

AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA - May 15, 2023

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

Members present:

Visitors present: S. Gallagher, J. Kalp

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the April 17, 2023 meeting minutes as printed/corrected: Second:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Anfetouak/Giampaolo lot line revision:

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Received a request from J. Kalp at EADS for the Township to allow Kozy Rest to begin work on their property to move forward with the sewage.

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 5/1/2023 invoicing. Eighteen (18) properties (15 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Two (2) are 3-4 months delinquent. Increase 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)*; R/J. McFeaters*; H. Russell; R. Williams.
4. Judicial Sale (2): Frampton & Humes - Still waiting for the County to send the payoffs.
5. Sheriff Sale (6): J. Green; S. Heller; R./J. McFeaters; & all 3 G. Kennedy properties are being prepared by the Solicitor.
6. McDowell Property: Letter drafted.
7. M. McAfoose (H20): requested his invoice for March & April.
8. D. Ferensic:

New SEO/Old Municipal Code Assoc:

1. Dollar General holding tank: MCA inspected the tank on 3/9/2023.
2. Pelletier property: Contacted new SEO to send letter about upcoming inspections, etc. He will send a letter and give the Township a copy.

Municipal Office:

1. Need to keep an eye on the retaining wall where the groundhog is digging.
2. Do we need to repaint the handicap parking spaces?
3. Outside trim around doors needs repainted.
4. Flags are looking worn.
5. G. Ferguson mowed around the office several times.

Municipal Garage:

Dump Truck - Could be ready in December 2023.

Skid Loader -

Reminder: Please turn the gas off by 5-25-23 (end of billing cycle).

EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:

Office:

1. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** CEO will talk with the solicitor, get everything in order and move forward.
2. **Peters/Combine Property:** Sent letter to CEO to move forward.
3. **PennDOT URMS:** No new updates.
4. **Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** Asst. Secretary prepared an employee handbook for future use. Supervisors can review and provide any changes necessary.
5. **Shields Rd. tree:** Tree is within the Township's ROW. Contacted D. Kohler who contacted the electric company. Elec. co. declared it unsafe, will decide how to proceed going up their chain of command. J & L Sowers were notified by email of the progress.
6. **Cleanup Day:** (5-13-23)
7. **Election Day:** (5-16-23)
8. **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. Nikki spoke to Melissa, the Assistant Manager at the bank, and received a letter pledging full coverage of our total assets with the MCSB safekeeping agent, Federal Home Loan Bank.

Allegheny Mineral: White Oak Road closure: The Supervisors had an executive meeting on April 26 with the Township Solicitor concerning this issue.

RR Overpass in Forestville: Supervisors wish to remove rebar and sidewalks. Working with Canadian National and PennDOT to coordinate work. Use PennDOT specifications and research flagging companies for traffic control. Canadian National cleaned up the debris that has fallen onto the sidewalks from the crumbling bridge cement on May 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tractor Supply: Please update your new cards.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MEETING REPORTS:

PSATS Convention: (April 23-26)- Lori & Nikki attended. Very informative. Attended workshops on: Compensation; Delinquencies; Employee Pay; Secretary Q&A; 20 Secrets of the 2nd Class Twp Code and other laws; Meeting Prep 101. Attended a Legislative Grassroots Reception to mingle with State lawmakers. Keynote speaker: Garry Gillam - Founder/CEO of The Bridge Eco-Village (former PSU football player (2009-2013) & NFL Seahawks & 49ers player). Next year's convention will be April 14-17, 2024. (Our Board Mtg. is April 15, 2024.)

BCATO: Spring Convention is 5-18-23. Nikki & Lori to attend. No fall convention in 2023 and those currently in office will stay the same for another year. Note: There were 3500 registrants for the PSATS convention in 2023.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting: (5-4-23) Covid & flu rates are low, Butler Health System and Excelsa Health merger still moving forward. Update from the Election Bureau concerning defective and mail-in ballots, 40% of ballots are in, to date. PennDOT update on state roads and bridges currently in process and those beginning this year. Update on Butler County parks and recreation.

ROAD REPORT:

3/1/23 Rick and I moved trees off TWP roads.
3/4/23 Took plow and spinner off, Rick and I spread a load of 2a on a bus turnaround plus pushed back brush on Wick Rd.
3/11/23 Checked all roads for potholes and sign conditions.
3/18/23 Took grinder to STP, got truck washed, took snow markers down at office, took post to Rick for cutting.
3/20/23 Moved salt out of salt bin and waited on SEI to repair loader.
3/21/23 Went to SEI to pick up filters for loader.
3/25/23 John and I changed the filters on the loader and picked up posts at Rick's.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$106,976
Sewer Fund:	\$48,333
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$95,554
Capital Reserve:	\$56,388
ARPA Fund:	\$52,759
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$3,517</u>
Total:	\$363,527

Motion to pay bills: Second:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn meeting at pm: Second:
Meeting adjourned.