

MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY

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REGULAR MEETING: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman, R. Stuchal. Members present: P. Treese, W. Walowen and Secretary L. Giesler. Visitors present: Dave Neill, EADs Group, Inc.

MINUTES REPORT: Motion to accept the February minutes as printed by R. Stuchal. Seconded by P. Treese. All in favor, motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: 537 plan: David Neill from The Eads Group, Inc. came to talk about tap-in fees. Both Harrisville Borough and Grove City Borough have a tap-in fee, a total of \$4,600 together. Motion to set the tap-in fee at \$1,500 across the township was made by W. Walowen. Seconded by P. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. How to charge: Want to set up a district for Harrisville and for Forestville. Daily operating costs at GC/Harrisville will be tremendously higher than Forestville.

OLD BUSINESS: New Building: Status quo on that until we get dirt moved. **Tree Bidding:** Received 4 bids. Motion to accept the bid from ALM Industries – Tree Pros from Saxonburg on contingency that we receive his required bond, and insurance certificates and 2 work references was made by R. Stuchal. Seconded by W. Walowen. All in favor, motion carried. **The EADs Group, Inc.:** Met with Brian Sekula on February 10th. Brought up concerns and problems with several issues. All emails will be copied to him from now on. Once 537 plan is approved and returned from the DEP will apply NPDES permits to begin construction – 6 months range with a public information meeting. Then design and water quality permits, wetland discovery work to do. May have another information meeting. Apply to PennVEST for grant/loan money. By end of year to early 2017 have permits approved and design and cost approved. Before construction have another informational meeting. Late spring/early summer of 2017 receive ½ of money from EADs. This money thrown into the billing process. **Received call from Matt Sutton** who is interested in purchasing remaining property under Morgante/Tonelli and gave him info to call others concerning location of sewage treatment plant and where it would be located and the possible smell. **Culvert at Sutherland Road:** Will need some type of drop box- material to keep it from eroding could be pricey. \$1,900 could be the final price. Should clean out the ditches to keep the water from running across the road.

NEW BUSINESS: Lights at railroad crossing: Motion to sign PennDOT's agreement to update the railroad lights at Harmony Road by W. Walowen. Seconded by P. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Markosky Engineering Group, Inc:** Changing the bridge and getting their permits in order. Secretary will call them to verify the information and necessary signatures.

OTHER BUSINESS: Need to order another load of salt to fulfill our contract. Will order now. Do not need any salt until January of 2017. Will need to modify contract.

MEETING REPORTS: Harrisville Borough meeting: Received copies of signed contract. **Pine/Harrisville Sewage Meeting:** Reorganization meeting. George and Becky Elliott resigned from Supervisor and Treasurer respectfully. Talked with George to remain as Pine Twp. delegate. No treasurer for contract for the audit. Have to spend \$2,000 to do audit on the one-sheet of expenses and revenue. George took temporary Treasurer. Russ Dunlap took vice chairman and left assistant secretary/treasurer. Need to join GC/Wolf Creek COG and get the info there. Will keep eye on the funds and see how we do before we go to the bank.

ROAD REPORT: Truck went out total 10 times this month, mixed two loads of antiskid. 2-9-16 - Rick and I met with Brian from Eads, Re : discussed improving communication between us on past Twp projects, referring to Dollar General, purchase of property from Tonelli for sewage treatment plant .Requested more attention be given to communication as we get more involved with 537 plan. 2-16-16 Blew hydraulic line in dump truck Rick and Cory's helper repaired. 2-22-16. Rick and I met with John Bowser and Rick Stouffer Re: washed out driveway ditches, caused by sudden snow melt. Problem was discovered west of them on Sutherland rd, old steel15 in culvert was installed years ago and someone had tried to reduce size to 6in and cover at discharge end. Recommended to property owners that we would replace new culvert and extend it approx 60 ft and create a new swale to existing existing ditch when weather permits. 2-23-16 Rick Pete and I regraded ditch at 90 deg bend on Sutherland rd.

FINANCIAL REPORT: General - \$37,434 State - \$143,874 Cap. Res. - \$11,575

Motion to pay bills and transfer \$10,000 from general savings to general checking by P. Treese. Seconded by W. Walowen. R Stuchal abstained. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting by 9:30 by P. Treese. Seconded by R. Stuchal. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Giesler, Township Secretary