Mercer Township, Butler County
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MEETING MINUTES – August 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: John Bennett, Jr.; Emil Treese; Nikki Ciochetto; Holly Tissue-Thompson. William Long was excused. Visitors: None. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion** to accept the July 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **OLD BUSINESS: Public Sewer: Incomplete connection/inspection (4); Delinquencies-Three or more months (3); Property Liens (2); Notice of Claim**: H. Russell estate. Estate Auction held June 27. Awaiting lien payoff from closing company. Have been in communication with estate lawyer. **Delinquency Rate**: Total-6%; Severe-3%. **Sewer Lateral Inspections**: 535 W. Mercer St. Ext. passed on 7-21-26. **Tepco Grinder Pumps**: 8-13-26: Call from 249 Boyers Rd, pump alarming. Marvin has been notified. **Ground Leveling/Cinder Blocks**: no updates. **Sludge Hauling**: no updates. **Pine-Harrisville Authority**: Letter sent in February to PHA requesting that Mercer Twp. be released from the PHA. Mtg. scheduled for 8-11-2026 cancelled. Still gathering information & processing info. **Private Sewer**: **140 W. Oak Grove Ln**: SRSTP. Need to collect & hold escrow. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2026)**: 326 Frampton Rd (Mularski). **Office**: **Building Permits (9)**: J. Pierce (solar); W. Tomko (garage); L. Bauer (greenhouse); T. McDougall (house/garage); R. Stuchal (barn); G. Westbrook (garage); T. Fedokovitz (pool/deck); R. Drake (pool); C. Glenn (swim spa). **Road Bonds**: Anegada Energy-Halterlein gas well, Shields Rd. (2-18-26 to 8-18-26). **Subdivision Plans**: Giesler Family Trust. **Landlord/Tenant Records**: Office is receiving updates for our records of tenants & vacant properties. **Insurance**: Office is working on obtaining quotes. **Tractor Supply**: Office received letter notifying us that ID will be required in lieu of a physical card. **Drop slot**: Need to finish inside. **Outside basement doors**: Need to paint second coat. **FireFighter**: Annual inspections in October. **Mowing**: Brush needs mowed at the office. **Parking Lot**: Needs sealed. **Municipal Garage: Prepare for Vehicle Inspections**. **Vehicles**: no issues. **Projects**: cleaned White Oak Rd ditch on 8-12-26. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator**: Nothing new. **Butler County Hazard Mitigation Plan Revision**: No updates. **Harrisville VFC:** Awaiting a financial report. **EMS QRS Agencies**: Harrisville VFC will be our designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. No update. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property**: In Litigation. F/U in October. **Mercer Twp., Butler Co./Ag Security Council**: Need a committee of 1 supervisor, 3 farmers & 1 resident (non-farmer). Information on how to volunteer is on the website & in the newsletter. **Centertown Road Curve:** Will install a guardrail on the sharp curve. **NEW BUSINESS: Abandoned house in Forestville**: Received a call about possible trespassers. Caller was instructed to call state police to file a report if any suspicious activity is seen. **Data Center Discussion / Review ordinance samples**: Postponed as everyone did not have a chance to review documents & W. Long was not in attendance. **OTHER BUSINESS: Insurance Policy renews on 9-13-2026:** Discussed & reviewed coverage levels for buildings & sewage plant. Will pass on info to the agencies we have requested quotes from. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: Wolf Creek COG Mtg**: (9-16-26) John to attend. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg**: (8-11-26) Nikki & Holly attended. Commissioners provided brief updates on stormwater management; Hazard Mitigation Plan; Cleveland Cliffs; special election for District 12; EMS; Election Reform. Independence Health/WVU merger is on schedule to be completed by end of year. Will make a significant investment in the Butler ER. School starts soon. Remind everyone to be alert for buses & children. Presentation by PennTAP (part of PSU) RISE PA Grant program, offering grants for small businesses & manufacturers to upgrade energy efficiency &reduce carbon footprint. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: $131,383. Sewer Fund: $56,869. Liquid Fuels Fund: $69,044. Capital Reserve: $57,545. Escrow Fund: $5,625. Total: $320,466. Financial Report dated 7-17-26 to 8-13-26 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to approve the report & pay all invoices: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Holly Tissue-Thompson, Assistant Secretary

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