

**AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA - January 16, 2023**

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

Members present:

Visitors present:

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the December 19, 2022 Regular meeting minutes; December 19, 2022 Budget meeting minutes; and January 3, 2023 Reorganization meeting minutes as printed/corrected by: Second by:

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Meeting with Kozy Rest, Supervisors, Solicitor and Engineer on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm: Kozy Rest applied for a sewer extension PA DEP BWM-GP-5 general permit registration.

**Sewage:**

1. Incomplete connections/inspections(7): D. Brown #2; D. Frampton; M. Humes; V. Kennedy - 108 Boyers & 645 WMS; J. McFeaters; R. Williams.
2. Delinquencies(18): Sent to S. Gallagher after 1/1/2023 invoicing. Fifteen (15) properties (13 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Three (3) are 3-4 months delinquent. Increased from last month but will lose 2 after the deeds are recorded for the 2 judicial sales.
3. Property Liens(11): D. Frampton\*; F. Carroll-Gillen; J. Green\*; S. Heller\*; M. Humes\*; V. Kennedy (3 properties); J. McFeaters; H. Russell; R. Williams.
4. Judicial Sales(2): Both the D. Frampton and M. Humes properties were sold at Judicial Sale on 12/2/22. The County Tax Office is currently processing these transactions. On 1/9/23 we were notified that there is surplus money left from the sales and we were asked to provide payoff letters for both accounts. Once the legal process is completed, we should receive payment in April or May toward these delinquencies. The Solicitor will file our lien satisfaction once we receive these monies.
5. Sheriff sales(2): J. Green and S. Heller are actively being pursued by the Solicitor. The mortgage companies have until Jan 17<sup>th</sup> to satisfy our liens. Will soon begin pursuing others.
6. M. McAfoose (H20) report:
7. D. Forensic report: No new connections/inspections.

**Municipal Building:** 2024 primary election: Candidate petition signing is from February 14<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Municipal Garage:**

1. Dump Truck - Possible new truck info:
2. New Loader
3. Flail Mower
4. Zero-Turn Mower

**EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:** No report. Emergency Management called asking about our EMC. Informed her that the last full report was November of 2021. Her concern is the state not having sufficient criteria to suffice his responsibilities as MEMC such as attending trainings etc. which can have an impact on the Township. We will need to contact him for an update.

**Office:**

1. **"For Love of the Lost"/S. Fish property:** Contacted and awaiting report from CEO. There is a second backhoe currently. Saw a flyer in the Forestville Post Office where he is advertising to purchase scrap metal and other items.
2. **M. Peters/M. Combine property:** Beginning the process again due to change in solicitor.
3. **URMS** - Paving on Boyers Rd.: Emailed D. Bush as a follow up.
4. **Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** Asst. Secretary prepared an employee handbook for 2023 and going forward. Supervisors can review and provide any changes necessary.
5. **Resolution #23-0116-1: 2023 Fee Shedule. Motion** to adopt Resolution #23-0116-1 the 2023 fee schedule by: Second:
6. **County Line Rd. Bond Release (Columbia Gas):** Update: J. Kalp and the representative from NiSource Corp. Insurance have been corresponding.
7. **Shields Rd. Bond Release (gas well):** Update: Big Dog Energy visited the Township office January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm to talk about this project. They plan to do something with this well in the next two years and will get a bond if necessary. Do we continue the bond with Penn Energy or release it and wait until Big Dog Energy creates a new bond.
8. **Electrician:** The electrician was here on Mon, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> and Tues. Jan 10<sup>th</sup> to fix the 2 dusk to dawn lights. He also replaced the motion switches in the meeting room with normal switches and the switch plates on the closet fixtures.
9. **Municipal Code Assoc.:** Our payment to cover the loss for 2022 is \$1188.28.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COSTARS Salt Contract for August 2023 - July 2024:** Deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Appointment of New SEO:** Rick talked with Doug Dunkin and will appoint as an interim and will help with transition. Will also be sending a fee schedule. **Motion** to appoint Doug Dunkin as interim SEO by: Second:

**Tri-County Cleanup Day:** We normally do the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May which is May 20<sup>th</sup>. **Motion** to set May 20<sup>th</sup> as our cleanup day from 7 am to 12 noon by: Second:

**2023 Fee Schedule:** **Motion** to adopt Resolution #R23-0126-1 - 2023 Fee Schedule with UCC Services as SEO, and update Mercer Township Sanitary Sewer Connection Fees by . Seconded by.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Need to order items for AED for 2023.

**MEETING REPORTS: BCATO Reorg - 1/5/2023** - Secretary has agreed to do both secretary and business manager positions. The finance committee will meet to decide the pay amount for each position. Also will decide how much to charge vendors for a table at the spring convention.

**Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** 1-12-2023: Flu, RSV, Covid: All are up but no threat to capacity. Critical shortage on blood. Can donate at Crossroads MOB by 422 or in Cranberry Twp. Contact the donor company Vitalant for more info. Merger with Excelsa Health has been approved. No name to date. ARPA Funds: Hope to help fund new "residency" program for new BMH program. Vaping controlled substances in schools: Some had THC laced with fentanyl which caused overdosing - 4 students transported to ER this year. DA now has a detective to help school districts with issues. **SPC Broadband Summit:** Summit is Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> @ Regional Learning Alliance from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. RSVP to Dan Alwine @SPC. **Requesting each Township have someone attend.**

**ROAD REPORT:**

12/1/22 checked on the status of the bridge reopening  
12/2/22 met with RR men about a date for reopening the bridge  
12/5/22 went to Slippery Rock picked up battery tender  
12/7/22 mounted new tender removed the old one from battery box  
12/15/22 checked the roads  
12/16/22 John and I put plow on truck mixed anti skid  
12/17/22 John plowed and salted TWP  
12/18/22 Rick plowed and salted TWP  
12/19/22 John and I delivered anti skid to Boro  
12/22/22 Rick and I changed filter on truck got salt at Slippery Rock for office  
12/23/22 I started to plow and salt the TWP truck developed a water leak took to shop where Rick John and I assessed the problem determined the truck could not be used John contacted Marion TWP and John and I went to Boyers to p/u their spare truck PLEASE NOTE IT WAS RICK'S BIRTHDAY A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO RICK !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
12/23/22 PM John plowed and salted the TWP  
12/24/22 I plowed and salted the TWP  
12/26/22 checked roads  
12/27/22 Rick and I took truck to KW  
12/30/22 Marcie and I p/u the truck at KW

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Fund:	\$42,994
Sewer Fund:	\$45,132
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$20,572
Capital Reserve:	\$56,366
ARPA Fund:	\$52,759
Escrow Fund:	\$500

**Motion** to pay bills by : Second by .

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