

AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA - April 17, 2023

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

Members present:

Visitors present:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the March 20, 2023 meeting minutes as printed 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: Received notification of Kozy Rest Lessee, LLC applying for permit coverage from the DEP. Received a letter from our solicitor regarding PUC jurisdiction - working with Marion Twp. to resolve this issue.

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(18): Update sent to S. Gallagher after 4/1/2023 invoicing. Seventeen (17) properties (15 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. One (1) is 3-4 months delinquent. Total decrease from last month, but 5+ month delinquencies are increased.
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): Frampton & Humes - Liens will be released after funds are received.
5. Sheriff Sale(6): J. Green and S. Heller are being pursued by the Solicitor. We are also beginning proceedings with R. & J. McFeaters and all 3 G. Kennedy properties.
6. M. McAfoose (H20) report:
7. D. Ferensic report: D. Riddle property inspection is complete.
8. AutoPay set up form: Has been updated to a Fillable File, available on our website to make signing up even easier.

New SEO / Municipal Code Assoc:

1. J. Bennett, Jr. to contact 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. Do we want to contact them to connect to the public system?
3. Pelletier property: Working to get an update on inspections, etc. Sent an email to solicitor with explicit information but have not received an answer. There is no escrow account for them. The last communication was with Vicky in 2014 stating the property was in foreclosure and was told to wait until property is purchased by new owner; however, the property

is still owned by the current owner. Assuming no inspections have been completed since 2014. There are no records of that happening.

Municipal Office: Paving Projects scope of work and advertisement needs to be coordinated and completed earlier to make the newspaper advertising deadlines. They were not going to have the ads published in time but were willing to make an exception (which they almost always do), but we cut it too close.

Municipal Garage:

Dump Truck -
Skid Loader -

EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:

Office:

1. **2023 Newsletter:** Distributed on 4/11/2023.
2. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** Requested update from CEO.
3. **Peters/Combine Property:** Requested update from CEO after last mtg.
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. **Shields Rd. tree:** Tree is within the Township's right of way. Contacted D. Kohler who is not certified but he will contact the electric company. Elec. Co. in the process of evaluating.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bidding Documents: Bidding totals:
Russell Standard:

Motion to approve _____ as the appropriate bidder for 2023 bid project by . Seconded by .

West Penn Power: Received a letter from WPP saying we registered an excess of 1,500 kWh for 2 consecutive months and are subject to demand billing. Checked online information concerning tariffs which gave me 209 pages to research and then called the 800 number listed and was put on hold indefinitely. Could not get an answer. This will be a new General Power Service rate, PG30, which will result in a demand charge listed as kW on our bill.

Banking Limit: Township has more than \$250,000, the current FDIC insurance limit in Mercer County State Bank. According to PSATS, the bank must pledge collateral against any monies that exceed the FDIC insurance limit, as required by Sections 708 and 3204 of the Second Class Township Code.

Allegheny Mineral: Building inspection received. White Oak Road closure:

RR Overpass in Forestville: Supervisors wish to remove rebar and sidewalk debris. Working with Canadian National and PennDOT to coordinate this work.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BCATO Spring Convention: May 18th at 8 am. Session begins at 9 am, usually complete by 2-3 pm.

Wolf Creek/Slippery Rock Creek COG: We received an invoice for \$100 for 2023 membership dues. Are we officially joining?

PT Employees: Don Snyder is inquiring about the possibility of getting paid for traffic control for 3 hours of directing traffic on Boyers Road when a tree fell down and blocked the road during the storm on 4-1-23.

MEETING REPORTS:

BCTCC: (3-28-23) Was not able to connect virtually.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting: (4-6-23) Absentee ballot disbursement will begin 4/10/23, sample ballots available, have write-ins for open candidates. 19.5M in infrastructure bank funds available.

ROAD REPORT:

3/6/23 Rick and I did Pa 1 call in Forestville
3/7/23 I checked roads
3/8/23 Don Snyder and I replaced signs on Shields Rd and straighten signs in the north part of the TWP
3/14/23 Plowed and salted the TWP
3/22/23 Met with Dan Kohler tree service about tree on Shields Rd
3/23/23 Pa 1 call
3/24/23 Rick, John and I met with Cory Shaffer of PennDOT for road bids and sidewalk on Rt 8
3/30/23 I met with Roy Pfeffer about bus turn-around.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$62,940 **
Sewer Fund:	\$47,037 **
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$95,546
Capital Reserve:	\$56,383
ARPA Fund:	\$52,759
Escrow Fund:	\$3,517
Total:	\$318,182 **

Motion to pay bills by : Second by .

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