

AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA - August 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:

Members present:

Visitors present: Jay Campbell, Code Enforcement Officer; Sean Gallagher, Solicitor

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the July 18, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as printed/corrected by: Seconded by:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: **Reminder that each person has five minutes to speak**
Lori Hilliard (724-968-7886) - McFeaters property. Inquiring to purchase the property and what is involved with sewer, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

****Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Currently moving forward with survey of the right of way. Nothing new since last month.

****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 8/1/2022 invoicing. Met with S. Gallagher at his office on 8/4/2022 to present and discuss delinquent accounts and how to proceed. He will contact R. Coyer as needed with questions. Two (2) letters were sent requesting additional monthly payments to help pay their accounts up to date in a timely fashion. One (1) letter was sent to a property owner regarding a delinquent tenant. Eleven (11) properties (9 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Two (2) are 3-4 months delinquent. Improved from last month.
3. Property Liens: D. Frampton*; F. Carroll-Gillen; J. Green; S. Heller; M. Humes*; V. Kennedy (3 properties); J. McFeaters; R. Williams. Two more may be filed this month.
4. Sheriff sale: Six (6) properties (4 owners) with current liens who have made no payments or connections will be evaluated to proceed this month.
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: No new connections/inspections.

Municipal Building: Gas is turned off.

Municipal Garage:

1. Dump Truck -
2. Skid Steer -
3. New Loader -
4. Flail Mower -

EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator: No report.

Office:

1. **"For Love of the Lost"/S. Fish property and M. Peters/M. Combine property: Information was sent to S.R. Law, LLC for the following: Code Enforcement Officer's recommendation to the Fish property of returning in 60 days for further review, and not issue a citation until that time, if needed. If no improvement in 60 days to issue a citation right then. For the Peters property to issue a citation as soon as possible. Received letter from solicitor that information was sent to the CEO on July 21st.
2. New iPads/laptops for supervisors -
3. CardConnect credit card services has been problematic since last Nov. or Dec, but appears to be resolving. We met with a rep. from MCSB on 7/14/22 to discuss

another option and we had a virtual demo with the proposed new company's rep. on Wed, 7/20/22 at noon. This service will cost us more than we pay now but will offer additional payment options if we want them. Another option is MuniPay, but that would require customers to pay a service charge. We will continue to research the best option for all.

ARPA Funds: Received \$175.56 on July 15th from 2021 funds not taken by other townships. 2022 funds are supposed to be released soon.

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:

Southwest Regional Forum Agenda: Secretary is attending the forum on September 29th. Is there anything within the agenda that the supervisors would like to give a list of questions to ask at the forum?

****Kennedy Trailer Park (Marion Twp.)** - Daniel Mills (724-759-1002) is in process of purchasing old Kennedy Trailer Park on Eau Claire Rd. in Marion Twp. across from Deer Hunter's Assoc. Wants to make it a cottage development of approximately 10-20 cottages and was inquiring about a possibility of connecting to our sewer system. (724-759-1002)

ATV/UTV/Snowmobile usage within the township: Secretary printed an ordinance example from PSATS for assistance.

Traffic Signal Grants: Act 54 of 2022 includes \$5M to provide grants to municipalities to install and maintain traffic signal technologies.

Insurance Renewal: Caputo Insurance quote: \$7,337

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

MEETING REPORTS:

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting: Update on Covid, 7 in hospital, 3 in ICU. Conservation District update, 24 new permits for SWM & development, Infrastructure Program using ARPA funds, 1 app. to date. COG, next meeting 10/24 at BCM building. Next month will be August 16th and will talk about Broadband connectivity. Will have a rep. from Armstrong.

ROAD REPORT:

7/6/22 Rick and I responded to a complain at Crystal Spring

7/12/22 Leroy and I worked on berms on Shields Rd

7/13/22 Leroy and I repaired a driveway on Ethan Hill I mowed ditch at office

7/14/22 Leroy and I worked on spreader and berms on Shields Rd

7/15/22 Leroy and I worked on berms on Shields Rd

7/18/22 Rick and I met with Stone Construction about driveway at Ethan Hill Leroy and I worked on berms

7/19/22 Dave and I worked on berms on Shields Rd

7/21/22 Dave and I finished berms on Shields

7/22/22 I checked the roads put the spiller on and spread a load of 9's on Browntown and Whitaker Fueled the truck

7/25/22 I mowed Shields Glacial Till part of Harmony

7/26/22 I mowed Browntown and Harmony

7/27/22 Checked White Oak for bonding issues (none) made appt for truck inspection

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$62,496
Sewer Fund:	\$60,303
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$20,569
Capital Reserve:	\$22,301
ARPA Fund:	\$715
Escrow Fund:	\$501

Motion to pay bills by: Seconded by: All in favor, motion carried.

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