

MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY
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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: E. Treese, L. Giesler. Visitors present: Joe Reich & Dan Reich, residents; Gary Quigley, Kozy Rest. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the February 19, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** **Dan Reich**-Their surveyor suggested they have the Supervisors answer questions about his subdivision and lane/road requirements before going to the Planning Commission. Township will send information to our solicitor and then to our engineer. **Gary Quigley**-Kozy Rest is looking for updates. Supervisors will contact our solicitor for additional information. J. Bennett, Jr. received a call from **John Bowser** looking for an update on the Fish property. Was updated that Mr. Fish has purchased property elsewhere and will move items to that property. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Still waiting for payment. Responded to a phone call from a Campground Rd. resident asking if he would have the opportunity to connect to the sewage once it is connected from Kozy Rest. Answer: No, as it will be a private metered line owned by Kozy Rest up to the connection into the existing Mercer Township line. Hoping to fully connect by the end of March. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** D. Brown #2 (April 15 deadline); K. Schumacher; R&M Holdings '09, LLC; McFeaters; 204 Boyers Rd (to be capped). **Delinquencies-Three or more months (13):** None sent for collection after 3/1/2024 invoicing. **Property Liens (10). Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. **Sheriff Sale (3/3):** J. Green; S. Heller; R. McFeaters; & 3 V. Kennedy properties. V. Kennedy properties are on hold as long as he pays as agreed on time. **Auto Pay:** 36 of 120 accounts (30%) are now set up on auto pay. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-13%; Severe-7.5%. **Grove City Lateral Inspection Program:** Advertised in the Butler Eagle on 3-11-24. **Motion** to adopt ordinance No. 79: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **Grinder Pumps:** Received a call from M. McAfoose verifying he can repair a bad #1 hour meter gauge, which was reported on recent inspection. **Private Sewer: Pelletier property:** Pelletier's delivered check for \$1,000 escrow. G. Pelletier informed the office he would call SEO for inspection. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2024):** 3 - A. Burnett; T. McDougall; D. Kellogg. **Municipal Office: Building Permits (2024):** 2 - J. DiSanti; E. Meier. **Work Session Day:** Do not want to schedule a day to spruce up the office building and grounds. E. Treese will ask Risch to check the grounds. Other items will be done at the convenience of the Supervisors. **Municipal Garage: New Dump Truck:** Delivery date est. June, 2024. **Columbia Gas:** Service cancellation: 3/13/24. **Dusk to dawn light:** Bill installed: 3/2/24. **CEO: "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** Solicitor provided correspondence and the ordinances for the CEO to deliver to the resident. Resident was served notice by our CEO. **Peters/Combine property:** Nothing new. **EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:** B. Grossman has accepted the role of Mercer Twp's EMC. **Shields Rd. Tree:** Solicitor will file a complaint with the PUC. **D. Reich Right-of-Way:** See "Business from the Floor". **NEW BUSINESS: Harrisville Community Day (July 4th) Ad:** Black & White ad: \$35 for ½ page. **Motion** to donate \$35 for an ad: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **Update of Ordinances:** Will hold on updating old ordinances for now. **2024 Newsletter: Motion** to approve the 2024 newsletter to be expanded to 6 pages, printed and mailed: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **OTHER BUSINESS: Resolution Update:** We need to update the Resolution with Berkheimer to allow the current secretary/treasurer to act as liaison between the Township and Berkheimer. **Motion** to adopt Resolution #24-0318-01 allowing the secretary/treasurer of Mercer Township to act as liaison between the Township and Berkheimer: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **MEETING REPORTS: BCATO:** (3-7-24) Getting ready for the county convention (May 16th) and the state convention (April 14-17th). **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (3-12-24) Discussed 2024 Can-Am games to be held in Butler Co. in July. Looking for sponsors and participants. Info on website: ButlerCanAm2024.com. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics. West Penn Power discussed the process of power restoration after storm outages. Armstrong followed with the same topic. Commissioners had a very busy week in Harrisburg and Washington DC. **Pine-Harrisville Authority:** (3-12-24) Held election of officers. J. Bennett, Jr. was elected Assistant Secretary. Discussed Kozy Rest project. Allowed Marion Township to join the Authority. **ROAD REPORT:** 2/17/24 - Bill plowed and salted. 2/19/24 - Took truck to Faull's to set up appt, cleaned spreader box, went to Christie Diesel to set up account, shoveled/salted the office walks. 2/20/24 - Took truck to Faull's for repairs, vacuumed the truck and loader, cleaned windows in truck. 2/27/24 - Open gate at STP for Pumpman to get in for pump inspection. 2/29/24 - Checked the roads. **Motion** to pay \$75 for the day to employees working Recycling Day: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$104,196; Sewer Fund - \$69,520; Liquid Fuels Fund - \$143,827; Capital Reserve - \$124,572; Escrow Fund - \$4,517; Total - \$446,632. **Motion** to pay bills: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Giesler, Assistant Secretary