

MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY
4629 WILLIAM FLYNN HWY, PO BOX 380, HARRISVILLE, PA 16038
MEETING MINUTES – March 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by: J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: E. Treese; W. Long; N. Ciochetto; S. Gallagher. Visitors: Mike Weaver (Anegada Energy); Melissa Schultz (SR Community Library); Vic Kennedy (property owner). **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the February 17, 2025 Meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** M. Weaver presented plans to the board explaining how Anegada Energy is planning to connect the gas well pad on Shields Rd. in Mercer Twp. to the nearby gas well on Harmony Rd. in Slippery Rock Twp, & then transport their product to a station on Glacial Till Rd in Liberty Twp, Mercer Co. Lines will bore under Twp. roads where necessary, but not run along them. They are currently working on obtaining all permits from DEP, PA & any residents whose property is involved. They are focused on keeping noise & other disruptions to a minimum for residents. They will provide Mercer Twp. with copies of all permits & will obtain a road bond prior to any work being done in the Twp. M. Schultz presented information on the Slippery Rock Community Library & thanked us for our continued support. She will provide information to be posted on our website. V. Kennedy asked questions about his sewage invoices & statements. He was given his current balance & stated that he would pay all 3 accounts up to date on Tuesday. **OLD BUSINESS:** **Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Received payment for 2024 expenses. One resident has contacted the office wanting to connect when possible. Will contact him when project has been approved for connection. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5).** **Delinquencies-Three or more months (8).** **Property Liens (10).** **Notice of Claim:** H. Russell estate. **Sheriff Sale (5):** On hold. **Auto Pay:** 45/119. **Delinquency Rate:** 13% & 6%. **Sewer Lateral Inspections. Grinder Pumps:** J. Bennett will follow up. **Concrete Stanchions:** Engineer provided pricing: \$41 each. Will assess & determine best option. **Sewage Line Ownership:** Discussed with solicitor in executive session at end of mtg. **EADS:** Forestville 2024 report – reviewed & signed by J. Bennett. **Grove City:** 2025 Quarterly estimated payments – should be arriving soon. **Private Sewer: On-Lot Sewage Permits (2025):** 0. **Holding Tanks:** Waiting for 3 agreements. Will follow up. **Municipal Office: Building Permits (2025):** B. Rider (roof solar); D. Reich (house/garage). **Road Bonds:** MT Logging-Frampton Rd.-no road dmg. **VISA Credit Cards:** Current card account expires 6/2025. Supervisors agreed to cancel individual cards for them & have one card for the entire Twp. **Municipal Garage:** Salt/Antiskid: Have ordered our limit. 3 loads to Harrisville. **“For Love of the Lost”/Fish property:** In Litigation. Discussed in Executive Session at end of mtg. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** no report. **EMS QRS Agencies:** Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency. **Allegheny Mineral Corp./White Oak Road Closure:** Amended agreement accepted by AMC. Solicitor advertised on March 10th for public comment & Twp adoption. Discussed briefly in executive session at end of mtg. Motion to adopt “Addendum to Agreement”: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **Station Road:** Speed humps: J. Bennett, Jr. will research. **NEW BUSINESS: 2025 Paving Project:** Bid package received from C. Shaffer at PennDOT. Need to advertise for bids & to schedule & advertise Bid Opening Meeting on: April 18, 2025 at Noon at the Twp. Building. Bid to be awarded at the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting. Motion to advertise the “Request for Bids” & the “Bid Opening Meeting” scheduled for April 18th, 2025 at Noon: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **OTHER BUSINESS: Butler Eagle:** Received a call asking for a brief history of Mercer Twp. & old photos or old locations. Need by March 30th. Office will prepare & send. **Newsletter:** Office & Supervisors to update. **CDL Program:** Contact person & paperwork binder has been reviewed & updated. New employees must pass a pre-employment drug screen & consent to a full query of the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse prior to offer of employment. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (2-18-25) Commissioners spoke about latest projects & funding. Explained receipt & proper use of the opioid grant funds that has drawn some unfavorable responses in the local paper. Cranberry Twp. has a Citizen’s Academy to teach about local government what & why. DCED spoke about help they provide municipalities with planning & implementing & funding projects. Focus on multi-municipal projects. Butler Co. Parks & Rec. received Agency of the Year award for the state. Events were highlighted. They also will help write grants. PennDOT has an upcoming training that would be helpful. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (3-11-25) Commissioners spoke about all their projects. Preparing for 2026 NFL Draft next April. Keeping an eye on funding changes. Looking at possible data centers being built. Update on Butler County EMS training & coverage to help struggling VFC’s & EMS providers. Need to all work together to sustain & improve. We must fix this at the County level. Refer any interested folks to get them into training. Southern Butler Co. Stormwater Mgmt. program was also discussed. **Mercer Co. COG:** (3-19-25) J. Bennett Jr. will attend. **BCTCC:** (3-25-25) W. Long will attend. **ROAD REPORT:** 2/1/25-John salted Twp. 2/3/25-John salted Twp, had a light problem with the truck. Bill fixed the problem! John took truck to get decals on. I checked antiskid complaint. 2/6/25-Salted Twp & put away load of salt. 2/8/25-John plowed & salted Twp. 2/9/25-Bill checked roads. 2/10/25-Checked roads, mixed load of antiskid, Bill assisted VFC with tree removal on Glacial Till. 2/14/25-Checked roads, salted Twp. 2/15/25-John plowed & salted Twp. both AM & PM. 2/16/24-John checked roads. Bill salted Twp. in the PM. 2/17/25-Plowed & salted Twp, plowed drifts three times during the day, Bill mixed anti-skid. 2/18/25-Checked roads, plowed drifts on Shields, mixed anti-skid & took load to Harrisville Borough. 2/19/25-Bill fixed truck wiring. 2/20/25-Checked roads, salted Twp. 2/21/25-Checked roads, plowed drifts. 2/24/25-Put load of salt away. 2/28/25-Checked roads. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: \$58,370. Sewer Fund: \$72,698 Liquid Fuels Fund: \$148,745 Capital Reserve: \$75,704. Escrow Fund: \$5,017. Total: \$360,534. Financial Report dated 2-14-25 to 3-13-25 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. Motion to accept the Financial Report & pay all expenses: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. Executive Session began at 8:10 pm to discuss sewer line ownership, the Fish property & the Allegheny Mineral Agreement & ended at 8:30 pm when regular business was resumed. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Nikki L. Ciochetto, Secretary/Treasurer

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