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Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: E. Treese, W. Long, N. Ciochetto, L. Giesler. **Visitors present:** Dave Evans, HVFC. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** D. Evans - Harrisville VFC is applying for QRS (Quick Response Service) license. New tanker will be ordered soon (grant money covers half the cost), delivery scheduled for Jan, 2025. Received a new UTV Gator paid for by grant funds. Central Electric is donating 5 dry hydrant kits & HVFC is requesting \$500 from Mercer Twp. to help cover the cost of piping to install the dry hydrant in local ponds. The request for \$500 for dry hydrants will be added to the agenda for the August mtg. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Solicitor & engineering firm are assisting with the project completion. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** Unchanged. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (13):** Updated: Eleven (11) properties (8 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Two (2) are 3-4 months delinquent. **Property Liens (10):** Unchanged. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. **Sheriff Sale (6):** Updated: J. Green; S. Heller; R. McFeaters; & 3 V. Kennedy properties. V. Kennedy properties are on hold if he pays as agreed. Missed one month & has been late two months. J. Green paid \$5,000. Will hold if paid in full by August. Important Notices were filed on 7-9-24 on Heller & McFeaters by Solicitor. **Auto Pay:** 38 of 120 accounts (32%) are set up on auto pay. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-12.5%; Severe-7.5%. **Grinder Pumps:** Alarms at 136 Shields Rd & 604 W. Mercer St. Ext. New pump installed at 604. **STP Pump #2:** Received & installed. **D. Crum:** Sand mound is working. Will revisit sewage connection in a few years. **Mershimer-Tooley Agreement:** Needs signed by residents & Supervisors. **Private Sewer: On-Lot Sewage Permits (2024):** (4) - A. Burnett; T. McDougall; D. Kellogg; S. Fisher. **Municipal Office: Building Permits (2024):** (12) - J. DiSanti (house); E. Meier (house/garage); L. Fulmer (garage); K. & R. Boozel (garage); Crossroads-North Tower (cell tower); J. King-King's Auto (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). **Municipal Garage: New Dump Truck:** Delivery expected in August. J. Bennett, Jr. will get an update. **Flagger Training:** E. Treese & W. Long completed. G. Ferguson to complete. **CEO: "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** Being prepared by Solicitor. **EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:** Nothing new. **Shields Rd. Tree:** Received a phone call from R. Lombardo of W. Penn Power & said they will cut down the tree, but the Twp is responsible for clean-up. **Twp. Constable:** Has been officially sworn in at the Courthouse. Term expires the first Monday of January in 2026. **NEW BUSINESS: EMS QRS Agencies:** Butler Co. 911 center is requesting that municipalities designate a licensed agency to respond to medical calls in our area. Harrisville VFC will need to be licensed before we can designate them as our QRS agency. **Solar Panels/Solar Farms:** The office has received several calls regarding solar panels & solar farms. Contact solicitor to implement an ordinance by the end of the year for the Twp. to adopt. **Holding Tanks in Twp:** There are several holding tanks in the Twp. MCA held agreements for each tank. Asked Solicitor for guidance & he suggested we rewrite & renew these agreements since the current agreements are null & void. Agreements will continue to be recorded with the Recorder of Deeds. **OTHER BUSINESS: (Subdivisions) Butler County Planning Commission:** Kellogg subdivision was reviewed & approved. Staff requested a copy of the signed document for our records. **PSATS Regional Forum:** August 7, 2024 - Sheraton Erie Bayfront. 8:30 am - 4 pm. \$99. **Motion** to pay \$99 per person to attend: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **MEETING REPORTS: Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (7-10-24) Stormwater Authorities & Southern Tier Municipal Coordination. Talked about QRS. BMH report - nothing unusual. Talked about security for Trump coming to Farm Show grounds. **Mercer Co. COG:** This Wed. **ROAD REPORT:** 6/3/24: Mowed STP, took mower off loader, put on bucket. Got gas at Sheetz for the mower at the STP. 6/4/24: Got 5 tons of cold patch, did potholes & berms in the north, started on Centertown & truck developed an air leak plus a hydraulic leak. Took truck to Gahr's for repair. 6/6/24: Picked up truck. 6/7/24: Went to Clintonville for random drug test. 6/8/24: John & I repaired Risch yard. 6/11/24: Sprayed the STP & the Twp bldgs. 6/12/24: Bill & I sprayed the Twp. 6/17/24: Mowed STP. 6/18/24: Took Flagger training. 6/20/24: Checked roads, got a load of 9's for tar control. 6/21/24: Put spinner on truck & checked roads. 6/22/24: Checked roads. 6/27/24: Mowed trees on Wick Ave. for Harrisville. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$172,411, Sewer Fund - \$78,141, Liquid Fuels Fund - \$138,297, Capital Reserve - \$125,188, Escrow Fund- \$5,017, Total - \$519,054. **Motion** to pay bills: E. Treese: Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: W. Long. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori Giesler, Assist. Secretary