

AGENDA: SUPERVISORS MEETING - MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA
March 16, 2026

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

Members present:

Visitors:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the February 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes as printed: Second:

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Invoiced Kozy Rest for 2025 legal/engineering expenses. Pmt. received 2-23-26.

Public Sewer:

1. **Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** 150 Station Rd #2; 1358 Eau Claire Rd; 4133 WFH; 138 Boyers Rd; 204 Boyers Rd. *Should we file liens on remaining properties not making an effort to connect?*
2. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (2):** Two are delinquent by 6 months or more: 126 Shields Rd & 535 W. Mercer St. Ext. *Solicitor sent 30 day notice letter to 126 Shields Rd.*
3. **Property Liens (2):** D. Brown (connect); H. Russell (debt).
4. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. House continues to be occupied.
5. **Auto Pay:** 47 of 119 accounts (40%); **Online Card Push Pay:** 9 (8%).
6. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-8%; Severe-2%.
7. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:** 224 Boyers Rd. passed inspection on 3-2-26.
8. **Tepco Grinder Pumps:** Received new back up pump & invoices for 2 repaired pumps.
9. **PumpMan Maintenance Program:** waiting for new contract to be sent for review.
10. **Ground Leveling:** soon.
11. **Sludge Hauling:** soon.
12. **Pine-Harrisville Authority:** Letter sent in February to PHA requesting that Mercer Township be released from the Pine Harrisville Authority.
13. **799 E. Main St. Ext:** Need to replace Grinder Pump lid damaged by resident. Cost at their expense.
14. **200 Shields Rd:** Escrow has been replenished. Received revised documents from their engineer. Reviewed this evening. *Need to review and sign.*
15. **138 Boyers Rd:** New owners are ready to begin installation and connection to sewage. Office has been working with engineer to get information ready to send them.

Private Sewer:

1. **632 Grove City Rd:** needs a single residence sewage treatment plant. Levi from Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc. is working on Component 3s – Sewage Facilities Planning Module for SRSTP. DEP requires an agreement between owner & municipality. Agreement has been signed. Will hold escrow. *Need to review & sign DEP component.*
2. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2026):**

Office:

1. **Building Permits (2026):** J. Pierce (Solar).
2. **Road Bonds (2026):** Anegada Energy-Halterlein gas well, Shields Road. (2-18-26 to 8-18-26)
3. **Subdivision Plans:** Giesler Family Trust – needs resubmitted to Planning Commission.

4. **Outside spigot:**
5. **Drop slot:** Will finish inside later.
6. **Outside basement doors:** Will paint second coat when warmer.

Municipal Garage:

1. **Doors on old shed:** Framing is complete, ordered the metal plates from 84 Lumber.
2. **2024 Plow Truck:** Investigated purchase of a laser guide to help with plow edge guidance. Cost is approx. \$2,000.00. **Motion** to purchase a laser guide for the new plow truck from General Fund:
3. **Boom Mower:** Need to replace our current boom mower that is very old. Bill has been investigating. **Motion** to advertise for bids to purchase a used Boom Mower at a total cost not to exceed \$90,000.00:

Butler County Use Fee Grant: Received check for \$50,000 on 3-2-26. Grant reimbursed the General Fund.

EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:

Harrisville VFC: Was granted permission to use Twp. roads for an ATV fundraiser ride. Tentative date: Oct. 10.

EMS QRS Agencies: Harrisville VFC will be our designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure.

“For Love of the Lost”/Fish property: In Litigation.

Mercer Township, Butler County/Ag Security Area: Want to create an Ag. Security Council. Before we update records, we need to create a committee of 1 supervisor, 3 farmers & 1 resident (non-farmer). Anyone interested in volunteering should call Bill for more info. Request for volunteers is on the website & in the spring newsletter.

Centertown Road Curve: Supervisors were asked to install a guardrail on the sharp curve to help keep vehicles from driving off the road into the pasture. John received direction from our engineer. Bill will research items needed & prices. **Motion** to purchase items:

Tri-County Clean Up Day 2026: Scheduled for Saturday, May 9th: 7 am – Noon. **Motion** to pay current Township employees at Labor rate of \$20/hr. & non-employees a \$75 stipend as Independent Contractors for working Clean Up Day:

NEW BUSINESS:

No Littering Signs: Resident on Valley View Rd complained about roadway litter. Would like signs posted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2026 Paving Project: Need to finalize & advertise for requests for bid packets. Bid meeting should be held on Friday, April 17, 2026 so we can approve bids at April 20th meeting. **Motion** to advertise for bids as soon as paperwork is received from Cory Shaffer and schedule Bid Opening mtg for April 17, 2026 at Noon:

2026 Newsletter: Supervisors to review newsletter. Office plans to have it mailed by the middle of April. **Motion** to approve 2026 Newsletter for printing & mailing:

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (2-18-26) Nikki & Holly attended. Commissioners gave updates. Election candidates petitioning are NOT soliciting. D. Rottinghaus from BMH gave updates on respiratory illnesses,

expanding services & affiliation with WVU. Stated that they will continue to accept all insurances. C. Shaffer discussed how to deal with road salt needs. SRU gave a presentation on student-community collaboration opportunities & requested project ideas & suggestions.

Mercer Co. COG Mtg: (3-18-26) John to attend.

ROAD REPORT:

- 2/1 – Checked roads.
- 2/3 – Pete salted Twp in AM & cleared drifts in PM.
- 2/4 – Bob checked roads.
- 2/5 – Pete checked roads, broke up frozen anti-skid & put 2 loads of salt in the shed. Picked up a new cutting edge for the plow & Pete helped install.
- 2/6 – Pete checked roads in AM & salted Twp in PM
- 2/7 – John & I plowed roads in AM. John cleared drifts in PM.
- 2/8 – Plowed & salted Twp.
- 2/12 – Pete salted Twp & broke up frozen anti-skid.
- 2/16 – Pete & I took a video of Shields Rd. for bonding purposes.
- 2/22 – Plowed & salted Twp.
- 2/23 – Pete salted Twp & mixed anti-skid.
- 2/24 – Pete salted Twp.
- 2/25 – Bob plowed & salted Twp.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$107,840
Sewer Fund:	\$65,448
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$163,518
Capital Reserve:	\$126,229
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$6,345</u>
Total:	\$469,380

Financial Report dated 2-13-26 to 3-12-26 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to approve the report & pay all invoices: Second:

Motion to transfer \$10,000 from General Fund to Capital Reserve (to complete the amount originally motioned on at the 2025 budget workshop meeting):

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

Respectfully submitted: