

**AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA - June 20, 2022**

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

Members present:

Visitors present:

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the May 16, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as printed by: Seconded by:

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** **Reminder that each person has five minutes to speak**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Correspondence received from Bonner's office with meeting minutes and audit reports for R. Stuchal and E. Treese.

**125 Greenway Lane Property:** Municipal Code Assoc. called our office on 6/7/22. They are investigating and communicating with the new owner and the Township. There are many issues to resolve regarding the storage building being approved as a permanent residence. A sewage solution needs to be found, and a sewage permit needs to be included with a new building permit. There is also no separate street address for the second building permitted as a "storage" building.

**Sewer Project:**

1. Incomplete connections/inspections: D. Brown #2; D. Frampton; M. Humes; V. Kennedy - 108 Boyers & 645 WMS; J. McFeaters; R. Williams; M. Jones (failed first inspection - Certified letter was sent 6/1/22 as a reminder the inspection needs to be completed by 6/30/22); B. Becker (connected, needs inspected - Certified letter was sent 6/1/22 as a reminder the inspection needs to be completed by 6/30/22 - inspected on Friday, 6/10/22).
2. Delinquencies: Updated report sent to R. Coyer after 6/1/2022 invoicing. 11 properties (8 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Several more are 3 or 4 months delinquent. We set up 1 payment plan this month for H. Russell.
3. Property Liens: D. Frampton\*; F. Carroll-Gillen; J. Green; S. Heller; M. Humes; V. Kennedy (3 properties); J. McFeaters; R. Williams.
4. Sheriff sale: On hold until we secure a new solicitor. All properties with current liens who have made no payments or progress will be addressed.
5. D. Frampton property is going to judicial sale. All mortgages, liens, claims, etc. will be discharged. We likely will not recoup any of what is owed us. The new owners will need to be notified they will be responsible for any installation/inspection fees, monthly fees, etc. from time of sale forward. M. Humes property will also be up for Judicial sale, probably late November, early December. Any interested parties should contact Julie Graham or Janet Mentell at the tax assessment office at 724-284-5333.
6. Eric Pry and ICOBP, LLC right of way easements: Through several emails with solicitor, engineer and supervisors, Eric seems to be satisfied with the final outcome.
7. M. McAfoose (H20) report:
8. D. Forensic report:

**Community Room Rental Forms/Facility & Grounds Usage Agreement:** Forms are finalized and ready for approval.

**Municipal Building:** Solar flag light is coming on during the day after a rain. Has water inside the sensor and appears to be rusting.

**Municipal Garage:**

1. Dump Truck - Was at VanDykes for repair.
2. Skid Steer -
3. New Loader - Not scheduled to arrive until July 2022.

4. Flail Mower -

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

**Office:**

1. Cyber security measures are proceeding.
2. "For Love of the Lost"/S. Fish property and M. Peters/M. Combine property - **Need clean up enforcement update report from R. Coyer.**
3. New iPads/laptops for supervisors - Clerk researching prices, availability.
4. CardConnect credit card services have been problematic since last Nov. or Dec. We are continuing to try to figure out why this is and may need to change providers. We are still pursuing this matter and are getting information from MCSB Merchant Services.
5. Verizon vs. Armstrong: - Doing research on what will be less expensive. We currently have ipads/jetpack/phone through Verizon. If we don't get new ipads/laptops through them do we then look at Armstrong for our phone system if it becomes less expensive? Another question is do we look at new ipads through Verizon?

**ARPA Funds:** The following list can be purchased with ARPA funds:

**Police & Fire Protection** (Fire Dept. received funds); **Roads & Bridges;** **Road Projects;** **Vehicles** (New Truck); **Equipment;** **Computers and software** (New iPads and/or computers for Supervisors); **Administrative expenses** (Document scanning). **Cannot be used to lower debt or make additional debt or for pension funds.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution #22-0620-01 Semiquincentennial:** **Motion** to adopt Resolution #22-0620-01 by . Seconded by .

**Solicitor resignation:** S.R. Law, LLC has presented a letter of resignation effective August, 2022 or until a new solicitor is contracted.

**Mileage Rate:** The mileage rate has changed from 58.5 to 62.5 for July through December.

**Auditor Pay Rate:** Senate passed bill SB 1058 to amend second class township code to authorize the board of supervisors to adopt a resolution to increase the compensation for elected auditor from \$10 per hour to up to \$17 per hour for performing the annual audit and other necessary duties of office. SB 1058 would fulfill a PSATS resolution.

**GC Borough:** is requesting an elected official participate in a task force being established to develop a plan for improving the EMS/Superior Ambulance system lack of funding. J. Bennett, Jr. will attend the first meeting on Thursday, 6/9/22.

**Holding Tank Renewal Agreement:** Permit was signed, notarized and recorded at the Recorder of Deeds. Payment sent to MCA.

**Holding Tank Pumpout:** Alarm went off Thursday afternoon for the holding tank. Secretary called K&M Septic and they are scheduled for Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to pump. Could there be a leak that is allowing water to infiltrate the tank?

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Unclaimed Property:** Checked if the township was due any unclaimed property fees. One amount was found. Paperwork needs filled out and sent to Bureau of Unclaimed Property. **Motion** to sign forms and mail appropriately for unclaimed property by . Seconded by .

**Building Permits:** 5 total: A. Hart - (3) AG Pool, pool deck and chicken coop; S. Fish - storage building; H. Hartle - AG Pool, G. McGaffic AG Pool.

**Butler Can-Am Games 2024:** July 15-21, 2024. Olympic-style event that features traditional sports along with competitions that include skills used in first responders' day-to-day work. Do we want to sponsor? They are seeking volunteers.

**MEETING REPORTS:**

**Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** May 18<sup>th</sup> - Talked about all bridges within the county and municipalities. Municipalities need to inspect yearly and engineer needs to inspect every five years.

**BCATO Convention:** May 19<sup>th</sup> - Elected new officers for 2022-2023, plan to have a fall convention and a safety seminar.

**ROAD REPORT:**

5/10/22 Did berms on Shields Rd.

5/11/22 changed 2/3 of the blades on the flail mower.

5/12/22 Did berms Shields Rd.

5/14/22 did shopping at SEI.

5/16/22 finished putting blades on flail mower. Replaced hose and wand on sprayer.

5/17/22 finished berms on Shields and Glacial Till Rds.

5/18/22 graded Whitaker Rd.

5/19/22 shopped for new shovel and air pressure gauge for sprayer.

5/21/Township cleanup day - 42 residents participated, no rain.

5/23/22 sprayed Twp.

5/24/22 mowed STP, put up road closed sign on Browntown Rd in Liberty Twp, picked up parts in Slippery Rock, took risers to new building and cleaned ditches on Sutherland Rd.

5/31/22 replaced stop sign at Shields Rd. and 173, repaired stop sign at Shields and Harmony Rds., help remove tree from Shields Rd. and took truck to Van Dykes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Fund: \$159,261

Sewer Fund: \$54,068

Liquid Fuels Fund: \$125,329

Capital Reserve: \$50,556

ARPA Fund: \$540

Escrow Fund: \$500

**Motion** to pay bills by: Seconded by:

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn meeting at pm by: Seconded by: