


MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY
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Minutes: August 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. **Members present:** E. Treese, R. Stuchal, L. Giesler, N. Ciochetto. **Visitors present:** Bill Long-resident, Brad Lena-Butler Eagle. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** **Motion** to accept the July 17, 2023 meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** B. Lena reporting for the Butler Eagle. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Awaiting reimbursement for legal and engineering expenses. Solicitor following this. Kozy Rest and Marion Township have signed the updated Memorandum of Understanding. **Motion** to approve updated MOU and for John Bennett, Jr. to sign: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (7): Update:** D. Brown #2; D. Frampton to Schumacher; M. Humes to R&M Holdings '09, LLC; V. Kennedy – 108 Boyers & 645 WMS; McFeaters; R. Williams. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (16): Update:** sent to S. Gallagher after 8/1/2023 invoicing. Fourteen (14) properties (11 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. Two (2) are 3-4 months delinquent. Total is less than last month. **Property Liens (11): Update:** D. Brown; F. Carroll-Gillen; J. Green*; S. Heller*; K. Jones; V. Kennedy (3 properties)*; R/J. McFeaters*; H. Russell; R. Williams. **Judicial Sale (2): Update:** Frampton & Humes – We received payoffs for both accounts on 7-20-23. Liens have been released. New owners will have 6 months to properly connect and inspect to sewage system. Letters sent. **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. G. Kennedy's atty. contacted our Solicitor to negotiate a settlement. G. Kennedy has also contacted J. Bennett, Jr. G. Kennedy is appealing his R. E. tax assessment. S. Gallagher requested that he go to the hearing with Supervisors' approval to protect the Township's interest. **Motion** that we have S. Gallagher attend the G. Kennedy hearing: R. Stuchal. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **M. McAfoose (Book & Proch):** July invoice received. Staff to ask Marvin if he's replaced the McDowell pump in storage. **D. Forensic:** No inspections. **Tooley Agreement: Motion** to sign Tooley/Mercer Township agreement: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Private On-Lot Sewer: Pelletier property:** Received a copy of the letter sent to the Pelletier's and are awaiting a response. If no response, how do we proceed? Give 30 days, if no response we will turn it over to the solicitor. **Sewage Permits:** 5 permits this year – 1 for DeSanti - Dave Ice will be here Wed. at 1:30 pm with plans for this property, 4 for Reich. **Municipal Office:** Outside trim around doors – Purchased at Lowe's. Groundhog – visual confirmations continue. Mowing – Risch mowed this past weekend. Building Permits: 8 permits this year – 3 wrecking, 1 deck, 2 additions, 1 mobile home, 1 garage. **Overtime:** Resolution to pay OT after 8 hrs. per day in addition to OT after 40 hrs. per week. Solicitor advises: to change the overtime hours and the setting of the standard for OT is within the category of wages for Supervisors as employees which is set by the auditors. R. Stuchal will clarify with S. Gallagher. **PSATS UC Group Trust Election of Trustees:** Two candidates: Jack Hines and Marvin Meteer. May vote for 2. **Motion** to vote for Jack Hines and Marvin Meteer: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **K. & K. Jones Property:** Sent certified and regular mail letter to K. & K. Jones concerning their dogs. **Municipal Garage:** Dump Truck – Est. delivery – December 2023. J. Bennett, Jr. is completing a grant for possible funds to pay for the truck. Not open until Sept. 1st. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** Nothing new to date. There are several damaged telephone poles on Harmony Rd. One at RR is sheared off. One across from C. Stuchal. J. Bennett, Jr. will reach out to J. Yasment and will get pole numbers to pursue repair/replacement. **Office: New CEO:** J. Bennett, Jr. talked with S. Gallagher about a possible CEO. He is not interested. J. Campbell recommended Marc Kohan and Marc will talk with J. Campbell about specifics and get back to J. Bennett, Jr. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property/Peters/Combine property:** No Action to date. No improvement at either property. **Glacial Till Rd:** A vacant property is now becoming a dumping ground. **Allegheny Mineral:** Still no response to contract renegotiation, verified by solicitor. **NEW BUSINESS: CDL PROGRAM:** Looked into drug/alcohol testing for CDL drivers. PSATS has a CDL Program for guidance and help. \$150.00 for initial enrollment and \$100.00 yearly renewal fee, plus the testing. **Motion** to apply for PSATS CDL program: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Purchased and erected traffic sign "Reduced Speed Ahead 35 MPH" as requested by Harrisville Borough Police Chief to be placed on southbound Route 8, just north of Centertown Road and the Borough line. **MEETING REPORTS: GC COG meeting:** (8-16-23) J. Bennett, Jr. attended. Each township reported on their road projects. Was asked about Kozy Rest Campground and reported it still is in negotiations. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** (8-3-23) BCCC did an update on how they are working with the County on several issues – mainly EMT Program. Gave an update on broadband initiative, talked about Recompete initiative, and update to the BC SALDO. **ROAD REPORT:** 7/5/23-John and I did ditches on north side of Unity Rd. 7/10/23-I did cold patch on Unity Rd., Centertown Rd. and Station Rd. 7/11/23-John and I attended meeting with Kozy Rest. 7/14/23-Rick and I did Pa1call. 7/17/23-Rick and I did Pa1call. 7/18/23-I put spinner on and got a load of 9s. 7/19/23-I spread 9s on the berms of Shields Rd. 7/20/23-I mowed for Harrisville Boro and spread additional 9s at Nick Graham's. 7/21/23-Don and I worked on sprayer. 7/23/23-I was called by security company-had low battery in the sensor in the office. Had to go to Grove City for new battery, extra battery in office desk. 7/24/23-Don and I sprayed the TWP and STP. 7/25/23-Rick and I changed blades on boom mower. I mowed STP, filmed Harmony Rd. and checked Sutherland Rd. for release of bond. Patched holes. 7/26/23-I spread 9s on Whitaker Rd. and got a load of 9s and spread on Browntown Rd. **Washout** between Martha and Charlie Hemmerlins. Ditch needs cleaned out. Tar & Chipping Project: **Youngblood Paving** sent invoice and final project paperwork to be signed. E. Treese sign this and payment will be sent. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$59,558, Sewer Fund - \$55,412, Liquid Fuels Fund - \$93,657, Capital Reserve - \$123,486, ARPA Fund - \$52,759, Escrow Fund - \$3,517, Total - \$388,389. **Motion** to pay Allegheny Mineral Corp. for limestone used for roads from the Liquid Fuels Fund: R. Stuchal. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion** to pay Youngblood Paving \$52,758.98 from the ARPA Fund to deplete the fund and the remaining balance of \$23,894.47 from the Liquid Fuels Fund: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion** to pay all other bills: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm: R. Stuchal. Second: E. Treese. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Giesler, Assistant Sec./Treas.