

MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY
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724-735-2705

Regular Meeting - January 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman, J Bennett, Jr. **Members present:** W. Long; E. Treese; N. Ciochetto. **Visitors present:** None. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** **Motion** to accept the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes; December 18, 2023 Budget Meeting minutes; and the January 2, 2024 Organization Meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** none. **OLD BUSINESS:** **Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** No payments received. No request to connect. Will ask Solicitor if we can legally keep them from connecting until they reimburse us for our Legal and Engineering costs as they agreed. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (6):** Unchanged. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (16): Updated:** None sent for collection after 1/1/2024 invoicing. Fourteen (14) properties (11 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Two (2) are 3-4 months delinquent. One more than last month. **Property Liens (12):** Unchanged. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. **Sheriff Sale (3/3):** Unchanged: J. Green; S. Heller; R. McFeaters; & 3 V. Kennedy properties. V. Kennedy is paying. Still needs to pass inspection for 108. Solicitor to send him a 10-day compliance letter. **Grove City Lateral Inspection Program:** Supervisors have passed Resolution to adopt ordinance when finalized by Solicitor. The solicitor is preparing ordinance. **Grinder Pumps:** one out for repair. E. Treese to follow up. **GPS Locator:** E. Treese got a text from Beau at EADS. They were to forward info. to office. E. Treese will follow up. **Private Sewer: Pelletier property:** Letter and agreement was sent. G. Pelletier called J. Bennett, Jr. on Friday (1-12-24). Will come up and sign the document as soon as they can. **On-Lot Sewage Permits:** 1- A. Burnett. **Municipal Office: Building Permits:** None. **CEO:** W. Whetzel. J. Bennett, Jr. contacted him for a report. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** Reports that it's time to go to the next step. Was instructed to contact Solicitor. J. Bennett Jr. will follow up again. Need to investigate junkyard ordinances. **Peters/Combine property:** Nothing new. **Municipal Garage: New Dump Truck:** Update: delivery date est. May or June, 2024. Sales Manager will be our sales contact until they hire a salesman to help us. Will not have to pay until the truck is completed. Discussed changing our order for a fixed plow into a power angle plow. **Motion** to add power angle plow at \$3,124, bringing total to \$90,200 for total accessories package as per Bill Shaw, SEI. E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. Discussed selling old truck in the future and purchasing a new or used one-ton dump truck. SEI quote - 2024 truck, aluminum bed, aluminum wheels: \$130,000. **Salt/Antiskid: Motion** to apply for 2024-2025 salt contract at 80 tons of salt. W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** J. Bennett, Jr. called J. Yasment for an update. Jason would like to resign the position but is willing to stay on until we find someone. J. Bennett, Jr. will ask about Harrisville's EMC. **Shields Rd. Tree:** No update from Solicitor. **Fee Schedule:** Resolution #24-0115-1 – 2024 Fee schedule. **Motion** to adopt Resolution #24-0115-1 Fee Schedule: E. Treese. Second W. Long. All in favor. Motion carried. **NEW BUSINESS:** Tri-County sent correspondence requesting scheduling of 2024 Cleanup Day. **Motion** to set date for clean-up day as: May 18th, 2024: 7 am – Noon: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **OTHER BUSINESS:** none. **MEETING REPORTS: Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** (1-9-24) Commissioners gave a quick update: working to get prevailing wage limits raised to \$250,000/project. EMS program through BC3 will pay people to attend training and for books and education. Won't solve the crisis but is a step in the right direction. Also working on ways to get non-transport EMS calls reimbursed. Need municipalities to enact the 0.5 mill EMS tax. Cranberry Twp. recognized as 9th safest community in the USA. First safest in PA. Guest speakers from the EPA gave info. on Superfund sites - hazardous waste sites that have been addressed and managed for cleanup. Bruin Lagoon (Bruin Boro) and Hranica Landfill (Buffalo Twp.) Discussed safety of consuming animals from hunting and fishing. **ROAD REPORT:** 12/4/23: Met with Slippery Rock School personnel to determine where to place school bus stop sign. Worked code for truck problem, took truck to KW in Clintonville and picked up same that night. Placed the sewage maps in order and placed them in a larger binder. 12/6/23: Mixed load of antiskid, took pictures of tree on Shields Rd, cleaned windows on truck, went to J&L in Butler to pick up motor for salt spreader. 12/7/23: Pa1call and checked problem with grinder pump at 135 Shields Rd. 12/19/23: Plowed and salted TWP. 12/21/23: Took grinder pump to STP. 12/27/23: John and I checked on complaint on Station Rd, checked for flooding on White Oak Rd. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: \$81,364, Sewer Fund: \$58,860, Liquid Fuels Fund: \$69,535, Capital Reserve: \$124,255, Escrow Fund: \$3,517, Total: \$337,531. **Motion** to pay bills: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor. Motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:


Nikki L. Ciochetto

Township Secretary/Treasurer