

**Mercer Township, Butler County**  
**4629 William Flynn Hwy, PO Box 380, Harrisville, PA 16038**  
**MEETING MINUTES – July 21, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by: J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: John Bennett, Jr; Emil Treese; Nikki Ciochetto. Visitors: Lori Lennon, resident; Vic Kennedy, property owner; James Cressman, Butler Eagle. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the 6-16-25 Meeting Minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** L. Lennon-see "Traffic on Wick Road" under New Business. V. Kennedy-see "Subdivision Plans" under Old Business/Office. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Kozy Rest to send \$10,900 to be held in escrow to cover all related inspection expenses until the project has been determined to be complete. Construction scheduled to begin 6-23-25 & conclude by 9-1-25. Residents will be contacted near the end of the project to be given instructions for requesting tap location preferences. Kozy Rest asked us to determine where to locate the converter panel for the flow meter. J. Bennett, Jr. consulted our engineer who verified that we want an above-ground accessible lock box. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** Letters sent on 7-15-25 to 2 asking for progress report. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (10).** **Property Liens (8).** **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. **Sheriff Sale (2).** **Auto Pay:** (40%). **Delinquency Rate:** Total-12%; Severe-5%. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:** 249 Boyers Rd-application & instructions emailed. **Grinder Pumps:** 4112 WFH, Forestville reported red light on, then off. Marvin to evaluate. Follow up with resident – light has stayed off. **Concrete Stanchions:** We'll have concrete blocks delivered to the STP. Appears some of the field has been repaired. **Harrisville Borough Agreement:** Reviewing. **Private Sewer: On-Lot Sewage Permits (2025):** (4). **Holding Tanks:** 3 agreements to be recorded in Butler Co. & returned to the office. Office mailed follow up letters on 7-15-25 asking for immediate response. **J. Zahn:** Wants to install a holding tank for an RV hook up on his property. Supervisors approved. SEO to manage this. **Small Flow Treatment Facilities:** Received Approval Letter from DEP for McDougall SRSTP. Annual inspections will need to be completed & reported to the DEP by McDougall's service provider. **Office: Building Permits (2025):** (15). **Road Bonds:** Blue Ox Timber. Road damage noted. Repaired on 7-11-25. Motion to release Road Bond for Blue Ox Timber on Whitaker/Centertown Rds: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **Omega Logging** reported completion in a letter received 7-21-25. Motion to release Road Bond for Omega Logging on Sutherland Rd pending approval by Roadmaster: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Subdivision Plans:** J. Bon Subdivision plans: Letter of approval received from the Butler Co. Planning Commission dated 6-19-25. V. Kennedy is requesting the Supervisors hold off on signing as he is disputing the location of the markers bordering his property. Presented photos taken from his phone (did not leave them) & drawings of his parcels from R.P. Bittler, PLS of Mercer, PA dated 11-24-17 & revised 12-2-17. Supervisors requested this be resolved by the land owners before they sign. **Municipal Garage:** Issues with the new truck continue. Will go back for warranty work. **CDL Program:** Supervisors to sign consent forms. **2025 Paving Project:** Wiest Asphalt, Inc. began paving on 6-16-25 & completed on 6-17-25. E. Treese & C. Shaffer (PennDOT) inspected work. Invoice received for total of \$96,857.20. Will pay \$50,000 from General Fund & \$46,857.20 from Liquid Fuels Fund. Motion to sign "NOTICE OF COMPLETION / FINAL COMPLETION CERTIFICATE": E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to pay total invoice of \$96,857.20 - \$50,000.00 from General Fund & \$46,857.20 from Liquid Fuels Fund: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **Butler County Use Fee Grant Application:** Will receive a \$50,000 grant after paving project completion. Grant will reimburse General Fund. Balance of project will be paid from Liquid Fuels. C. Shaffer assisted with filing forms triggering the County to process this grant. Awaiting notification & further instruction. