


MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY
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Meeting Minutes - February 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. **Members present:** E. Treese, W. Long, N. Ciochetto, L. Giesler. **Visitors present:** Tracy Knox, resident. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** **Motion** to accept the January 15, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** T. Knox came to raise concern about the garbage and junk on Fish property. Supervisors gave update on the status. No recent response to John from our CEO. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Resent invoice to G. Quigley via email and USPS. He responded on 1-22-24 that he forwarded it to their accounting dept. Received a resolution request to approve adding Marion Township to the Pine-Harrisville Authority. **Motion** to sign **Resolution #24-0219-02** consenting to Marion Township joining the Pine-Harrisville Authority: E. Treese. Second W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. Received a phone call on 2-15-24 from a resident on Campground Rd. asking if he could connect to the sewage once Kozy Rest ties into the system. Answer: No, as this will be a private line owned by Kozy Rest before it is tied into the existing Mercer Township line. **Public Sewer - Incomplete connections/inspections (6): Unchanged. Delinquencies-Three or more months (13): Updated:** Three less than last month. **Property Liens (10): Updated:** K. Jones & R. Williams released. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. **Sheriff Sale (3/3): Unchanged:** V. Kennedy still needs to pass inspection for 108 Boyers Rd. Supervisors ask Solicitor to pursue this and progress with Sheriff sale. **Auto Pay:** 36 of 120 accounts (30%) are now set up on auto pay. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-14%; Severe-8%. **Grove City Lateral Inspection Program:** Supervisors have passed resolution to adopt ordinance when finalized by Solicitor. Solicitor has advertisement prepared. Ordinance should be ready for adoption in March. **Grinder Pumps:** Received invoice for the one out for repair. E. Treese will call Marvin for update on location of pump. **GPS Locator - Demo:** given on 1-30-24. The installation coordinates on our maps are not precise. This device sends accurate coordinates to EADS for map updates. Fee to purchase device + GPS connection fee. Not economical. Map App access fee is coming. Need access for 3 supervisors and office. **Schumacher Property (1358 E.C. Rd):** Plan to demo. existing house and rebuild. Current tap has been paid for. Will need to add additional taps for additional buildings. **Private Sewer - Pelletier property:** Pelletier's signed agreement. The escrow amount is \$1,000. They will bring a check for \$1,000 to the office on 1-23-24. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2024):** 2 - A. Burnett; T. McDougall. **Municipal Office: Audits:** 2023 audit completed on 1-24/25-24. Received progress & final bill and final report. Liquid Fuels audit completed on 1-29-24. **File Cabinets:** The office needs 2 additional fireproof file cabinets for the sewer files. **Motion** to purchase 2 file cabinets from the sewer fund: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **Building Permits (2024):** 2 - J. DiSanti; E. Meier. **Municipal Garage: New Dump Truck:** delivery date: May or June, 2024. **Salt/Antiskid:** 2024/2025 contract signed. **Columbia Gas:** Received letter on 2-3-24 informing us they will be inspecting our gas consumption at 152 Boomerang Rd. on 2-20-24. Will cancel gas service if no longer needed. **West Penn Power:** Received electric bill for 1-15-24 to 2-12-24 - Actual meter readings show 1,052 kwh used. This is higher than normal usage. Usage is correct. Old dusk to dawn light needs replaced with an LED light. W. Long will do it. **CEO: "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** Contact solicitor about updating and enforcing a junkyard ordinance. Will try to contact CEO to continue same path for now. **Peters/Combine property:** Looks better. Monitor for three months. **EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:** J. Yasment wishes to step down when we find a replacement. B. Grossman was contacted for replacement suggestions. J. Bennett will follow up. **Shields Rd. Tree:** Solicitor received a response from West Penn Power saying they will not remove the tree but was denied anything in writing. Will file a complaint with the PUC. Call to office from WPP on 2-14-24 states that Nick Graham at 141 Shields Rd. told WPP he **does not** want the tree removed and WPP again refused anything in writing. **Resolution #24-0219-1:** Disposition of Records following the Municipal Records manual approved on July 16, 1993. **Motion** to adopt Resolution #24-0219-1 Disposition of Records: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **NEW BUSINESS: Butler County COG:** Received letter asking us to join. Annual dues would be \$50 for our size Township. Not interested in joining. **Boozel Subdivision: Motion** to approve and sign the subdivision for K. Boozel once the Planning Commission approves on February 21st: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **Steele Subdivision: Motion** to sign PC approved subdivision plans: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Fell Twp. Board of Supervisors letter:** Received letter dated 1-18-24 regarding environmental impacts on abandoned mine lands affecting the entire state of PA. Supervisors request we reach out to PA representative and senators and voice opposition. **D. Reich Right-of-Way:** D. Reich wants to expand the right-of-way on his property and wanted to verify he was following Township standards and inspections. Will contact our engineers to provide the standards. **OTHER BUSINESS: Pine-Harrisville Authority:** Need to update our Representatives. **Motion** to appoint John Bennett, Jr., and Emil Treese as Mercer Township Representatives for 2024: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Update of Stormwater Forms:** Updated and added a Stormwater Form to better ascertain what properties are single-family dwellings. **MEETING REPORTS: Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** (2-6-24) Description about the Tax Collection Committee and an overview from Bill Leonard from Berkheimer Tax Innovations. **BCATO:** Spring Convention - May 16th; Safety Committee Conference - Oct. 9th. Butler Flagger training was mentioned if anyone needs to register or renew. COG is now under BCATO as a subcommittee. The funds will stay separate. There will be a Butler County booth at the State Convention. **ROAD REPORT:** 1/4/24: checked roads & put antiskid on. Also took load of antiskid to Harrisville. 1/5/24: mixed load of antiskid. 1/6/24: checked roads, plowed & salted. 1/8/24: greased loader and tightened bolts on fins. 1/9/24: plowed & salted. 1/10/24: Pa 1call-115 Baker Lane. 1/11/24: Mixed load of antiskid & cleaned the spreader up for cold temp. 1/12/24: received load of salt, removed the old salt from shed and stacked the new. Bill and John plowed and salted the Twp. 1/13/24: replaced stop sign at Browntown Rd. 1/14/24: Bill and I plowed and salted the Twp. I plowed drifts in the PM. 1/16/24: plowed and salted Twp. 1/18/24: mixed load of antiskid, fueled loader, took slips to office. 1/19/24: checked roads, plowed and salted. John checked roads in the PM. 1/21/24: checked roads, plowed drifts on Centertown and Harmony. 1/22/24: checked roads, salted the Twp. 1/30/24: John and I met with EADS and Eastcon about GPS locators. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$84,094; Sewer Fund - \$65,899; Liquid Fuels Fund - \$69,551; Capital Reserve - \$124,423; Escrow Fund - \$3,517; Total - \$347,484. **Motion** to pay bills: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 9:03 pm: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Giesler, Asst. Secretary

