

**AGENDA: SUPERVISORS MEETING - MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA**  
**September 15, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7: pm by:

Members present:

Visitors:

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All attendees (please stand).

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the August 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes as printed: Second:

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Received \$10,900 from Kozy Rest to be held in escrow to pay for all related inspection expenses until the project has been determined to be complete. Paid invoice from Gannett Fleming for first inspection services. There will be a second invoice in September with a closeout report. Any remaining escrow funds will be returned to Kozy Rest.

**Public Sewer:**

1. **Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** D. Brown #2; K. Schumacher; R&M Holdings; McFeaters; Brandon (204 Boyers Rd). Letters sent on 7-15-25 to Schumacher & R&M Holdings asking for a progress report. No response from R&M Holdings.
2. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (4):** Four are delinquent by 5 months or more. (2 are paying as arranged.)
3. **Property Liens (5):** D. Brown (connect): F. Carroll-Gillen (debt); R/J. McFeaters (connect/debt); G. Mullett (debt); H. Russell (debt).
4. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. Waiting for estate to be settled. House is occupied.
5. **Sheriff Sale (1):** R. McFeaters (On hold. Awaiting Butler Co. Judicial Sale on 10/1/25).
6. **Auto Pay:** 47 of 119 accounts (40%).
7. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-7%; Severe-3%.
8. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:**
9. **Grinder Pumps:**
10. **Concrete Stanchions:**
11. **Ground Leveling:**
12. **Harrisville Borough Agreement:** Will not be modified to add Marion Twp/Kozy Rest. That is a separate agreement between them. Grove City Boro calculates each Township or Boro's annual portion due based on EDU's and invoices each entity separately.

**Private Sewer:**

1. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2025):** B. Snyder; J. Zahn; S. Sammarco (Ken McMurdy-agent); D. Crum.
2. **Holding Tanks:**
  - a. Office is working with solicitor to revise and update agreements for both new and existing.
  - b. Violante had her tank removed. Still waiting for that information to be sent to the office. Supervisors want to see photos and understand current system.

**Office:**

1. **Building Permits (2025):** B. Rider (roof solar); D. Reich (house/garage); C. Haring (pole barn); S. Pierce/J. Krenke (above ground pool); 4330 WFH cell tower (back-up generator/concrete pad); G. Shreve (2) (demo

old trailer, new doublewide); J. Bennett Jr. (pool); D. Kellogg (house); Tooley (trailer demo), S. Fisher (home); R. Young (garage); R. Stuchal (ag bldg.); E. Treese (solar); K. Hartle (deck); Columbia Gas (utility bldg); R. Stuchal (solar).

2. **Road Bonds:**

3. **Subdivision Plans:**

4. **Office Clerk:** Interviewed interested parties. **Motion** to hire Holly Tissue-Thompson as a part-time clerk at \$15/hr, approx. 10 hrs/wk:

**Municipal Garage:** Issues with the new truck continue. Hunter's performed work to correct the issues.

**Butler County Use Fee Grant Application:** Close out report has been sent to the BCI Bank. \$50,000 used from the General Fund will be reimbursed by the grant.

**EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:**

**EMS QRS Agencies:** Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. Still waiting for PA DOH inspection.

**Anegada Energy:** Will provide Mercer Twp. with copies of all permits & will obtain a road bond prior to any work being done in the Twp.

**"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** Updated solicitor on property condition. Videos have been emailed to him. Junk vehicles have increased. **Motion**: to request solicitor to enforce agreement:

**200 Shields Road:** Developer's Extension Agreement has been signed. Escrow funds have been received. Homeowner is responsible for the total construction cost & will install per Twp. engineering direction & later turn part of the line over to the Twp (from the grinder pump to the main line). Their contractor is to provide design planning for engineering approval.

**Traffic on Wick Road:** L. Lennon speeding complaint-wants a solution to slow down traffic. J. Bennett, Jr. spoke to our engineer who advises this is an enforcement issue. There is nothing that can be done by engineering. A lower speed limit is still an enforcement issue. Installing traffic calming devices such as speed humps only creates more of a hazard for drivers and makes it more difficult to plow snow in winter. Office responded to resident with this information.

**Mercer Township, Butler County/Ag Security Area:** Office will update information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Butler County Paramedic Program:** Letter emailed to the Butler Co. Commissioners proposing a compromise in how scholarships are awarded to help the northern municipalities served by out of county EMS providers.

**BCATO Safety Seminar:** Wed. 10/8/25: 8 am – 2:30 pm? **Motion** to pay \$20 per person for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the annual safety seminar that meets the Act #1984-159 hazardous substances education requirement:

**2026 Budget Workshop Meeting:** Need to pick a date at the end of October so we have time to advertise the mtg.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PennDOT Bridge Inspections (FYI)**: Courney Mill (Browntown Road) Bridge owned by B&LE Railroad (Canadian National) is scheduled for an interim inspection on 10-2-25.

**Landlords/Renters**: We have an ordinance that requires property owners to routinely report updated renter contact information to the Township for emergency and tax purposes. Office has put this form on the website.

**ATV Ride Agreement**: Harrisville VFC requested permission earlier this year to use Twp. roads for an ATV fundraiser ride next Spring. J. Bennett, Jr. called D. Evans to get an update on where this agreement stands so we have time to review and accept it. Agreement should be provided to us & solicitor by tonight's meeting.

**MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:**

**Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg**: (9-8-25) John & Nikki attended. Commissioners spoke about voter registration, early & mail-in voting; waiting for a state budget; paramedic class; AI data centers; farmland preservation; Veteran's tax exemptions & obtaining services; PulsePoint civilian EMS response program; opioid crisis funds; and America 250. D. Rottinghaus spoke about Butler hospital's PulsePoint collaboration; financial status of the health system; jobs; services; service providers & competitors. SPC had 3 people speak about various programs including broadband; road projects and funding issues; grant funding; EV charging stations; AI data centers and a scheduled trip to DC to present issues to the Federal Govt.

**Mercer Co. COG Mtg**: (9-?-25)

**ROAD REPORT:**

8/4/25-Mowed for Harrisville Boro; also mowed STP.

8/6/25-Greg & I put spreader and wings on the truck & got a load of 2A.

8/7, 8, 11/25-Bob, Greg & I did berms on Unity & Glacial Till Rds.

8/22/25-Got truck washed.

8/29/25- Took truck to Hunters for a light problem.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Fund:	\$97,780
Sewer Fund:	\$69,767
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$103,808
Capital Reserve:	\$75,799
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$12,903</u>
Total:	\$360,057

Financial Report dated 8-15-25 to 9-11-25 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to accept the Financial Report & pay all expenses: Second:

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

Respectfully submitted: