

MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY
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Meeting Minutes: May 15, 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:** S. Gallagher, Solicitor; J. Kalp, EADS Group; Emily Wilson, resident. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All attendees. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** **Motion** to accept the April 17, 2023 meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Anfetouak/Giampaolo lot line revision presented by E. Wilson: Supervisors found no problems with the subdivision and signed. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Received a request from J. Kalp, EADS on behalf of Kozy Rest owners asking for the Township to allow Kozy Rest to begin work on-site to move forward with public sewage. S. Gallagher spoke with Marion Twp. Solicitor and the Marion Twp. board seem to be willing to do whatever this takes. Kozy Rest is currently under the jurisdiction of Marion Township until Marion changes their 537 Plan. Our solicitor sent a letter to GC Borough re: jurisdiction. Kozy Rest wants to begin construction on their gravity collection system to be functional next year. Disconnecting the leech fields and connecting to gravity system will happen later. KR will need to have Marion Twp. approve it and then sign a Hold Harmless Agreement. This construction will be at their own risk if anything were to fall through. Require three signatures, Mercer Twp., Marion Twp., and Harrisville Borough. **Motion** to authorize Solicitor to prepare an agreement with Marion Twp. and Kozy Rest for the on-lot collection system: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. Will need an independent engineer for testing and reports to eliminate a conflict of interest for EADS. Kozy Rest will be notified that we will be recouping the costs we are currently incurring. **Sewage: Incomplete connections/inspections (7):** No change. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (20):** Increase. **Property Liens (13):** No change. **Judicial Sale (2):** Frampton & Humes – Still waiting for the County to send the payoffs. **Sheriff Sale (6):** No change. **McDowell Property:** Letter sent. **New SEO/Old Municipal Code Assoc: Pelletier property:** Contacted new SEO to send letter about upcoming inspections, etc. He will send a letter and give the Township a copy. **Municipal Office:** Need to keep an eye on the retaining wall where the groundhog is digging. Outside trim around doors needs repainted. Could buy vinyl brick molding to replace what we have. Flags are looking worn. G. Ferguson mowed around the office several times. Will finish the month of May and Risch will take over in June. **Municipal Garage:** Dump Truck – Could be ready in December 2023. The old township building gas has been turned off for the summer months. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** Nothing to report. **Office: “For Love of the Lost”/Fish property:** Chairman contacted CEO for update, but he did not respond. **Peters/Combine Property:** Sent letter to CEO to move forward. **PennDOT URMS:** No new updates. **Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** Chairman reviewed the ordinance and asked the other supervisors to review as well. **Shields Rd. tree:** Waiting for the electric company to respond. **Cleanup Day:** (5-13-23) 51 residents delivered recycling. **Banking Limit:** Nikki spoke to Melissa, the Asst. Manager at the bank, and received a letter pledging full coverage of our total assets with the MCSB safekeeping agent, Federal Home Loan Bank. **Allegheny Mineral:** White Oak Road closure: The Supervisors had an executive meeting on April 26 with the Township Solicitor concerning this issue. Solicitor has a meeting with AMC Thursday, May 18th. **RR Overpass in Forestville:** Canadian National cleaned up the debris that has fallen onto the sidewalks from the crumbling bridge cement on May 4th. PennDOT will give us information when they get it. **NEW BUSINESS: Tractor Supply:** Please update your new cards. **MEETING REPORTS: PSATS Convention:** (April 23-26)- Lori & Nikki attended. Very informative. Attended several workshops. **BCATO:** Spring Convention is 5-18-23. Nikki & Lori to attend. No fall convention in 2023 and those currently in office will stay the same for another year. Note: There were more than 3700+ registrants for the PSATS convention in 2023. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** (5-4-23) Covid & flu rates are low, Butler Health System/Excelsa Health merger still moving forward. Update from the Election Bureau concerning defective and mail-in ballots, 40% of ballots are in. PennDOT update on state roads and bridges currently in process and those beginning this year. Update on Butler County parks and recreation. **ROAD REPORT:** 3/1/23 Rick and I moved trees off TWP roads. 3/4/23 Took plow and spinner off, Rick and I spread a load of 2a on a bus turnaround plus pushed back brush on Wick Rd. 3/11/23 Checked all roads for potholes and sign conditions. 3/18/23 Took grinder to STP, got truck washed, took snow markers down at office, took post to Rick for cutting. 3/20/23 Moved salt out of salt bin and waited on SEI to repair loader. 3/21/23 Went to SEI to pick up filters for loader. 3/25/23 John and I changed the filters on the loader and picked up posts at Rick's. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$106,976, Sewer Fund - \$48,333, Liquid Fuels Fund - \$95,554, Capital Reserve - \$56,388, ARPA Fund - \$52,759, Escrow Fund - \$3,517, Total - \$363,527 **Motion** to pay bills: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm: R. Stuchal. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Giesler, Assist. Sec./Treas.