

AGENDA: SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA
August 19, 2024

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

Members present:

Visitors: Mark Snyder & Jonathan Kolbe, Allegheny Mineral Corp.; Sean Gallagher, Solicitor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

White Oak Road Closure (Also see New Business): Does the 5-year road closure fall within the 14 year total agreement (2019 to 2033) or can the road be closed and reopened in 5 years, even if that reopening occurs after 2033?

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Solicitor & engineering firm continue to assist with the project completion. Received updated agreement for review on 8-13-24.

Public Sewer:

1. Incomplete connections/inspections (5): Unchanged: D. Brown #2; K. Schumacher; R&M Holdings '09, LLC; McFeaters; 204 Boyers Rd (to be capped by new owners).
2. Delinquencies-Three or more months (12): Updated: None sent to Solicitor for collection after 8/1/2024 invoicing. Eleven (11) properties (8 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. One (1) is 3-4 months delinquent.
3. Property Liens (10): Unchanged: D. Brown (debt/connect); F. Carroll-Gillen (debt); J. Green (debt); S. Heller (debt); V. Kennedy (3 properties) (debt); R/J. McFeaters (connect/debt); G. Mullett (debt); H. Russell (debt). **Discuss with Solicitor: Carroll-Gillen & Mullett.**
4. Notice of Claim: Filed on H. Russell estate. House appears to still be occupied by daughter. Waiting for final tax return to be filed.
5. Sheriff Sale (6): Updated: J. Green; S. Heller; R. McFeaters; & 3 V. Kennedy properties. V. Kennedy properties were on hold if he paid as agreed. Missed March & July completely & has been late 5 of 8 months he has made payments. Solicitor to inform his attorney we will be continuing Sheriff sale proceedings for non-compliance with the agreement. J. Green: made payments in June and July. Will cancel proceedings if paid in full in August. S. Heller: Solicitor is proceeding. McFeaters: scheduled for Upset/Judicial sale in fall.
6. Auto Pay: 38 of 120 accounts (32%) are set up on auto pay.
7. Delinquency Rate: Total-13%; Severe-9%.
8. Grinder Pumps: Received Tepco invoice for grinder pump repair.
9. Emergency Generator: Marvin will look for a reset switch before we call to have it looked at.

10. **Concrete Piers**: Marvin will look at cost to replace and provide a quote.
11. **Sludge Removal**: Marvin will call to have this done sometime in the Fall.
12. **Mershimer-Tooley Agreement**: Residents contacted - to sign by 8-21-24.
13. **EADS GIS**: GIS access will be blacked out for a few weeks. Clients will have to access their data through their own ArcGIS accounts after the migration is complete. This will cost approx. \$700 annually if we choose to do this.

Private Sewer:

1. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2024)**: (5) - A. Burnett; T. McDougall; D. Kellogg; S. Fisher; S. Lennon.

Municipal Office:

1. **Building Permits (2024)**: (12) - J. DiSanti (house); E. Meier (house/garage); L. Fulmer (garage); K. & R. Boozel (garage); Crossroads-North Tower (cell tower); J. King-King Autos (building reno.); D. Reich (machine shed); J. DiSanti (pool); J. Crum (solar panels); B. Diamond (solar panels); C. Linamen (modular home); A. Esquenazi (pole barn).
2. **Side Door**: Office side door is very difficult to open and close.

Municipal Garage:

1. **New Dump Truck**: Delivery expected in September. Hunter Truck Sales wants paid for the chassis now. **Motion** to pay Hunter Truck Sales a total of \$133,836.00; \$70,000.00 to be transferred from **Capital Reserve** to the General Fund to add to the remaining \$63,836.00 to be paid from the **General Fund**:
2. **Flagger Training**: G. Ferguson to complete.

CEO: "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property: Solicitor filed with magistrate. S. Fish came to office requesting information and states he has most of the property cleaned up. Was instructed to call Solicitor for answers to specific questions. Hearing attended on 8-14-24 at 10:10 am at SR Magistrate office. Has made improvements. Will schedule another hearing in 30 days.

EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:

Shields Rd. Tree: PUC Complaint has been accepted as satisfied. W. Penn Power is to cut down the tree, the Township is responsible for cleaning it up. After agreement was accepted, W. Penn Power is now claiming property owner does not want tree cut down. Solicitor to follow up on this. Letter to be sent to property owner.

Township Constable: Will invite him to the township meeting. The Election Board will invite him to Election training for Constables.

EMS QRS Agencies: Butler Co. 911 center is requesting that municipalities designate a licensed agency to help respond to medical calls in our area. Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency. They will first need to be licensed before we can designate them.

Solar Panels/Solar Farms: Contact solicitor about creating an ordinance. Info. from PSATS Regional Forum will be shared. Rapidly expanding energy business. Need to address new and future technology as it relates to solar energy, as well. Solar company is making a request to go door to door in Mercer Twp. See below D-T-D discussion.

Holding Tanks in Township: Agreements are rewritten for review by supervisors and solicitor. Also, a letter is written for 125 Greenway Lane property since the resident is a retired, disabled veteran.

NEW BUSINESS:

Allegheny Mineral Corp. (Snyder) - Mark Snyder requests to be on agenda regarding White Oak Road closure agreement. See "Business from the Floor".

Door-To-Door Solicitation Regulations: Received a phone and email request for information regarding our D-T-D Solicitation permits. The Township has no ordinance that covers door-to-door solicitation requirements.

Right-To-Know Policy Update: With the increase in RTK requests and how the public is requesting this information, the OOR (Office of Open Records) has suggested we update our policy to address these changes in requests.

Harrisville VFC: Requested \$500.00 to help pay for piping to install dry hydrants in Township ponds. **Motion** to pay \$500.00 to Harrisville VFC for dry hydrant piping:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Beavers on White Oak Rd: Mr. Curll (133 White Oak Rd) stopped at the office to report the beavers are active again.

Fall Newsletter: Should we have a fall newsletter to update any new/changing items from the spring newsletter?

Recycling Bins: Could the recycling bins be moved from Boomerang Road to the basement of the new building for any residents needing one? It would be easier access.

MEETING REPORTS:

Mercer Co. COG: (7-17-24)

PSATS Regional Forum: (8-7-24) Nikki attended. Personnel; Solar; Finance; RTK; 10 things to address annually and roundtable discussion were attended. Information on speeding; agriculture and zoning also provided.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (8-13-24) Cancelled. Rescheduled for August 28th at 2 pm.

ROAD REPORT:

7/1/24: Unloaded #9's, took spinner off: found oil leak & took truck to Gahr's for repair. Mowed the STP.

7/2/24: John and I did a PA1 call.

7/3/24: I picked up truck.

7/16/24: Fix berm on Whitaker Rd; worked on boom mower; went for parts; repaired boom mower.

7/22/24: Took PUC test; changed oil in Massy; greased the boom mower and flail mower.

7/23/24: Met with Penn Power about the tree on Shields. They agreed to remove the tree! Mowed with the flail mower - Shields and part of Harmony.

7/25/24: Finished mowing with the flail mower.

7/26/24: Started mowing with boom mower - Shields and part of Harmony.

7/27/24: Bill and I worked on the flail mower.

7/30/24: I finished Harmony and Browntown.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$169,892
Sewer Fund:	\$78,982
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$138,237
Capital Reserve:	\$125,358
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$5,017</u>
Total:	\$517,486

Motion to pay bills:

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

Respectfully submitted: