

**AGENDA: SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA
September 16, 2024**

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

Members present:

Visitors: M. Snyder & J. Kolbe, AMC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: See "OLD BUSINESS: Allegheny Mineral Corp./White Oak Road Closure".

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Solicitor & engineering firm continue to assist with the project completion.

Public Sewer:

1. **Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** Unchanged: D. Brown #2; K. Schumacher; R&M Holdings '09, LLC; McFeaters; 204 Boyers Rd (new owners).
2. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (11):** Updated: None sent to Solicitor for collection after 9/1/2024 invoicing. Ten (10) properties (7 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. One (1) is 3-4 months delinquent.
3. **Property Liens (9):** Updated: D. Brown (debt/connect); F. Carroll-Gillen (debt); S. Heller (debt); V. Kennedy (3 properties) (debt); R/J. McFeaters (connect/debt); G. Mullett (debt); H. Russell (debt). Letters sent from Solicitor warning of Sheriff sale: Brown & Carroll-Gillen. Mullett came to office and made arrangements.
4. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. Waiting for final tax return to be filed. House still being lived in.
5. **Sheriff Sale (5):** Updated: 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. Did not pay as agreed in Aug. Solicitor to inform his attorney we will be continuing Sheriff sale proceedings for non-compliance with the agreement if not paid in full by September. S. Heller: Scheduled for Nov. McFeaters: did not sell at Upset Sale on 9-9-24. Will be up for Judicial sale later this year.
6. **Auto Pay:** 41 of 120 accounts (34%) are set up on auto pay.
7. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-17%; Severe-8%.
8. **Grinder Pumps:**
9. **Emergency Generator:** Marvin will keep an eye on it.
10. **Concrete Piers:** Marvin will look at cost to replace and provide a quote. Wants to get completed before winter.
11. **Sludge Removal:**
12. **EADS GIS:** Will purchase the GIS access.

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)**: (14) - J. DiSanti (house); E. Meier (house/garage); L. Fulmer (garage); K. & R. Boozel (garage); Crossroads-North Tower (cell tower); 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); C. Stuchal (ag. bldg. add.); K. & R. Boozel (house).

Municipal Garage:

1. **New Dump Truck**: Delivery expected in September. Hunter Truck Sales was paid \$133,836.00 for the chassis in August.
2. **Flagger Training**: G. Ferguson to complete.

CEO: "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property: Solicitor filed with magistrate. Supervisor drove by a few days prior to the last mtg. and saw the yard was filled with junk cars again. New hearing scheduled for 10-1-24 at 10 am.

EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator: Invited him to Oct. BCATO Safety Seminar.

Shields Rd. Tree: Property owner signed letter of consent. West Penn Power has received this letter of consent and are to cut the tree down. Twp will clean up the debris.

Township Constable: Will invite him to the meeting.

EMS QRS Agencies: Butler Co. 911 center has requested that municipalities designate a licensed agency to help respond to medical calls in our area. Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure.

Holding Tanks in Township: New agreements will be sent out to be signed and recorded with the Butler Co. Recorder of Deeds.

Allegheny Mineral Corp./White Oak Road Closure: Original Agreement: Aug. 19, 2019 until 2033. AMC would like to extend the agreement to be able to close the road for 5 years but begin later than agreed. Work is slower than expected. Permit across the road has not been issued by the DEP. That may take another 1.5 to 2 yrs. Solicitor to update agreement proposal and send to AMC. Emailed on 9-9-24.

NEW BUSINESS:

139 Shields Rd: N. Graham (141 Shields Rd.) is asking if it's possible to have the abandoned and deteriorating house beside/behind him at 139 Shields Rd. removed.

