


MERCER TOWNSHIP
4629 WILLIAM FLYNN HWY.
HARRISVILLE, PA 16038
MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: R. Stuchal, E. Treese, N. Ciochetto, L. Giesler, J. Yasment. Visitors present: Jay Campbell, CEO and Bill Long. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the January 16, 2023 meeting minutes as printed by E. Treese. Second by R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** See Office: items 2 & 3. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Harrisville Borough signed agreement. H. Boro to give Mercer Twp. 40,000 gallons per day capacity. H. Boro solicitor was contacted and sent agreement for signing at their next meeting. Kozy Rest will set up next mtg, with S. Gallagher as representative. **Sewage: Delinquencies-Three or more months (21):** Increase from last month. **Property Liens (13):** D. Frampton*; F. Carroll-Gillen; J. Green*; S. Heller*; M. Humes*; V. Kennedy (3 properties); J. McFeaters; H. Russell; R. Williams. Added liens on D. Brown and K. Jones properties. **Judicial Sale (2):** Court hearing on 3/17/23. **Sheriff Sale (2):** Motion to execute the sheriff's sales on J. Green and S. Heller by J. Bennett, Jr. Second by R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **M. McAfoose:** Need to keep inventory of pumps. **D. Forensic report:** No new connections/inspections. Solicitor to send letter of notification to V. Kennedy to connect & inspect 645 W. Mercer St. Ext. and 108 Boyers Rd. **EADS Group:** 2022 Chapter 94 Tributary Report sent to GC Borough on 2-6-23. **New SEO / Municipal Code Assoc:** Dave Ice updated staff about On-Lot Sewage Permits. MCA continues to provide additional paperwork. **Municipal Building:** Holding tank pumped. Propane tank refilled. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** Nothing reported. **Office: 2023 Newsletter:** Currently updating the annual newsletter. Cost to print is approx. \$110. **“For Love of the Lost, Inc.”/Sutherland Rd. (Fish) property:** CEO reported updated photos with no obvious cleanup progress. Neighbor phoned complaint on 2-8-23. Has removed some items but is being repolluted. Intention is to gain compliance. Recommends citations as the next step. **4101 William Flynn (Peters/Combine) Property:** Solicitor suggests sending certified letters to all parties with timeframe and what to remove. Proceed with daily citations if unimproved. Looks the same from CEO. Paid past citation, now we begin to fine daily. **Motion** to move forward on both properties (For Love of the Lost, Inc./Fish and Combine/Peters properties) by E. Treese. Second by R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion** to give \$50 to CEO to attend a meeting by J. Bennett, Jr. Second by E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **PennDOT URMS –** No new updates. **Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** No update. **County Line Rd. Bond Release (Columbia Gas):** Secretary/Treasurer sent invoice as requested on 1-23-23. Nothing since then. **Shields Rd. Bond Release (gas well):** Update: Solicitor advises we release PennEnergy bond and have Big Dog Energy provide new road bond before work begins. Take current pictures of road. **Motion** to release PennEnergy bond by R. Stuchal. Second by E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **AED:** Pads expire in 2026. **Direct Deposit:** One payroll check sent 2-15-23 via direct deposit to test service. A \$1.75 fee charged for processing via QuickBooks. **139 Shields Rd. Property clean-up:** Paid in full, lien released 2-10-23 by SR Law, LLC. **NEW BUSINESS: Resolution #23-0220-1:** Resolution for disposition of records. **Motion** to adopt Resolution #23-0220-1 by E. Treese. Second by R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **Allegheny Mineral:** Township building was inspected 2-2-23. **Building Waiver: Motion** to sign waiver form for blasting within 300 feet w/stipulation they contact office staff prior to blasting by J. Bennett, Jr. Second by E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. Allegheny Mineral asking to use White Oak Rd. for fertilizer trucks. This will be approx. 2 trucks approx. twice a week. **Motion** to allow Allegheny Mineral use of White Oak Rd. for fertilizer trucks by J. Bennett, Jr. Second by R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **Marion Twp. Ambulance Service:** Marion Twp. VFC wants to begin ambulance service, looking for support. Marion Twp. voted it down. **Meeting Pay: Motion** to pay office staff hourly for all meetings by R. Stuchal. Second by E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Harrisville Community Day Ad: Motion** to pay ½ page B/W ad /\$35, & “In memory of Charles Long” /\$10 by J. Bennett, Jr. Second by E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Workers’ Comp. for HVFC: Motion** to pay WC insurance for 2021/2022 to Harrisville Borough by J. Bennett, Jr. Second by R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **Harrisville Borough Salt Order:** Mercer Township ordered a 23.31T load of road salt under our contract as requested by H. Borough Council & approved by our Road Master. **138 Shields Rd. tree:** Will check for ROW. **MEETING REPORTS: BCATO:** (2-2-23) L. Giesler attended. Increased the registration fee for Spring Convention which is May 18th at Butler CC. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (2-9-23) Virtual meeting via TEAMS with updates from Commissioners then Homeland Security. **Broadband Summit Meeting:** (2-16-23) Secretary/Treasurer attended. Begins at federal level. Want computers for everyone, training for everyone with affordable connectivity for everyone. Funding and grants available. Twp. asked to help identify needs. **ROAD REPORT:** 1/3/23 Reorg meeting. 1/4/23 Rick, John and I met w/SEI. 1/5/23 Mixed antiskid, changed blade on plow, fueled truck. 1/10/23 Took truck to get plow welded, greased loader, cleaned truck and loader. 1/11/23 Rick, John and I met w/Jacob from Hunters. 1/12/23 Trimmed tree on Whitaker Rd. 1/13/23 Rick and I did Pa1 call. 1/14/23 I checked roads, Rick, John and I met w/Doug Duncan. 1/18/23 Rick and I did a Pa1 call. 1/19/23 I removed telephone pole from Forestville Rd. 1/23/23 Plowed, salted Twp. 1/25/23 Rick plowed, salted. 1/26/23 I salted TWP, took antiskid to Harrisville, Rick and I worked on spreader. 1/30/23 Rick and I cleaned limb from Shields Rd. 1/31/23 I salted TWP, worked on shed. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$38,252, Sewer Fund - \$50,236, Liquid Fuels Fund - \$20,574, Capital Reserve - \$56,374, ARPA Fund - \$52,759, Escrow Fund - \$500 **Motion** to pay bills by R. Stuchal. Second by E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 9:40 pm by R. Stuchal: Second by E. Treese. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Giesler, Assist. Secretary