

**AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA -  
November 21, 2022**

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

Members present:

Visitors present:

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting and the November 15, 2022 Budget 2023 workshop meeting minutes as printed: Second:

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Solicitor drafted a Memorandum of Understanding between Mercer Twp, Marion Twp, and Harrisville Borough and will share with the respective solicitors. Memorandum of Understanding was sent to both Marion Township and Harrisville Borough but have not heard back from either party. Solicitor's recommendation is to approve it subject to attorney review in case either municipalities have changes and/or additions if you are comfortable with the agreement as it stands. If they have major changes, we can revise the agreement at the next meeting. Also, suggested a meeting with the Township and Kozy Rest in December to discuss the developer's agreement.

**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 11/1/2022 invoicing. Twelve (12) properties (10 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Five (5) are 3-4 months delinquent. Same total as last month, with one moving from 3-4 months into 5+ months category.
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 have been title searched and the Solicitor is pursuing the mortgage companies for payment.
5. D. Frampton and M. Humes properties will be up for judicial sale on 12-2-2022. Solicitor is following.
6. McFeaters Property: Due to multiple legal issues, both formerly interested parties have chosen not to pursue purchase.
7. Carroll-Gillen Property: Lien Satisfaction amount letter has been sent to a mortgage company as requested by the property owners.
8. We are now offering automatic recurring credit/debit card payments through CardConnect, with cardholder information stored securely on their site. Letter went out with 11-1-22 invoices. Several are signed up already.
9. M. McAfoose (H20) report: Invoices received through October.
10. D. Forensic report: No new connections/inspections.

**D. Frampton Property:** Inquiry about purchasing the property from judicial sale. Questioned what has been done for sewer on that property. Easement

was signed but tap fee was not paid in addition to all monthly payments. S. Gallagher says the decision on tap fee is up to the supervisors.

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

**Municipal Building:**

1. Edges of paved area need filled with limestone to match level of paving for both pedestrian and vehicle safety.
2. ProGas - Sent letter on 10/24/22 requesting refund of remaining fuel in tank they removed on 3/17/22, per our understanding. Received email on 10/27/22 denying request.

**Municipal Garage:**

1. Dump Truck - spreader hydraulics repair.
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: 11-1-2022 Summary Trial results: see Solicitor report.

**Browntown Road Railroad Bridge:** PennDOT inspected the bridge (that is currently under repair) and noticed that the bridge plaque is missing on the West side and should be replaced within 7 days of notification, or before the bridge is reopened to traffic. Will need to send a picture confirming it was completed. Completed on 11-15-22.

**Solar Projects:** Responded to 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. Contacted S. Gallagher for his experience input. Responded that we follow the Butler County process.

**Budget 2023:** Meeting was held on November 15<sup>th</sup> to determine the budget figures. **Motion** to advertise the proposed 2023 budget for approval with the Real Estate tax increase of 0.5 mills at the December 19, 2022 meeting by: Seconded:

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CPA Appointment:** **Motion** to advertise the appointment of a certified or competent public accountant or firm of certified or competent public accountants, in lieu of the elected auditors to make an examination of all township accounts for the 2022 fiscal year at the January 3, 2023 reorganization meeting at 7 pm by . Seconded by .

**Farmland Preservation:** As discussed in Municipal Outreach meeting.

**Election Day:** Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. 71.8% voter turnout. 475 voted with 746 total registered to vote. Many absentee/mail-in ballots recorded as well. Constable was present. Not enough parking for the large turnout. Some people got stuck on the edges of the pavement where it drops off.

**Street Lights:** The cost of electricity has increased again. Should we be paying for street lighting along Crystal Lane in Forestville?

**Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** Secretary prepared an employee handbook for 2023 and going forward. **Motion** to advertise Ordinance #79 to adopt in January 2023:

**Road Bond for County Line Rd. Release:** Road Master inspected County Line Rd. and found areas that need repaired before that bond is released.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**MEETING REPORTS:**

**BCATO Fall Convention:** 10-26-22: L. Giesler & N. Ciochetto attended. Speakers - PA EMS and Fire directors. Cranberry Twp. presented a 7.5 minute video describing their success with their VFD response times and membership.

**Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** Thrs. 11-10-22 at 10:30 am. Talked about 4H and what is involved, the Farmland Preservation Program, the council of governments, and the merger with Excelsa Health, the CDBG grant program.

**ROAD REPORT:**

10/3/22 Mowed intersection and replaced RR sign on south side of Harmony Rd;  
10/4/22 Met with Marion Twp and removed tree from road;  
10/12/22 Kozy Rest meeting;  
10/18/22 Worked on spreader;  
10/24/22 Pa 1 call, light gas stove at old building;  
10/25/22 John, Rick and I met with bridge people. Rick and I did ditches on Unity. I put new flags up;  
10/26/22 Picked up salt and delivered to office;  
10/27/22 Replaced lines, spinner and put 9's down at office.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Fund:	\$67,123
Sewer Fund:	\$49,797
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$20,571
Capital Reserve:	\$22,304
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: