


MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY
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Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. **Members present:** E. Treese, R. Stuchal, N. Ciochetto, L. Giesler. **Visitors present:** A. Bennett, B. Hesselgesser, E. and J. Tooley, N. and J. Wheeler, E. Klink, H. Powell. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** recited: **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** **Motion** to accept the June 19, 2023 meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** **Amy Bennett & Barb Hesselgesser** - here to observe. **Elizabeth & Joe Tooley** - trailer addition at 601 W. Mercer St. Ext. for handicapped mother. Scheduled to arrive next month. Will connect to the existing sewer system under a mother-in-law agreement. Will sign agreement and pay fee to get line inspected. Agreement is being written by the solicitor. If this trailer will be permanent, a separate connection will need to be made and all fees paid. **Nicole & Joseph Wheeler** - aggressive dog at 126 Shields Rd. Nicole was bitten by one of the four dogs. Dog warden is aware, Grove City ER contacted the Dept. of Health of Mercer County. Homeowner is responsible for keeping their dogs restrained. Owner did provide rabies certificate for dog. **Ed Klink** - lives next to 126 Shields Rd. Several neighbors have complained that the dogs leave their property and have killed their chickens. Township will send letter to resident. **Henry Powell** - If we are cleaning any ditches, he will take the dirt. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Meeting on 7-11-23 at Marion Twp. with staff of Kozy Rest; Mercer Twp. and Marion Twp. Supervisors; Mercer Twp. and Marion Twp. Solicitors, and engineer from EADS. Grove City will not allow Marion Twp. to be the customer of Mercer Twp. Must contract their own capacity and work through the different municipalities to move forward. Our Township wants a flow meter installed to monitor what comes from Kozy Rest/Marion Twp. Mercer Twp. will recoup the engineering and legal expenses from Kozy Rest. Our solicitor will follow. **Public Sewer: Delinquencies - Three or more months (20): Update:** **B. Laing** wants credit of \$42 per month for 16 months for a total of \$672 for one property since no one has lived there. Township wants delinquent balance paid in full. **Motion** to credit Bill Laing \$672 if he pays the remaining balance of his delinquency: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **Sheriff Sale (6): Update:** Six properties were filed on 6-27-23 at the courthouse. Butler Co. Sheriff delivered notices on 7-11-23 to: J. Green; S. Heller; R./J. McFeaters; & all 3 G. Kennedy properties. Kennedy's atty. contacted our solicitor to negotiate. **Sign NPDES 2023 Operator Report:** Signed by J. Bennett, Jr. Will make necessary changes & forward copy to EADS. **Private Sewer: Pelletier property:** Waiting to receive letter from SEO. **Municipal Office:** Received Act 13 funds of \$13,750. Will keep Act 13 monies in general fund. Outside trim around doors - Purchased at Lowe's. Will install. Groundhog - visual confirmations. Mowing: Risch mowed on 7-7-23. **Office:** For both Fish and Peters properties, we need a CEO. One turned down the offer and one has not answered to date. Solicitor is handling. **Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** Supervisors agree to move forward with advertising. **Township Alarm:** Emergency call order has been updated. Pete Treese will be primary contact. **Overtime:** Resolution to pay OT after 8 hrs. per day in addition to OT after 40 hrs. per week. Contact solicitor to obtain. **Allegheny Mineral:** No response to date from AMC regarding updated contract. **NEW BUSINESS:** Received a phone call requesting information regarding our solar panel requirements for both roof and ground mounting. Butler County is working to update this. We will follow their guidelines as we have no zoning. **MEETING REPORTS: COG meeting in GC** discussed adoption of the new GC ordinance to be in place by 8/1/2023 which requires Townships and Boroughs that are their customers to require residential sewage inspections prior to home resale. Our rules and regulations set this requirement to begin after year five, since our system is new. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** (7-6-23) Gave updates on the Spongy Moth, updated EMS and GIS mapping address policy, and building permit process. **ROAD REPORT:** 6/1/23 Mowed Browntown, Harmony, part of Centertown and Whitaker Rds. 6/2/23 Mowed Enterprise, southern White Oak, Frampton, Unity and Valley View Rds. Went for oil and grease. 6/5/23 Rick, Leroy and I did berms on Harmony Rd. Finished mowing Station, Forestville and Wick Rds. 6/6/23 Finished berms on Harmony Rd. Got load of 2a stone. Truck broke down - took to get repaired. 6/7/23 Took hoses to get made for truck. 6/8/23 Picked up hoses - took to Gahr's. Picked up truck and got load of 2a stone. 6/9/23 Rick, Leroy and I did berms on Shields Rd. 6/12/23 Worked on berms and did Pa1 call. 6/13/23 Rick, Leroy and I worked on berms. 6/14/23 John and I did a Pa1 call. Changed buckets on the loader. 6/15/23 Cold patched Harmony and Glacial Till Rds. 6/16/23 Rick and I did berms on Sutherland Rd. 6/19/23 Rick, Dave and I did berms on Enterprise & Countyline Rds. 6/20/23 Rick, Dave and I did berms on Whitaker, Centertown & part of Browntown Rds. 6/22/23 Rick, Dave and I did berms on Browntown Rd. 6/23/23 Stacked stone at Ricks place: pre-stocking. 6/26/23 Filmed Browntown Rd for bonding. 6/30/23 Mowed STP. Does not know when the tar and chip will be done. Youngblood is committed to the State for the next 6 weeks. Harvesting of wheat delayed project temporarily. Need to improve PA1 call notification on the weekends. Response times are cut short because the office is closed on Fridays. Will add Supervisors to the email notification list. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$104,151, Sewer Fund - \$44,804, Liquid Fuels Fund - \$93,636, Capital Reserve - \$70,163, ARPA Fund - \$52,759, Escrow Fund - \$3,517. Total - \$369,030. **Motion** to pay bills: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:35 pm: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Giesler, Assistant Sec./Treas.