

**AGENDA: SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA
April 15, 2024**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed: Second:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:

1. Previously invoiced amount was paid in full on 3/19/24. New expenses are incurring and will be invoiced in the future as our solicitor and engineering firm assist with the project completion.

Public Sewer:

1. **Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** Unchanged: D. Brown #2 (April 15 deadline); K. Schumacher; R&M Holdings '09, LLC; McFeaters; 204 Boyers Rd (to be capped by new owners).
2. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (13):** Updated: None sent for collection after 4/1/2024 invoicing. Nine (9) properties (7 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Four (4) are 3-4 months delinquent.
3. **Property Liens (10):** Unchanged: D. Brown (connect); F. Carroll-Gillen (debt); J. Green (debt); S. Heller (debt); V. Kennedy (3 properties) (debt); R/J. McFeaters (connect/debt); G. Mullett (debt); H. Russell (debt).
4. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate.
5. **Sheriff Sale (3/3):** Unchanged: J. Green; S. Heller; R. McFeaters; & 3 V. Kennedy properties. V. Kennedy properties are on hold if he pays as agreed. There was an issue with his payment last month that he needs to resolve.
6. **Auto Pay:** 37 of 120 accounts (31%) are now set up on auto pay.
7. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-12.5%; Severe-7.5%.
8. **Grinder Pumps:** None out for repair.
9. **GC Boro Wastewater Costs:** Total costs for 2023 - \$16,751, less an overpayment of \$829 from 2022. We have an overpayment from 2023 of \$92 which is deducted from our 1st Quarter 2024 estimated payment. 2024 quarterly payments are \$4,419. (2023 payments were \$4,210.75)

Private Sewer:

1. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2024):** 3 - A. Burnett; T. McDougall; D. Kellogg.
2. **Act 14 Notification:** Amendment of current Individual NPDES Permit to a PAG-04 Permit for W. Isenberg.

Municipal Office:

1. **Building Permits (2024):** 2 - J. DiSanti; E. Meier.

Municipal Garage:

1. **New Dump Truck**: Est. delivery date: June, 2024.
2. **Resident Recycle Day**: Saturday, May 18th, 2024. 7 am - noon.

CEO:

1. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property**: CEO delivered the citation. Need photos. Owner informed the CEO that property was purchased at a different location so items can be moved to that site, which is commercial.
2. **Peters/Combine property**: Nothing new to report.

EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:

Shields Rd. Tree: Solicitor prepared a complaint to file with the PUC. **Motion** to approve and have the solicitor file said complaint:

2024 Newsletter: Newsletter has been printed and mailed.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

BCATO (Butler County Association of Township Officials) Spring Convention:
Thursday, May 16, 2024: 9 am-2 pm (registration begins at 8 am) at Butler Country Club. \$35/person. **Motion** to pay \$35/person for Nikki & _____ to attend:

Township Auditors: Audited the Tax Collector books on 3-30-24. All resident tax payments are accounted for and all bank statements balance. No errors were found and books were in good order.

MEETING REPORTS:

BCATO: (4-4-24) Covered last minute agenda items for County Convention and talked about PSATS Convention.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting: (4-8-24) Commissioners gave updates: Many new groundbreaking projects being completed using grants and funding, Election on 4-23-24, DEP and others were helpful with decision making regarding Act 537 at the Sewage Issues meeting, requesting funding for mental health, the opioid crisis and 911/EMS. Cleveland Cliffs jobs were saved. PennDOT project updates: will be paving Route 8 north of Harrisville and 58 east and west of Harrisville to the Mercer Co. line. Blight program information was given with contact info. to report on properties needing demolished or rehabilitated.

Pine-Harrisville Authority: (4-9-24)

ROAD REPORT:

3/10/24 Checked roads, plowed & salted lower half of Twp;
3/11/24 Unloaded antiskid;
3/12/24 John & I attended the Pine-Harrisville Sewage Authority mtg.
3/13/24 Videoed Shields Rd for bonding. Repaired potholes on Shields and Browntown Rds;

3/19/24 Received a call from 911 dispatch that Shields Rd needed salted - put down salt.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$112,202
Sewer Fund:	\$71,203
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$144,318
Capital Reserve:	\$124,720
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$4,517</u>
Total:	\$456,960

Motion to pay bills: Second:

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