

**AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA - March 20, 2023**

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

Members present:

Visitors present:

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the February 20, 2023 meeting minutes as printed/corrected by: Second by:

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Harrisville Borough signed the amendment to the agreement with us on 3-6-23. **We need to sign it,** as well. Solicitor will speak to Mr. Bonner (Grove City solicitor) on Fri, 3-10-23 and report back to us.

**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-Three or more months(20): Update sent to S. Gallagher after 3/1/2023 invoicing. Fifteen (15) properties (13 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Five (5) are 3-4 months delinquent. Slight decrease from last month.
3. Property Liens(13): D. Brown; D. Frampton\*; F. Carroll-Gillen; J. Green\*; S. Heller\*; M. Humes\*; K. Jones; V. Kennedy (3 properties); J. McFeaters; H. Russell; R. Williams.
4. Judicial Sale(2): Both the D. Frampton and M. Humes properties were sold at Judicial Sale on 12/2/22. The County Tax Office is processing these transactions. Court hearing is on 3/17/23 and extra funds will be distributed in April. Liens will be released after funds are received.
5. Sheriff Sale(2): J. Green and S. Heller are actively being pursued by the Solicitor as we requested. Solicitor also recommends proceeding with McFeaters and all 3 Kennedy properties.
6. M. McAfoose (H20) report: Requested his invoices for Jan. and Feb. on 3-1-23. Still have not received them.
7. D. Ferensic report: Nothing new.
8. EADS: Beau S. contacted the office requesting updated information regarding incomplete connections and inspections as well as verification of number of EDU's in both Forestville (78) and Harrisville (55) for completion of the Chapter 94 Report.

**New SEO / Municipal Code Assoc:**

1. Have left two voice messages but have not heard back from D. Duncan about setting up a time to train us.
2. Dollar General holding tank: Currently being pumped by two different companies. MCA and office staff are researching documents for an update.
3. Pelletier property: Need to get an update on inspections, etc.

**Municipal Building:**

**Municipal Garage:**

1. Dump Truck
2. Boom Mower - new blades purchased.

**EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:**

**Office:**

1. **2023 Newsletter:** Finalized for review.
2. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:**
3. **Peters/Combine Property:**
4. **PennDOT URMS** - No new updates.
5. **Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** Asst. Secretary prepared an employee handbook for 2023 and going forward. Supervisors can review and provide any changes necessary.
6. **County Line Rd. Bond Release (Columbia Gas):** Received payment in full from Columbia Gas on 2-27-23.
7. **PennDOT Local Road Traffic Counting Program:** We have four areas they will be traffic counting - 1) Between municipal line & Unity Road; 2) Between Harmony Rd. & Burns Lane; 3) Between Boyers & Route 8; 4) Between Boomerang Rd. & the dead end.
8. **Shields Rd. tree:** Letter was sent to property owner asking them to have the tree removed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Allegheny Mineral:** Met on 3-8-23 at Township Bldg. regarding White Oak Road closure. Drawings left with office.

**2022 Annual Audit:** The audit for the Township records, the Tax Collector records and the HVFC records have been completed. Secretary will send advertisement to the Butler Eagle.

**RR Overpass in Forestville:** PennDOT (Cory Shaffer) contacted us about repairing or removing the eroded sidewalks along Route 8 under the overpass.

**Tax Collector:** Updates.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Timesheets:** Clarify supervisors are paid meeting rate for Kozy Rest meetings. SEO/MCA - general, not sewage hours.

**MEETING REPORTS:**

**BCATO:** (3-2-23) Discussed the upcoming spring convention, items for the County basket for PSATS convention, needing a voting delegate for the county at convention.

**Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** (3-9-23) Quick update from the Commissioners. Discussion about the recent train derailment in East Palestine. Butler Co. continues to test safely and appears this will continue. Recommended to watch closely, though. Discussed PA Region 13 Task Force Haz-Mat response team. Discussed need for residents to be

responsible for themselves and be prepared for a 72 hour "Shelter In Place" order. Info. available on the Butler County website: [www.ReadyPA.gov](http://www.ReadyPA.gov) PennDOT reviewed 12 year project plan and beyond. Asked for input via survey: [talkpatransportation.com](http://talkpatransportation.com) and [RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov). Communities in a co-op along Connoquenessing Creek received a 2023 Excellence in Municipal Government recognition from Gov. Shapiro.

**ROAD REPORT:**

2/3/23 Checked roads, salted roads;  
2/7/23 Pa 1 call, John, Rick and I met with gas company contractor;  
2/10/23 I replaced signs at Shields and Harmony, took loader to car wash and cleaned windows on truck;  
2/20/23 Rick and I did Pa 1 call;  
2/23/23 Filmed Harmony for bonding and checked tree on Shields;  
2/28/23 Went to SEI and p/u signs and blades for boom mower, dropped off motor for the spreader.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Fund:	\$42,847
Sewer Fund:	\$50,091
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$95,538
Capital Reserve:	\$56,378
ARPA Fund:	\$52,759
Escrow Fund:	\$500
Total:	<u>\$298,113</u>

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

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