200 Shields Rd: D. Crum asked the Twp. to look at plugged drains in her yard.

157 Sutherland Rd: J. Bowser reported berm washout along his property.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Auditors: McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP have provided their service letter for the 2024 audit. Fee for services will not exceed \$7,000. **Motion** to have McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP perform the 2024 audit of the 5 Township accounts at a cost not to exceed \$7,000:

PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust: 2024 Ballot for Election of Trustees - vote to fill 2 vacancies on Board of Trustees for 1-1-25 to 12-31-27 term. Nominated candidates: Clyde "Champ" Holman & Andrew "A.J." Boni. **Motion** to vote for both candidates to fill the 2 Board of Trustee vacancies:

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:

Mercer Co. COG:

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtgs: (8-28-24) K. Geyer & L. Osche gave county updates. S. Kelly discussed grant writing workshop & farm preservation. M. Gordon discussed upcoming Municipal Training classes & America 250 resolutions. **(9-10-24)** L. Osche & K. Geyer gave county updates: reminder to take advantage of the free training classes coming up; need to collaborate with municipalities to come up with a more permanent solution to the EMS crisis; working with SRU to have an animal diagnostic/testing lab built here. N. Milano spoke from the Audubon Society and shared upcoming events; M. Gordon discussed the BC3 training sessions; grant writing workshop, Person First Language for First Responders and Veteran Response Board Training courses offered this fall.

PA1 Call Safety Day Conference: (9-19-24) John to attend.

Butler Co. Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC): (9-24-24) Nikki to attend.

Municipal Grant Writing Workshop: (9-30-24) Nikki to attend virtually.

Butler Co. Local Government Officials Course: Free classes held at BC3 with breakfast and lunch provided. Three sessions: 9-28-24, 8:30 am - 2 pm (Finance & Governance); 10-12-24, 8:30 am - 2 pm (Powers & Duties); 10-19-24, 8:30 am - 1 pm (Infrastructure & Public Safety).

BCATO Safety Seminar: Wed. 10/9/24 @ Herman Fire Hall: 8 am-? Cost: \$20 per person. **Motion** to pay \$20 per person to send - to the Safety Seminar: Meeting on 9/5 and are prepared for Safety Meeting. Having a Butler COG quarterly round table on 10/24 from 2-3:30 pm at the Penn Township municipal building.

ROAD REPORT:

8/1/24: I mowed Centertown, Whitaker, Enterprise, Sutherland, White Oak, County Line, Frampton, Unity & Valley View Rds.

8/2/24: Worked with SEI tech on loader.

8/3/24: Cleaned grate at Wille's Smoke House & checked other grates in Twp.
8/5/24: Greg Ferguson, Brian Risch & I cleaned ditches on Browntown, Station, Prairie St.
8/6/24: I replaced mailbox on Browntown, greased & fueled boom mower, mowed Forestville & Wick Rds. Part of Station Rd marked for Pal call.
8/7/24: Loaded our loader for transport to SEI.
8/8/24: I finished mowing Station Rd. and mowed STP.
8/9/24: Warren, John & I met Sean (virtual). John and I met at AMC about water run-off.
8/14/24: Bill, Sean and I attended hearing in Slippery Rock.
8/15/24: Brian Risch and I finished the ditch on Browntown with gas company on site. Fueled the truck and got an appt to get it inspected.
8/16/24: Loader was returned from SEI.
8/20/24: Bill and I met with Nick Graham.
8/21/24: Greg Ferguson and I did berms throughout the Twp.
8/22/24: Greg and I cleaned the spreader box.
8/26/24: Greg and I finished berms.
8/28/24: Bill and I met Mr. Bowser and Mrs. Crum about their complaints.
8/29/24: I took loader to office to unload two fireproof filing cabinets and unpacked and placed the cabinets in the proper place!!! Videoed Whitaker and Centertown for Heavy Hauling permits.
8/30/24: I mowed the STP.
8/31/24: I picked up the truck.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$107,089
Sewer Fund:	\$74,548
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$138,407
Capital Reserve:	\$55,469
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$5,017</u>
Total:	\$380,530

Motion to accept the Financial Report and pay bills due through the next month by . Seconded by .

Motion to pay Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., invoice #856369 for GCA UPM Stock Patch for road repairs \$1,177.40 from Liquid Fuels Fund by . Seconded by .

Motion to pay bills: Second: All in favor, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,