

**AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA -  
September 18, 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 August 21, 2023 meeting minutes as printed: Second:

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** DeSanti subdivision approved by Butler County Planning Commission and DEP. Township needs to sign.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Awaiting reimbursement for legal and engineering expenses. Received correspondence from The EADS Group requesting expedited approval. Chairman is consulting with another engineering firm for planning approvals.

**Public Sewer:**

1. Incomplete connections/inspections (7): Unchanged: D. Brown #2; K. Schumacher; R&M Holdings '09, LLC; V. Kennedy - 108 Boyers & 645 WMS; McFeaters; R. Williams.
2. Delinquencies-Three or more months (16): Update: None sent to S. Gallagher after 9/1/2023 invoicing. Thirteen (13) properties (10 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Three (3) are 3-4 months delinquent. Total is same as last month. See report for more details.
3. Property Liens (11): Unchanged: D. Brown; F. Carroll-Gillen; J. Green\*; S. Heller\*; K. Jones; V. Kennedy (3 properties)\*; R/J. McFeaters\*; H. Russell; R. Williams.
4. Sheriff Sale (6): Update: Six properties had further documentation filed on 8-24-23 at the courthouse. J. Green; S. Heller; R. McFeaters; & 3 G. Kennedy properties. G. Kennedy's atty. is working with our Solicitor to negotiate a payment plan for his 3 properties.
5. **Grove City Lateral Inspection Program:** Received packet with Ordinance to be adopted before 1-1-24, along with their Resolution with technical details for implementation.

**Private Sewer:**

1. **Pelletier property:** Office sent resident a letter notifying of 30 days to comply or will be turned over to the Solicitor. Our solicitor has given us a new agreement to be signed by the property owner and the Township. Changes were made to the agreement to accommodate the SEO and the Township which will now be sent to the solicitor for confirmation. The SEO does not do maintenance, just inspections, and states that any correspondence should come directly from the Township on this issue.
2. **On-Lot Sewage Permits:** 6 permits this year - 1 for DeSanti, 4 for Reich, 1 for Boozel.

### **Municipal Office:**

1. **Upset Sale:** R. Williams property at 204 Boyers Rd. on 9/11/23 @ 6 pm.
2. **Real Estate Tax Appeal:** G. Kennedy withdrew his tax appeals at his hearing on 9-7-23 in response to attorney representation for the School District & Township.
3. **Building Permits:** 10 permits this year - 4 wrecking, 1 deck, 2 additions, 1 mobile home, 2 garages. Sent correspondence to 4340 William Flynn Hwy. (Patrick Brydon) informing them they need a building permit. Patrick called on 9-11-23 and stated that he read on the website that a building permit is NOT required for any structure under 1000 square feet, and therefore he refuses to get a permit. He was informed that he DOES need a permit, but he again refused. He said to give the Supervisors his phone number.
4. **Overtime:** Auditors have set the hourly rate and must set the overtime rate/time frame for Supervisors working as employees of the Township. The auditors would need to have an emergency meeting.
5. **Big Dog/Anegada Energy, LLC:** Halterlein - 2024 permitting. Supervisors have until September 28 to comment/respond.
6. **Butler County SALDO:** The ordinance was amended by the commissioners on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Amendments were made and this will be the ordinance we use.
7. **New CEO:** In progress.
8. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:**
9. **Peters/Combine property:**

### **Municipal Garage:**

1. Dump Truck - Est. delivery - end of December, 2023. J. Bennett, Jr. is submitting a grant application for funds to pay for the truck. Open for submission Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. CDL PROGRAM: Enrolled in PSATS CDL Program. Completing necessary paperwork.

**EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:** Pursuing replacement of several telephone poles in disrepair.

**Allegheny Mineral:** Still no response to contract renegotiation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**BCATO Annual Safety Seminar:** October 11<sup>th</sup> at Herman Firehall - 8 am.

#### **MEETING REPORTS:**

**Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** (9-6-23) Commissioners provided updates on County happenings: With the updating of the GIS/911 system, several election polling places are being moved or added. T. Sparacino discussed ARPA funding distribution and possible redistribution; J. Andree updated on southern municipality collaborations dealing with stormwater and EMS issues; Need to collaborate with EMC's, utility companies and PennDOT to determine emergency road closure procedures. Cannot expect VFC's to spend hours directing traffic with their limited manpower.

**Slippery Rock Boro Comprehensive Plan Meeting:** (9-11-23) John Bennett, Jr. attended.

**ROAD REPORT:**

8/7/23: Mowed Centertown, Whitaker, Enterprise, Southerland. Boom mower broke - took to Faull's to get welded.

8/8/23: Rick and I put up a new state approved 35 mph speed limit sign on Rt 8.

8/15/23: Picked up the repaired boom mower.

8/16/23: Finished mowing the north along Frampton, Unity, Valley View.

8/17/23: Mowed Station and Wick. Also cleaned the culvert at the end of Enterprise. Changed buckets on the loader and unloaded the 9s.

8/22/23: Rick and I cleaned ditches on Browntown & Valley View. I mowed the STP.

8/24/23: Picked up 10 gallons gas for the mower at STP.

8/30/23: Worked on truck to get it started to get inspected. John brought his charger - our old charger is deceased. John purchased a new charger.

8/31/23: Took truck to VanDyke's for inspection and two new batteries.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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| General Fund:      | \$61,863       | ** |
| Sewer Fund:        | \$53,482       | ** |
| Liquid Fuels Fund: | \$69,478       |    |
| Capital Reserve:   | \$123,644      |    |
| ARPA Fund:         | \$0            |    |
| Escrow Fund:       | <u>\$3,517</u> |    |
| Total:             | \$311,984      |    |

**Motion** to pay bills by. Seconded by .

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