

**AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA - July 18, 2022**

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

Members present:

Visitors present:

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the June 20, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as printed/corrected by: Seconded by:

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

Sean Gallagher, Gallagher Law Group - possible new solicitor

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Currently moving forward with survey of the property.

**Sewer Project:**

1. Incomplete connections/inspections: D. Brown #2; D. Frampton; M. Humes; V. Kennedy - 108 Boyers & 645 WMS; J. McFeaters; R. Williams.
2. Delinquencies: Updated report sent to R. Coyer after 7/1/2022 invoicing. 13 properties (11 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. 4 are 3-4 months delinquent. H. Russell has paid \$200 but it not following the payment plan. 4 letters sent this month from Coyer's office.
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: All properties with current liens who have made no payments or progress will be evaluated.
5. D. Frampton property is going to judicial sale soon. M. Humes property will be up for judicial sale in late November or early December. The hearing date is scheduled for 9-30-22 to request liens be held in the judicial sale.
6. M. McAfoose (H20) report:
7. D. Forensic report: M. Jones property inspected 6/27/22.

**Municipal Building:**

Holding Tank - Could there be a leak that is allowing water to infiltrate the tank? Talked with K&M and she seemed to think that was normal because we regenerate the softener twice a month. (Is the softener connected to the holding tank?) If we were doing it monthly, she felt that would be a problem.

**Municipal Garage:**

1. Dump Truck - Was at VanDykes for repair.
2. Skid Steer -
3. New Loader - Arrived.
4. Flail Mower -

**EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:** Nothing new to date.

**Office:**

1. Cyber security measures are proceeding.
2. "For Love of the Lost"/S. Fish property and M. Peters/M. Combine property: Letter was sent to our Code Enforcement Officer to move forward with citations, with pictures, if nothing has been done.
3. New iPads/laptops for supervisors - Clerk researching prices, availability.
4. CardConnect credit card services has been problematic since last Nov. or Dec. We met with a representative from Mercer County State Bank on 7/14/22 to discuss another option. We are still discussing costs (presently it appears it will cost us slightly more than what we have now, but he is trying to get the costs lowered) and we have a virtual demo scheduled with the proposed new company's rep. on Wed, 7/20/22 at noon to ask more specific questions.

5. T. Jones called to complain about Berkheimer. Received a letter that he didn't pay enough tax in 2018. Secretary told him to be persistent with Berkheimer to get a result.
6. Adam Price from the Election Bureau came to inspect the building on 7/6/22. He noted that the thresholds on both entrance doors are too high and should be beveled to accommodate ADA guidelines. He had no other comments or concerns.

**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:**

**C.Long Subdivision:** Planning Commission has approved the subdivision from their end. We just need to approve and sign.

**Weist Paving Projects:** The Township building, Ethan Hill Road and Shields Road paving projects are complete. We have received two complaints from residents regarding driveway edges. The Supervisors have responded to all complaints.

**Solicitor resignation:** S.R. Law, LLC has presented a letter of resignation effective August, 2022 or until a new solicitor is contracted. We have been given a few names to inquire into servicing the township. Received letter from Gallagher Law Firm.

**Insurance Renewal:** Caputo Insurance is creating a presentation for next year's insurance quotes. Current insurance expires on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Currently have a blanket coverage at 80%, but they are increasing it to 90% and not blanketed.

**Bid Completions:** Cory S. from PennDOT inspected Shields & Ethan Hill and the parking lot. Completion forms need to be signed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Unclaimed Property:** Claim filed with the state on June 22, 2022. The office in Harrisburg acknowledged receipt of the information.

**PSATS Regional Forum:** Regional Forum is in Cranberry Twp. on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Various topics. \$99 for PSATS members.

**BCATO Annual Safety Day:** October 12<sup>th</sup> at Herman Firehall.

**Building Permits:** Robert Young - patio; Reich - Ag. Storage Bldg.; Kristin Allison, removal of trailer from English property.

**MEETING REPORTS:**

**Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** June 20<sup>th</sup> - Talked about the Butler County Infrastructure Bank and updated on Covid 19 and Butler COG.

**ROAD REPORT:**

6/2/22 mowed Centertown Whitaker Shields Harmony Glacial Till, Wick intersection only  
6/3/22 mowed North intersection  
6/4/22 mowed STP got gas  
6/6/22 went to Keys to pick up a 4" riser and gave Keys a 12" riser on consignment  
6/10/22 Took set kit to Bob Becker  
6/12/22 Took test kit back to shed  
6/13/22 Pa1 call ( Rick John and I )  
6/14/22 video White Oak  
6/17/22 Rick and I met with Joe Ridley  
2/19/22 fueled skid steer and took it to the STP

6/20/22 Rick and I plus the cemetery crew worked on guard rail!!! Also filmed Browntown Rd for bonding purpose!!!! Pa 1 call  
6/23/22 piled salt up put spreader on truck went to Slippery Rock for bolts  
6/24/22 took Joe Weist around the Twp greased boom mower got a load of 9's and spread on Browntown  
6/27/22 put hydraulic oil in truck went to Van Dykes and Clark to get spreader motor replaced got truck washed  
6/28/22 took truck to Clark for repairs  
6/29/22 got hydraulic fluid checked out Shields mowed the Harrisville Borough picked up the truck  
6/30/22 John and I met with SEI for the delivery of the new front loader mowed the STP

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Fund:	\$72,443
Sewer Fund:	\$54,518
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$20,560
Capital Reserve:	\$22,299
ARPA Fund:	\$540
Escrow Fund:	\$501

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

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