

**MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY**  
**4629 WILLIAM FLYNN HWY, PO BOX 380, HARRISVILLE, PA 16038**  
**MEETING MINUTES – April 21, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by: J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: W. Long; E. Treese; N. Ciochetto. Visitors: D. Evans; A. Wray; C. Wray (Harrisville VFC). **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the March 17, 2025 Meeting minutes & the April 18, 2025 Bid Meeting minutes as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** D. Evans presented information regarding a fundraiser Harrisville VFC is planning for next Spring. They will host an ATV ride that will begin & end at the Fire Hall, & travel through Harrisville Boro; Mercer & Marion Twps. in Butler County and Clinton & Irwin Twps. in Venango County. They are requesting permission to use Township roads. They will provide all necessary documents for the Supervisors and Solicitor to review. The new tanker truck will be put in service in late July/early August. A. Wray & C. Wray were here for support. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** no updates. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections:** (5). **Delinquencies-Three or more months:** (8). **Property Liens:** (7). **Notice of Claim:** H. Russell estate. **Sheriff Sale:** (2). **Auto Pay:** 45 of 119 accounts (38%). **Delinquency Rate:** Total-9%; Severe-3.7%. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:** 0. **Future Requested Connections:** 2. **Grinder Pumps:** Office has not received an invoice for last one sent for repair. **Concrete Stanchions:** Will assess & determine best option. **Grove City:** 2025 Quarterly est. pmts – we underpaid \$4,247 last year. Estimates increased by \$1,250 per quarter this year. **Harrisville Annual Pump Maintenance Fee:** Will send annual pmt. **Private Sewer: On-Lot Sewage Permits (2025):** B. Snyder. **Holding Tanks:** Waiting for 3 agreements to be recorded & returned. Recorder of Deeds office runs behind. Office will follow up in May. **Office: 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). **Road Bonds:** County Line Road – 2018 bond released. **Subdivision Plans:** McDougall plan signed. **EMS QRS Agencies:** Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency once they complete their licensure. **Municipal Garage:** New truck was at Hunter's for warranty work. There is still a light issue. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** Attended boot camp in New Castle on 4-12-25. Reports that there is concern about loss of Federal Grant funding. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** In Litigation. Resident returned a signed copy to the office, which has been forwarded to the Solicitor. P. Treese noted there has been significant improvement. **Anegada Energy:** Supervisors have received two letters on this day (4-21-25) from Beran Environmental Services regarding applications sent to the DEP for: "Joint Application for Pennsylvania Water Obstruction & Encroachment permit & U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit" & "Erosion & Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-4) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)" for review & comment. Supervisors found no issue with either. **Station Road:** Speed humps: J. Bennett, Jr. contacted engineer & reviewed the 114 page document detailing placement of speed humps. After discussion with all supervisors, it has been determined that the existing speed humps already meet the maximum traffic calming measures allowed by the regulations. **2025 Paving Project:** Bid Opening Meeting was held on: April 18, 2025 at Noon at the Twp. Building. Motion to accept: Wiest Asphalt, Inc. as the Bid Recipient for the 2025 Mercer Twp. Paving Project at a bid total of: \$98,558.58: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **NEW BUSINESS: 219 Browntown Rd. culvert:** Water crosses the road & ponds at the end of the driveway. Supervisors will evaluate & come up with a solution. **227 Browntown Rd. tree:** Dead, leaning tree appears to be in the Twp. ROW. Supervisors will evaluate. **Butler County Use Fee Grant Application:** Will attend mtg. on April 22, 2025. Motion to approve & sign grant request letter: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **OTHER BUSINESS: Newsletter: Motion** to approve 2025 Newsletter & to be printed by Minuteman Press: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **BCATO 2025 Spring Convention:** May 15, 2025. Motion to pay \$40 for N. Ciochetto to attend: W. Long. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Office will be closed. **CDL Program:** New CDL employees must pass a pre-employment drug screen & consent to a full Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse query. Two potential employees will be processed. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: Mercer Co. COG:** (3-19-25) J. Bennett Jr. attended. Grove City bridge will be out from May 12 – Aug 23 on 58 over Wolf Creek; Harrisville is correcting a taxing issue; Pine Twp & Springfield Twp have passed commercial solar ordinances. **BCTCC:** (3-25-25) W. Long attended. Berkheimer contact expires in 2026. Looking into renewal contracts. **PINE-HARRISVILLE AUTHORITY:** (4-8-25) J. Bennett, Jr. attended. Tim McNickle resigned as Authority Solicitor. Roger Shaffer, Jr. was appointed as new Authority Solicitor. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (4-14-25) J. Bennett, Jr. attended. Butler hospital has reduced staffing due to lower patient census. Senator Scott Hutchinson spoke. **ROAD REPORT:** 3/1/25-Checked roads. 3/8/25-John salted roads. 3/27/25-Removed tree from Glacial Till Rd. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: \$77,804; Sewer Fund: \$63,847; Liquid Fuels Fund: \$149,245; Capital Reserve:\$75,720; Escrow Fund: \$5,017; Total: \$371,633. Financial Report dated 3-14-25 to 4-17-25 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. Motion to accept the Financial Report & pay all expenses: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **Capital Reserve:** discussed options & will decide later as to the best financial plan. **CD:** Looking into terms & rates with MCSB. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Nikki Ciochetto, Secretary/Treasurer