Mercer Township, Butler County
4629 William Flynn Hwy, PO Box 380, Harrisville, PA 16038
MEETING MINUTES – October 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: John Bennett, Jr.; William Long; Emil Treese; Nikki Ciochetto; Holly Tissue-Thompson. Visitors: None. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion** to accept the September 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes as corrected: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **OLD BUSINESS: Public Sewer: Incomplete connection/inspection (4)**: 150 Station Rd #2; 1358 Eau Claire Rd; 4133 WFH; 204 Boyers Rd. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (1)**. **Property Liens (1)**. **Delinquency Rate**: Total-8%; Severe-0%. **Sewer Lateral Inspections**: 0. **Tepco Grinder Pumps**: 9-16-26: Call from 303 Boyers Rd, pump alarming. Notified Marvin. Pump replaced. **Ground Leveling/Cinder Blocks**: Nothing to report. **Sludge Hauling**: Nothing to report. **Pine-Harrisville Authority**: Letter sent in February to PHA requesting that Mercer Township be released from the PHA. Mtg. scheduled for 8-11-2026 cancelled. Still gathering information & processing info. **Private Sewer**: **140 W. Oak Grove Ln**: SRSTP. Need to hold escrow if/when completed. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2026)**: 326 Frampton Rd (Mularski). Need to review status of applications with D. Ice. **Office**: **Building Permits (13)**: J. Pierce (solar); W. Tomko (garage); L. Bauer (greenhouse); T. McDougall (house/garage); R. Stuchal (barn); G. Westbrook (garage); T. Fedokovitz (pool/deck); R. Drake (pool); C. Glenn (swim spa); R. Fox (solar); T. Ray (Columbia Gas utility bldg.); J. Yasment (solar); L. Cratty (solar). **Road Bonds**: Anegada Energy-Halterlein gas well, Shields Rd. (2-18-26 to 8-18-26). Project is complete. Will inspect. **Subdivision Plans**: None. **Landlord/Tenant Records Ordinance**: Office continues to ask for updates with no response from most. **Drop slot**: Need to finish inside. **Outside basement doors**: Second coat of paint completed 9-23-26. **FireFighter**: Annual inspections to be in October. Inspected on 9-29-26. **Mowing**: Brush was mowed at the office on 9-22-26. **Windows**: 2 windows in the conference room are foggy between the panes. Monitor. **Doors**: Employee side door blew off the hinges in the wind. Frame cracked. Fixed on 9-23-26. Front door needs longer screws installed in the hinges. **Municipal Garage: Vehicles**: maintenance / repairs completed: Bill will prepare for October/November inspections. **Projects**: hauled limestone; finished mowing berms; swept intersection of Enterprise & Sutherland. **New Boom Mower Purchase**: Agreement signed with SEI for same equipment awarded in LSA grant. Should have new mower in 3-4 months. **Sale of current Boom Mower**: Sell once we receive the new tractor / mower. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator**: No report. **Butler County Hazard Mitigation Plan Revision**: County sent proposed plan for review. **Harrisville VFC:** Need Sept. & Oct. minutes. **EMS QRS Agencies**: Harrisville VFC will be our designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. No update. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property**: In Litigation. Reinspection completed at 9 am on October 19. Property has deteriorated since spring. Will proceed with litigation.
Mercer Twp., Butler Co./Ag Security Council: Need a committee of 1 supervisor, 3 farmers & 1 resident (non-farmer). Information on how to volunteer is on the website & in the newsletter. **Centertown Road Curve:** Guardrail installed on 9-24-26. **Data Centers Discussion:** Nothing new. **White Oak Road/Marion Twp:** Our White Oak Road millings were offered to Marion Twp. for their road improvement projects when the road is repaved. **Butler Co. HUD**: Butler County has become a direct HUD entitlement for the CDBG & HOME programs. **NEW BUSINESS Private Property Burials**: Resident asked how to obtain permits. Investigating. **OTHER BUSINESS: Election Day: Tuesday** 11-3-26. Township office is closed. **Building Inspector Retiring:** Mike Grill (CCI) is retiring at the end of this year. Will research our options.
MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: BC Tax Collection Committee Mtg: (9-22-26). Bill attended. **BCATO Safety Seminar**: (10-14-26). John attended. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg**: (10-15-26) John attended. Update on BMH-WVU merger. Election update. Equipment scheduled to be dropped off on Thrs 1-29-26 & picked up on Thrs. 11-5-26. **Upcoming Township Meetings**: Budget Workshop: (10-26-26). Supervisors received 2027 worksheets. Board Mtg: (11-16-26). **Wolf Creek COG Mtg**: (11-18-26) John to attend. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: $127,701. Sewer Fund: $60,134. Liquid Fuels Fund: $69,073. Capital Reserve: $57,569. Escrow Fund: $5,625. Total: $320,102. Third quarter 2026 Budget Report & Financial Report dated 9-18-26 to 10-15-26 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to approve the report & pay all invoices: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 7:45 pm: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Holly Tissue-Thompson, Assistant Secretary

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