

**AGENDA - SUPERVISORS MEETING, MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA -  
December 19, 2022**

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

Members present:

Visitors present:

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as printed: Second:

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Reminder that each person has **five minutes to speak.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:**

**Sewage:**

1. Incomplete connections/inspections (7): D. Brown #2; D. Frampton; M. Humes; V. Kennedy - 108 Boyers & 645 WMS; J. McFeaters; R. Williams.
2. Delinquencies: Sent to S. Gallagher after 12/1/2022 invoicing. Twelve (12) properties (10 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Five (5) are 3-4 months delinquent. Same total as last month.
3. Property Liens: D. Frampton\*; F. Carroll-Gillen; J. Green\*; S. Heller\*; M. Humes\*; V. Kennedy (3 properties); J. McFeaters; **H. Russell**; R. Williams.
4. Sheriff sale: J. Green and S. Heller are being pursued by the Solicitor. Will soon begin pursuing others.
5. D. Frampton and M. Humes properties were both sold at judicial sale on 12-2-2022. Received a call on 12-2-22 from Ron Cook (who purchased the Humes property) asking about renovation requirements. **Need to determine sewage tap-in fee and present him with this information.** Received a call from Kristi Schumacher who purchased D. Frampton property, 1358 Eau Claire Rd.
6. M. McAfoose (H2O) report:
7. D. Forensic report: No new connections/inspections.

**Resolution No. 22-1219-1:** Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-1219-1 to increase the millage from 6.6 to 7.1 to undertake for EMS funding by . Second by .

**Municipal Building:**

**Municipal Garage:**

1. Dump Truck -
2. Skid Steer -
3. New Loader -
4. Flail Mower -
5. Zero-Turn Mower -

**EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:** No report.

**Office:**

1. "For Love of the Lost"/S. Fish property: Contacted and awaiting report from CEO.
2. M. Peters/M. Combine property: 11-1-22 Citations issued were paid on 12-12-22 thru the Magistrate's office.
3. We received a check on 12-7-22 from the Commonwealth for our unclaimed property in the amount of \$108.00 for Shelby Casualty Insurance - uncashed checks.
4. URMS - Paving on Boyers Rd.: Submitted our information in September of 2022. They are now saying our account doesn't exist. They are working on fixing the issue.
5. Code Enforcement Officer updates and discussion.

**Browntown Road Railroad Bridge:** Bridge opened on 12-5-22.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** Secretary prepared an employee handbook for 2023 and going forward. Supervisors can review and provide any changes necessary.

**County Line Road Bond Release:** Road Master inspected County Line Rd. and found areas that need repaired before that bond is released. The EADS Group produced a letter with all pertinent information to Columbia Gas concerning this road bond.

**Shields Rd. Bond Release (gas well):** Reed Energy is requesting release of bond of \$17,500. Penn Energy sold gas well to GeoPetro in 2019. I explained to the company that the office has no copy of the bond. Her response was that most township/boroughs are saying the same thing. We would just need to send a letter releasing it. They were not planning to do anything to that gas well.

**Advertisement of 2023 Meetings:** **Motion** to advertise the meeting schedule for 2023 by . Second by .

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Update on Township Constable:** The Butler County Solicitor, through the Board of Elections, verified that the constable who was elected in a tie-breaker vote in 2019 never completed the necessary paperwork and bonding and is therefore not a valid constable. The position is currently vacant.

**Paper Citations:** Received a letter from the District Court of Butler Co. informing us that paper citations issued prior to January 2024 will need to be purchased if we continue to use paper citations. Talked with person in charge and explained that most citations come from the State Police. If we issue citations, we will need to do them on-line.

**MEETING REPORTS:**

**Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** 12-7-22: County budget is available. Down this year d/t lower tax income. No tax increases. Property values have improved. Butler Co. is the least funded using the 911 funding formula from the phone bill 911 surcharge. Trying to resolve this. Next Gen. 911 and GIS programs are in the works. Thanked the Townships who are increasing their millage for EMS. Recognized a 100 y/o veteran of WWII and Pearl Harbor survivor. BMH update - flu shot is "hit or miss" but still recommended. Flu and RSV are prevalent. COVID is not. Butler Transit Authority has 12 buses and 8 routes: 4 local 4 commuter (Pgh). Depot is on Hollywood Drive in Pullman Square. FCC has a Broadband Challenge that needs to be completed by individuals by 1-13-23 by going onto the internet to report that they don't have internet. County and Municipalities need to help with this to get more accurate results. Hoping to get school districts and libraries involved, too. Link provided: <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/8554187214107-Fabric-Challenge-Process>. ARPA funding and 2 grants were discussed.

**Reorganization Meeting Webinar:** Extremely clear and concise. Copy of reorganization meeting agenda is attached for review and changes.

**ROAD REPORT:**

11/1/22: Rick and I met with Cory Schaffer from PennDOT to measure the roads for next year's budget;  
11/2/22: I checked for the missing bridge sign on Browntown Rd. and ordered two bridge signs from SEI-Bill Shaw delivered;  
11/14/22: Marcie and I filmed County Line Rd;  
11/15/22: I replaced the bridge sign on Browntown Rd. and had the report sent to PennDOT;  
11/18/22: Rick and I put 57's around the parking lot, and put the battery tender on the boom mower;  
11/21/22: I worked on the battery tender and Marcie and I filmed Whitaker Rd. for bonding purpose;  
11/30/22: I met with Beau from EADS Group to measure and take pictures of the damage on County Line Rd.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Fund:	\$47,272
Sewer Fund:	\$51,842
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$20,572
Capital Reserve:	\$56,366
ARPA Fund:	\$52,759
Escrow Fund:	\$500

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn meeting at pm by: Second: