

AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA - October 17, 2022

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

Members present:

Visitors present:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as printed: Second:

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

Alex Thompson/Holly Tissue Thompson - Eagle Scout project. (See Landscaping at Office Building under New Business.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Executive session was held on 9-29-22 between the supervisors, Solicitor and the Engineer to discuss matters. A discussion was held on 10-4-22 with Marion Township and Harrisville Borough to focus on a collaborative direction. Secretary sent letters to residents on Campground Rd. between Kozy Rest and the end of the public sewer line on 10-6-22 to ask if they are interested in connecting to the private line, with a requested response by Noon on 10-12-22. A meeting was held on 10-12-22 between the Supervisors, Solicitor, Engineer, Harrisville Borough and Marion Township Board members to further discuss how to proceed.

Sewage:

1. Incomplete connections/inspections: D. Brown #2; D. Frampton; M. Humes; V. Kennedy - 108 Boyers & 645 WMS; J. McFeaters; R. Williams.
2. Delinquencies: Sent to S. Gallagher after 10/1/2022 invoicing. Eleven (11) properties (9 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Six (6) are 3-4 months delinquent. Increased from last month. The two letters sent to the two delinquent accounts who are paying monthly but were asked to pay more to help pay down their outstanding balance elicited no response or increased payments.
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: Two (2) properties with current liens who are severely delinquent and/or not connected have been title searched. The solicitor recommends contacting the mortgage companies to request payment as the next step. Motion to have the solicitor send a notice to the respective mortgage companies for each property to request payment on each property: Second:
5. D. Frampton and M. Humes properties will be up for judicial sale on 12-2-2022. Solicitor is following.
6. McFeaters Property: Purchase is being pursued. Lien satisfaction offer has been made.
7. Dave McDowell called the office to request the grinder pump be restored to the trailer at 624 W. Mercer St. Ext. The Supervisors were notified of this request and given his contact information.
8. LIHWAP assistance program is ending on 10-28-2022.
9. We are planning to offer automatic recurring credit/debit card payments through CardConnect, with cardholder information stored securely on their site. This is to help alleviate the errors a few sewage customers have been experiencing when entering their information online.
10. M. McAfoose (H20) report:
11. D. Forensic report: No new connections/inspections.

Ordinance #78 - ATV/UTV/Snowmobile usage within the Township: Motion to advertise Ordinance No 78 - ATV/UTV/Snowmobile usage: Second:

Resolution R2022-1017 Implement Act 57 of 2022 - Amendment of Tax Collection Law: Motion to adopt Resolution R2022-1017: Second:

Municipal Building:

1. Is there natural gas going to the new garage? If not, would it make sense to move the supplies for the sewer plant to the new building basement and have the gas turned off at the old building? Furnace will need to be lit if we keep it as is.
2. First Aid Kits: It was mentioned in the PSATS discussion group about having first aid kits in all vehicles (OSHA) and all buildings. Do we have any in the vehicles?

Municipal Garage:

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

EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator: No report.

Office:

1. "For Love of the Lost"/S. Fish property: Waiting for report from CEO.
2. M. Peters/M. Combine property: Summary Trial is scheduled for 11-1-2022 at 10:00 am at the Magisterial District Judge office. CEO and Solicitor are aware.

ARPA Funds:

Browntown Road Railroad Bridge: Browntown Road is closed at the railroad bridge from 10-10-2022 until 11-4-2022 for repairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Landscaping at Office Building: A. Thompson is willing to plant and landscape the new office building to complete his Eagle Scout Project. He needs to begin planning and fundraising efforts now for a Spring implementation and completion.

Solicitor Proposal for Services (2023): Received a letter on 10-14-22 with a Proposal for Services in 2023 at a new hourly rate of \$190.00, with other costs detailed in the letter, as well. **Motion** to accept Gallagher Law Group's Proposal for Services for 2023: Second:

Escrow Fund: Is the Dollar General project completed and inspected by the engineer? Should we be returning the Escrow money?

Solar Projects: Received a call from Kimley-Horn out of Philadelphia asking if we could provide any information regarding the permitting process and fees for a proposed large solar project. We will need to discuss and determine our next step.

Budget 2023: Secretary provided updated budget figures to Supervisors for their review and changes. There will be a workshop later in October to discuss and prepare for finalization of the budget. (Will need to determine costs for landscaping the front of the building.)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Received a call from 424 Shields Rd. wanting to know what to do with his recycling bin since he is no longer receiving garbage pickup from Tri-County. He will call back when he is ready for us to pick up.

MEETING REPORTS:

PSATS Fall Forum: 9-29-2022: Secretary attended several different small seminars through the day. Very informative.

BCATO Meeting: 10-6-2022: Finalize plans for the Safety meeting.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting: 10-11-2022: Co. Commissioners all spoke of busy schedule including budget meetings, ARPA funding projects, Broadband and the

possibility of the Energy/Hydrogen Hub ending up in our region. They also continue to address drug addiction, mental health, homelessness, Fire/EMS funding, and several grant programs. T. Pritchard from BC3 presented info. about a Personal Empowerment Enrichment Program available. This is to help employers hire and retain workers in Butler Co. Next mtg: Thrs. 11-10-22 at 10:30 am.

BCATO Safety Seminar: 10-12-2022: Secretary attended.

EMS Task Force Meeting:

ROAD REPORT:

9/7/22-Rick and I did Pa 1 call in Forestville;

9/29/22-workshop on the Kozy Rest campground.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund: \$59,765

Sewer Fund: \$51,976

Liquid Fuels Fund: \$20,571

Capital Reserve: \$22,303

ARPA Fund: \$52,759

Escrow Fund: \$501

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

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