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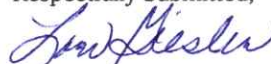
**MEETING MINUTES - April 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. **Members present:** E. Treese, R. Stuchal, L. Giesler, N. Ciochetto. **Visitors present:** Brad Levy, Butler Eagle, L. Hilliard, Resident. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion** to accept March 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting minutes and April 14<sup>th</sup> Bid Meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Brad Levy wants instruction on how to handle his questions. He can email the Chairman who will respond. **L. Hilliard** is concerned about 1401 WFH. Trailer with load of wood in front of residence is causing a visual safety hazard at the intersection. Boyers Rd. and Route 8 are State roads so she also contacted PennDOT. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Received notification of Kozy Rest Lessee, LLC applying for permit coverage from the DEP. Received letter from Solicitor regarding PUC jurisdiction. He is working with Marion Twp. Solicitor to make Kozy Rest a direct customer of Mercer Township to avoid PUC issues and is still in the negotiating stage. **Sewage: Incomplete connections/inspections (7):** No change. **Delinquencies:** 18 are 3+ months del. Solicitor is pursuing. **Property Liens (13):** Still the same. **Judicial Sale (2):** Frampton & Humes – Waiting for Butler Co. to process payoff. **Sheriff Sale (6):** J. Green, S. Heller, R&J McFeaters, (3) G. Kennedy properties are being pursued by the Solicitor. Any unconnected properties will be subject to the most recent tap fees. **M. McAfoose (H20) report:** John talked with Marvin about McDowell property trailer connection/grinder pump. Office will send a letter to the homeowners. Marvin will also contact phone provider to be able to reset the generator panel from his phone at the STP. **D. Ferensic report:** D. Riddle property inspection complete. **AutoPay set up form:** Has been updated to a Fillable File, available on our website to make signing up even easier. **New SEO / Municipal Code Assoc:** D. Duncan is at mercy of DEP and will set up training when DEP is available. **Dollar General holding tank:** An inspection was completed. **Pelletier property: Motion** to contact new SEO and have him notify the Pelletier's that the property needs inspected and they need to replenish the escrow fund: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **Municipal Office:** Paving projects advertisement needs to be completed earlier to meet newspaper deadlines. Supervisors plan to meet with PennDOT by March 1. **Municipal Garage:** Dump Truck – No change in price. Skid Loader – SEI cancelled the warranty work due to the colder weather. Will reschedule. A/C throws hot air. Also needs undercoated. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** Nothing new. **Office: 2023 Newsletter:** Mailed on 4/11/2023. **“For Love of the Lost”/Fish property:** Update: CEO met with Fish. Surveyed the property, took pictures, documented everything, reviewed sequence of events and gave a warning. Will talk with Twp. Solicitor to get everything ready to move forward. **Peters/Combine Property:** CEO will pursue property with notification from the Township. **Motion** to have CEO move forward on the Peters/Combine property: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **PennDOT URMS:** No updates. **Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** Asst. Secretary prepared an employee handbook for 2023 and beyond. Supervisors can review and provide any changes necessary. **Shields Rd. tree:** Tree is within Township's right of way. Electric Company was contacted. They evaluated and declared it unsafe. They will decide how to handle. **Cleanup Day:** B. Long will be asked to work at an hourly rate of \$15. **NEW BUSINESS: Bidding Documents:** Bids received - 2: Russell Standard: \$74,876.40. Youngblood Paving: \$74,714.10. **Motion** to accept Youngblood Paving as the approved bidder for 2023 Paving Project: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **West Penn Power:** Received a letter saying we registered an excess of 1,500 kWh for 2 consecutive months at the STP and are subject to demand billing. **Banking Limit:** Township has more than the current FDIC insurance limit in Mercer County State Bank. According to PSATS, the bank must pledge collateral against any monies that exceed FDIC insurance limit, as required by Sections 708 and 3204 of Second Class Township Code. Will speak to the bank manager and Solicitor to see how to proceed. **Allegheny Mineral:** Building inspection received. **White Oak Road closure:** Supervisors met with AMC on 4/12 at 4pm at Township building. Solicitor to advise. **RR overpass in Forestville:** Called Canadian National with our plans. They agreed. **OTHER BUSINESS: BCATO Spring Convention:** May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. Session begins at 9 am, usually complete by 2-3 pm. **Motion** that Lori and Nikki attend the convention: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Wolf Creek/Slippery Rock Creek COG:** Motion to pay \$100 for joining COG by E Treese. Seconded by R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **P/T Employees:** Don Snyder would like to be paid for traffic control for 3 hours on Boyers Road during the storm on 4-1-23. **Motion** to pay Don Snyder for the 3 hours for traffic control, but we will notify him that he must inform the Road Master prior to working for liability purposes: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **MEETING REPORTS: BCTCC:** (3-28-23) Was unable to connect. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** (4-6-23) Absentee ballot disbursement will begin 4/10/23, sample ballots available, have write-ins for open candidates. \$19.5M in infrastructure bank funds available. **ROAD REPORT:** 3/6/23 Rick and I did Pa 1 call in Forestville. 3/7/23 I checked roads. 3/8/23 Don Snyder and I replaced signs on Shields Rd and straightened signs in north part of TWP. 3/14/23 Plowed and salted TWP. 3/22/23 Met with Dan Kohler tree service about tree on Shields Rd. 3/23/23 Pa 1 call. 3/24/23 Rick, John and I met with Cory Shaffer of PennDOT for road bids and sidewalk on Rt 8. 3/30/23 I met with Roy Pfeffer about bus turn-around. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: \$62,940, Sewer Fund: \$47,037, Liquid Fuels Fund: \$95,546, Capital Reserve: \$56,383, ARPA Fund: \$52,759, Escrow Fund: \$3,517, Total: \$318,182. **Motion** to pay bills: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55 pm: R. Stuchal: Second: E. Treese. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Giesler, Asst. Sec./Treas.