private Sewage - Small Flow Treatment System:** Motion to sign Resolution #25-0519-01 – RESOLUTION FOR PLAN REVISION FOR NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT approving a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan" for Travis McDougall to install a new treatment facility: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve & sign McDougall Small Flow Treatment Facility agreement: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Newsletter: Has been mailed. Clean Up Day: May 17, 2025: 7 am – Noon. 46 residents participated. Next year we need a 40 yd roll-off. Primary Election Day: Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Office will be closed. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:** Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (5-12-25) Updates provided by Commissioners & PennDOT. Pine-Harrisville Authority: (5-13-25) John attended. Harrisville plans to make improvements to their overall sewage system. The authority will apply for a PennVest loan with Harrisville as the sponsor. Available grants will be applied for, as well. Mercer Twp. is responsible for a percentage of the costs for the one pump station servicing our customers along Route 58. **BCATO 2025 Spring Convention:** (5-15-25) Nikki attended. Speakers were from PSATS; Butler Co. Tourism, Economic Development, & Parks & Rec; DCNR; PA Senior Deputy AG (ACRE Law) & WTAE (meteorologist). Mercer Co. COG: (5-21-25) John will attend. **ROAD REPORT:** 4/10/25: Opened gate at STP, checked roads for winter damage. 4/11/25: Got both trucks washed, took spreader off old truck. 4/12/25: Fixed new truck's tailgate with Bill. 4/23/25: Got gas, charged mower battery & mowed part of STP. John helped. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: \$133,992; Sewer Fund: \$65,884; Liquid Fuels Fund: \$149,429; Capital Reserve: \$75,736; Escrow Fund: \$5,017; Total: \$430,058. Harrisville Boro: Still owes for 3rd load of anti-skid, invoice dated 2-18-25. Reminder statement & past due invoice mailed beginning of May. Capital Reserve: Transfer from General Fund: hold. CD: Looking into terms & rates. VISA: Mailed letter asking to cancel 3 supervisor cards & switch credit line to one master account. Financial Report dated 4-18-25 to 5-15-25 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. Motion to accept the Financial Report & pay all expenses: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:55 pm: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki Ciochetto, Sec/Treas.