

AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA - August 21, 2023

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

Members present:

Visitors present:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Awaiting reimbursement for legal and engineering expenses. Solicitor following this. Updated M.O.U. has been forwarded to us by our Solicitor for approval. Kozy Rest has signed.

Public Sewer:

1. Incomplete connections/inspections (7): **Update:** D. Brown #2; D. Frampton to Schumacher; M. Humes to R&M Holdings '09, LLC; V. Kennedy - 108 Boyers & 645 WMS; McFeaters; R. Williams.
2. Delinquencies-Three or more months (16): **Update:** sent to S. Gallagher after 8/1/2023 invoicing. Fourteen (14) properties (11 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Two (2) are 3-4 months delinquent. Total is less than last month. See report for more details.
3. Property Liens (11): **Update:** D. Brown; F. Carroll-Gillen; J. Green*; S. Heller*; K. Jones; V. Kennedy (3 properties)*; R/J. McFeaters*; H. Russell; R. Williams. See #4.
4. Judicial Sale (2): **Update:** Frampton & Humes - We received payoffs for both accounts on 7-20-23. Liens have been released. New owners will have 6 months to properly connect and inspect to sewage system. Letters sent.
5. Sheriff Sale (6): **Update:** Six properties were filed on 6-27-23 at the courthouse. Butler Co. Sheriff delivered notices on 7-11-23 to: J. Green; S. Heller; R./J. McFeaters; & all 3 G. Kennedy properties. G. Kennedy's atty. contacted our Solicitor to negotiate a settlement. G. Kennedy has also contacted J. Bennett, Jr.
6. M. McAfoose (Book & Proch): July invoice received.
7. D. Forensic: No inspections.

Private Sewer:

1. **Tooley Agreement:** Motion to sign Tooley/Mercer Township agreement by . Seconded by .
2. **Pelletier property:** Received a copy of the letter sent to the Pelletier's and are awaiting a response. If no response, how do we proceed?
3. **Sewage Permits:** 5 permits this year - 1 for DeSanti, 4 for Reich.

Municipal Office:

1. Outside trim around doors - Purchased at Lowe's.

2. Groundhog - visual confirmations continue.
3. Mowing - Risch mowed on 7-24-23.
4. Building Permits: 8 permits this year - 3 wrecking, 1 deck, 2 additions, 1 mobile home, 1 garage.
5. **Overtime**: Resolution to pay OT after 8 hrs. per day in addition to OT after 40 hrs. per week. Solicitor to provide. To change the overtime hours and the setting of the standard for OT is within the category of wages for employees which is set by the auditors. Also, if it is set by the auditors, does that mean you receive the wage increase immediately or wait until the next term? Sean is willing to contact the Ethics Commission if you so desire.
6. **PSATS UC Group Trust Election of Trustees**: Two candidates are Jack Hines and Marvin Meteer. May vote for 2.
7. **K. & K. Jones Property**: Sent certified and regular mail letter to K. & K. Jones concerning their dogs.

Municipal Garage:

Dump Truck - Est. delivery - January 2024. J. Bennett, Jr. is completing a grant for possible funds to pay for the truck. Not open until Sept. 1st.

EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:

Office:

1. **New CEO:**
2. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:**
3. **Peters/Combine property:**

Allegheny Mineral: Still no response to contract renegotiation.

NEW BUSINESS:

CDL PROGRAM: Looked into drug/alcohol testing for CDL drivers. PSATS has a CDL Program for guidance and help at \$150.00 for first time and \$100.00 yearly renewal fee plus the testing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Purchased and erected traffic sign "Reduced Speed Ahead 35 MPH" as requested by Harrisville Borough Police Chief to be placed on southbound Route 8, just north of Centertown Road and the Borough line.

MEETING REPORTS:

COG-GC meeting: (7-19-23)

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting: (8-3-23) BCCC did an update on how they are working with the County on several issues - mainly EMT Program. Gave an update on broadband initiative, talked about Recompete initiative, and update to the BC SALDO.

ROAD REPORT: 7/5/23-John and I did ditches on north side of Unity Rd. 7/10/23-I did cold patch on Unity Rd., Centertown Rd. and Station Rd. 7/11/23-John and I attended meeting with Kozy Rest. 7/14/23-Rick and I did Palcall. 7/17/23-Rick and I did Palcall. 7/18/23-I put spinder on and got a load of 9s. 7/19/23-I spread 9s on the berms of Shields Rd. 7/20/23-I

mowed for Harrisville Boro and spread additional 9s at Nick Graham's. 7/21/23-Don and I worked on sprayer. 7/23/23-I was called by security company-had low battery in the sensor in the office. Had to go to Grove City for new battery, extra battery in office desk. 7/24/23-Don and I sprayed the TWP and STP. 7/25/23-Rick and I changed blades on boom mower. I mowed STP, filmed Harmony Rd. and checked Sutherland Rd. for release of bond. Patched holes. 7/26/23-I spread 9s on Whitaker Rd. and got a load of 9s and spread on Browntown Rd.

Tar & Chipping project with Youngblood Paving to begin 7-21-23. **Youngblood Paving** sent invoice and final project paperwork to be signed. Pete will need to sign this before payment.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$59,558
Sewer Fund:	\$55,412
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$93,657
Capital Reserve:	\$123,486
ARPA Fund:	\$52,759
Escrow Fund:	\$3,517
Total:	<u>\$388,389</u>

Motion to pay Allegheny Mineral Corp. for limestone used for roads from the Liquid Fuels Fund: Second:

Motion to pay Youngblood Paving \$52,758.98 from the ARPA Fund to deplete the fund and the remaining balance of \$23,894.47 from the Liquid Fuels Fund: Second:

Motion to pay all other bills: Second:

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