Mercer Township, Butler County
4629 William Flynn Hwy, PO Box 380, Harrisville, PA 16038
MEETING MINUTES – September 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: John Bennett, Jr.; William Long; Emil Treese; Nikki Ciochetto; Holly Tissue-Thompson. Visitors: None. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion** to accept the August 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion** to accept the August 28, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **OLD BUSINESS: Public Sewer: Incomplete connection/inspection (4). Delinquencies-Three or more months (1). Property Liens (1)**: D. Brown (connect). **Delinquency Rate**: Total-5%; Severe-0%. **Sewer Lateral Inspections**: None. **Tepco Grinder Pumps**: 8-13-26: Call from 249 Boyers Rd, pump alarming. Marvin replaced on 8-14-26. 9-16-26: Call from 303 Boyers Rd, pump alarming. Notified Marvin. **Ground Leveling/Cinder Blocks**: no update. **Sludge Hauling**: no update. **Pine-Harrisville Authority**: Letter sent in February to PHA requesting that Mercer Township 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 hold escrow. Plans to build new house have been canceled. Will check with D. Ice as to whether SRSTP was ever installed. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2026)**: 326 Frampton Rd (Mularski). Need to review status of all open applications with D. Ice. **Office**: **Building Permits (12)**: 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); R. Fox (solar); T. Ray (Columbia Gas utility bldg.); J Yasment (solar). **Road Bonds**: Anegada Energy-Halterlein gas well, Shields Rd. (2-18-26 to 8-18-26). Project is complete. Supervisors need to inspect the road. **Subdivision Plans**: None. **Landlord/Tenant Records**: Office continues to pursue updates. **Insurance**: Office has obtained quotes. See "Other Business". **Drop slot**: Need to finish inside. **Outside basement doors**: Need to paint second coat. **FireFighter**: Annual inspections to be in October. **Mowing**: Brush needs mowed at the office. **Parking Lot**: Sealing completed on 8-21-26. **Windows**: 2 windows in the conference room are foggy between the panes. **Doors**: Outside doors are crooked & gaping & are sticking & swelling. **Municipal Garage: Vehicles**: maintenance / repairs completed: will replace license plate light on truck. **Projects**: mowed all berms except Frampton, Unity, Wick & Forestville. **Sutherland Road Sign**: someone stopped at office & wanted to buy sign because it is bent. Supervisors said not at this time. **CoStars Salt Contract**: offering a **5% DISCOUNT** on orders placed prior to November 1. Also, CoStars now requires us to purchase a minimum of 75% of our bid. It was previously only 60%. Supervisors agreed that there is no need to order salt currently. **New Boom Mower Purchase**: Mercer Township was awarded LSA grant for $211,924. Received paperwork from Stephenson Equipment Inc. **Motion** to sign agreement with SEI to purchase new boom mower for $211, 924.32 with the award money of $211,924: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Sale of current Boom Mower**: Another municipality is interested in purchasing next year. We will not sell until we have the new one. **Motion** to sell used John Deere boom mower to another municipality for $90,000 next year when we receive the new Massey tractor & Tiger Boom mower: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator**: no update. **Butler County Hazard Mitigation Plan Revision**: County is working on. Still have some paperwork to finish. **Harrisville VFC:** Received 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 soon. Will schedule equipment rental with Joe Kellogg. **Data Center Discussion / Review ordinance samples**: Discussion ensued. Will continue to research. **NEW BUSINESS:** Email from Hailey Frishcorn regarding a Marion Township Rd. Office responded. **OTHER BUSINESS: Insurance Policy renews on 9-13-2026:**
Quotes for review:

Agent	Carrier	Property	Vehicle	WC	Total
Barr	Selective (current)	$12,718	(Combined property/vehicle)	$1,726	$14,444
Barr	EMC	$6,362	$2,776	$1,625	$10,763
Caputo	Trident	$6,681	$3,161	$1,544	$11,386
Turner	Erie	$3,968	$3,127	$1,599	$8,694

Motion to accept Turner/Erie as our insurance coverage provider for 2026–2027: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. Supervisors approved Nikki to sign paperwork. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: Marion Twp. Board Mtg:** (9-14-26) Supervisors attended to offer our portion of White Oak Rd millings for their road improvement projects. **Wolf Creek COG Mtg**: (9-16-26) John attended. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg**: (9-16-26) Nikki & John attended. Hazard Mitigation Plan was discussed. SALDO & SPC long Range Transportation Plan was explained & discussed. Discussion regarding the recent Butler County CDBG HUD meeting & agreement to become an Urban County ensued. **BC Tax Collection Committee Mtg**: (9-22-26) Bill to attend. **BCATO Safety Seminar**: Wed, 10-14-26 at Herman Fire Hall. 8 AM registration, 8:30 AM start. $20 / person. **Motion** to pay $20 for one person to attend: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **Upcoming Township Meetings**: Board Mtg: 10-19-26; Budget Workshop: 10-26-26 @ 3 pm. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: $145,098; Sewer Fund: $58,253; Liquid Fuels Fund: $69,058; Capital Reserve: $57,557; Escrow Fund: $5,625; Total: $335,591. Financial Report dated 8-14-26 to 9-17-26 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to approve the report & pay all invoices: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:25 pm: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Holly Tissue-Thompson, Assistant Secretary

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