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** Nothing new locally. Learning about Texas flooding. **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:** Solicitor filed a Motion to Enter Consent Agreement as order of Court on 6-26-25. Signed by the Judge on 7-3-25. **200 Shields Road:** Solicitor prepared a Developer's Extension Agreement that requires homeowner to bond or escrow a portion of the total cost. Homeowner will be 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). J. Kalp met with homeowners & contractor on 7-9-2025. Office has received signed & notarized agreement from homeowners & a check for \$2,500 to be held in escrow through the completion of this project. Motion to sign Developer's Agreement-Sanitary Sewer Extension Project: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. J. Bennett, Jr. to have his signature notarized. **NEW BUSINESS: Traffic on Wick Road:** L. Lennon-wants a solution to slow down traffic. Says it's mostly young guys in loud trucks coming from Boyers Rd. Requesting a traffic study to lower the speed limit from 35 to 25 mph & possibly install speed humps. J. Bennett, Jr. will contact our engineers for direction. E. Treese advised her to call PSP repeatedly (as they are the enforcement for Mercer Twp) & report what times of the day are the worst to get a cruiser out to monitor traffic. **Resident Complaints:** Office received an anonymous call complaining about mud on White Oak Rd. T. McMaster from AMC was notified & he assessed & rectified the situation. **OTHER BUSINESS: 911 Addresses:** Office mailed letter on 7-15-25 to Butler Co. 911 Center to clarify Mercer Twp/Marion Twp. boundary for West Oak Grove Lane. **Multi-Modal Grant Applications:** C. Shaffer (PennDOT) is willing to help us with applications. DCED & PennDOT have different deadlines. Will need to start planning our project in early (Feb) 2026 & budgeting in fall 2026 for a project to start in 2027. **AMC:** Received letter from EADS notifying us of AMC Mine 49-Surface Mine Permit Application. **PennDOT Bridge Inspections:** Courney Mill Bridge owned by B&E Railroad (Canadian National) is scheduled for an interim inspection on 10-2-25. **155 Valley View Rd:** Received call that they plan to replace old trailer with new bldg. Will need Bldg. Permit. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:** **Mercer Co. COG:** (7-16-25). Grove City Boro, Harrisville Boro, Slippery Rock Boro, Slippery Rock Twp, Liberty Twp, Pine Twp & Mercer Twp all provided updates on their projects & issues. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (7-7-25) Cancelled. **Pine-Harrisville Authority:** No meeting. **PSATS Northwest Regional Forum:** (8-6-25) Erie, PA. Who would like to attend? \$125 per person. Nobody. **ROAD REPORT:** 6-2-Bob, Greg, John & I did berms on Shields. Took Bill to Hunters to pick-up truck. 6-3, 6-4, 6-5-Rick, Bob, Greg & I did berms. 6-7-Greg & I mowed Centertown & Whitaker. 6-9-John & I helped tree service remove tree from Browntown. 6-10, 6-11, 6-13- Rick, Bob, Greg & I graded berms. 6-15-Bill & I met with Wiest Paving. 6-16-Worked with paving crew. 6-17-Greg & I mowed the north part of Twp. 6-19-Greg & I mowed. 6-21-I mowed the STP. 6-23-I repaired stop sign @ Centertown & Whitaker Rds. 6-26-Bob, Greg & I put cold patch down. Filmed Sutherland for bonding. Bill & I did Pa1 call. 6-27-Bob, Greg & I put cold patch down. 6-30-Bob, Greg & I patched roads. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: \$125,638; Sewer Fund: \$61,725; Liquid Fuels Fund: \$150,329; Capital Reserve: \$75,768; Escrow Fund: \$7,517; Total: \$420,977. **VISA:** New cards have been received & activated. Will cancel Lori Giesler card once paid in full. **S & S Industrial Supply:** Credit application was completed & sent. Awaiting response. Financial Report dated 6-13-25 to 7-17-25 including quarterly budget report received & reviewed by all Supervisors. Motion to accept the Financial Report & pay all expenses: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Nikki L. Ciochetto, Secretary/Treasurer