

AGENDA: ORGANIZATION MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA
January 6, 2025

Appointment of Temporary Chairman – **Motion** to appoint: _____ as Temporary Chairman: Second:

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

Members Present:

Visitors:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (Stand).

Nomination to elect the Chairman – **Motion** to appoint _____ as Chairman: Second:

Nomination to elect the Vice-Chairman – **Motion** to appoint _____ as Vice-Chairman: Second:

Motion to appoint _____ as Secretary/Treasurer at a rate of \$20 per hour at 35 hours per week for the 2025 year: Second:

Motion to appoint _____ as auditor for the Township through 2025: Second:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to appoint Lori Giesler as resident Vacancy Board Chair: Second:

Treasurer's Bond: **\$450,000** limit of liability.

Depositor: Mercer County State Bank.

Motion to reappoint all Supervisors as employees of Mercer Township at a rate of \$20 per hour: Second:

Motion to pay hired CDL employees at \$20 per hour: Second:

Motion to pay hired laborers at \$15 per hour: Second:

Motion to pay Amy Bennett, custodian as an independent contractor at \$45 per month: Second:

Meeting pay for 2025: Secretary/Treasurer to continue to receive hourly rate for meetings attended. Other employees receive \$50 per meeting.

Motion to adopt **Ordinance #82** -Supervisor Meeting Compensation: Second: (Supervisors elected prior to the 2026 term will be paid an annual salary of \$1,875. Supervisors elected to a new term beginning January 2026 or later will be paid an annual salary of \$3,145.)

Auditors: McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP at \$7,000 for the 2024 audit of all Township accounts. **Motion** to adopt **Resolution #25-0106-1** – Appointment of CPA firm for 2024 Audit: Second:

Motion for elected/appointed auditors to audit Tax Collector books, which are separate from the Township account books: Second:

Road Master: Emil Treese

Township Solicitor: Gallagher Law Group at \$200 per hour and \$60 per hour for paralegal services.

Township Engineer: The EADS Group, Inc. at \$100 per meeting. Motion to sign a contract for 2025: Second:

Vehicle mileage: compensation matches current IRS rate. Rate for 2025 is currently 67 cents per mile.

Deputy Tax Collector: Nikki Ciochetto

Open Records Officer: Nikki Ciochetto

Open Records Alternate:

EMS Coordinator: Brian Grossman

Third-Party Building Inspector: Construction Code Inspectors, Inc.

Code Enforcement Officer: Warren Whetzel, Jr.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: David G. Ice

2025 PSATS Convention Voting Delegate:

2025 BCATO Representative:

Donations: SR Public Library - \$1000 annually.

Property Tax Millage: 9.1 mills. (Township – 6.6; Fire – 2.0; EMS – 0.5)

BCTCC Primary Delegate: Nikki Ciochetto; _____ as first alternate; and _____ as second alternate.

Floodplain Administrator/Stormwater Management Delegate: William Long

Schedule of holidays/office closings:

Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday by appointment only.

New Year's Day – January 1

Primary Election Day – May 20

Memorial Day – May 26

Juneteenth – June 19

Independence Day – July 4

Labor Day – September 1

Columbus Day – October 13

General Election Day – November 4

Veteran's Day – November 11

Thanksgiving Day – November 27

Day after Thanksgiving – November 28

Christmas Eve – December 24

Christmas Day – December 25

New Year's Eve – December 31

Motion to appoint/accept the above remaining delegates/determinations, beginning with Road Master and ending with the schedule of holidays/office closings: Second:

Fee Schedule: **Motion** to adopt **Resolution #25-0106-2** – 2025 Fee Schedule: Second:

Motion for Treasurer to pay bills due prior to monthly meetings in 2025: Second:

Motion to adjourn meeting at ____ pm: Second: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: