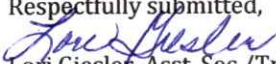


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MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 19, 2023

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:** B. Long. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** **Motion** to accept the May 15, 2023 meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Solicitor sent Memorandum of Understanding to be reviewed and signed by Kozy Rest, Marion Twp. and Mercer Twp. J. Bennett, Jr. communicated with our solicitor. Marion Twp. has concerns about Kozy Rest beginning construction now. Solicitor will meet with Marion Twp's solicitor to resolve. Spreadsheet of legal consult and engineering fees charged to Twp. prepared for reimbursement from Kozy Rest after Memo of Understanding is signed. **Public Sewer: Delinquencies- Three or more months (20):** Update: sent to S. Gallagher after 6/1/2023 invoicing. Seventeen (17) properties (14 owners) currently delinquent by 5+months. Three (3) are 3-4 months delinquent. Total is unchanged from last month. **Judicial Sale (2):** Update: Frampton & Humes - Amended Orders for increased payoff amounts signed by judge on 5-25-23. **Sheriff Sale (6):** Update: sent update to Solicitor 6/1/23. J. Green; S. Heller; R./J. McFeaters; & all 3 G. Kennedy properties are being prepared by the Solicitor. J. Bennett, Jr. signed necessary paperwork to move forward with Sheriff's Sales. **M. McAfoose (H20):** requested his invoice for March & April last month. **Sewer Lateral Inspection/Testing Policy:** COG meeting: Grove City is making changes that are already in our rules and regulations. We will oversee having the realtor agent inform new home buyers that a passable pressure test is necessary before purchase. **Private Sewer: Pelletier property:** Still waiting to receive letter from SEO. **Municipal Office:** Outside trim around doors - Will be done. Mowing - Risch mowed today and it looks good. **Municipal Garage - Dump Truck - Est. delivery - Dec. 2023.** J. Bennett, Jr. talked with a leasing agent to get other information about interest rates. **EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:** Nothing new. **Office: "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** Received apology letter from Jay Campbell saying he can no longer be our Code Enforcement Officer. **Motion** to appoint the person recommended by our solicitor as our new CEO. E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. J. Bennett, Jr. called J. Bowser to let him know where the situation stands. **Peters/Combine Property:** Same as Fish Property. **PennDOT URMS:** Has been completed. **Ordinance #79 - Employee Handbook:** Supervisors will review and provide any changes necessary before proceeding. R. Stuchal doesn't want the additional expense. **Motion** to advertise the employee handbook when review completed by E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **Shields Rd. tree:** Elec. Co. declared it unsafe, awaiting their next move. P. Treese will follow up. **Election Day:** (5-16-23) 137 of 735 registered voters cast ballots in person. 21 cast mail in ballots and 1 was provisional. Mercer Twp. voter turnout was 21.63%. Results (including write in WINNERS) can be found on the Butler Co. website. **Building Permit Signs:** Due to the frequent changes in property owners we need to add "Building Permits Required" signs at NSEW entrances to the Township. Supervisors suggested we save money by not buying signs and just add the info. to the newsletter next year. **Township Alarm:** Change emergency call order. Asst. Sec/Treas. will follow up with Guardian Protection. **Overtime:** Decision needs to be made on OT pay. **Motion** to create a resolution to pay overtime after 8 hours worked in a day: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **Allegheny Mineral:** White Oak Road closure: Solicitor had a telephone meeting with AMC on Thursday, May 18th regarding an extension. Still awaiting response. Seismograph was installed on 6-13-23 to monitor the blasting effects on the Twp. Bldg. **RR Overpass in Forestville:** Supervisors wish to remove rebar and sidewalks. Working with Canadian National and PennDOT to coordinate work. No contact from anyone. **NEW BUSINESS: S. Hinton Property:** Would like to know if he can attach to the existing lateral instead of going all the way to Route 58. No. J. Bennett, Jr. did an estimate for him to tie into the main connection. Cost could be \$18,000 to \$20,000. He may be outside the service area. We will check with the engineer. May need to create a module. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Received an FYI letter from Mercer County State Bank notifying us that they will no longer be monitoring our accounts for multiple signatures on checks and that we are solely responsible for doing so. **MEETING REPORTS: BCATO:** (5-18-23) Spring Convention went well. Speakers from BC Conservation Dist.; PSATS; Audubon Soc. Of WP; BC Sheriff; Butler Farmland Pres.; State Sen. Scott Hutchinson; and State Rep. Aaron Bernstein. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Meeting:** (6-8-23) Armstrong rep. discussed Broadband grants and funding. They are working through all the confusion and requirements to make this happen in Butler Co. Discussed multiple events around Butler County scheduled for this summer. Butler Health System has now been officially named Independence Health System after their merger with Excelsa Health. **ROAD REPORT:** 5/8/23 Don Snyder and I repaired the salt shed. 5/9/23 Mowed the STP, changed oil in mower, and got gas for the mower. 5/13/23 Clean Up day - Leroy, Bill, Dave, Don, John & Pete were present. 5/15/23 Sprayed around the STP. 5/18/23 PA1 call. 5/22/23 Rick, Leroy and I started to grade berms on Harmony Rd. Truck broke down. Talk to KW, they took line off, I picked it up and got one made. 5/23/23 Took hose to KW, then mowed the STP with both mowers, also mowed the bank at the office, got loader washed, picked up truck. 5/24/23 Took loader to get rustproofed. 5/30/23 Mowed Shields Rd, Harmony Rd, Glacial Till Rd; put up new flags; went to Pine-Harrisville Authority Meeting - not enough people were there to conduct a meeting - rescheduled for June 13. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$117,891, Sewer Fund - \$48,043, Liquid Fuels Fund - \$95,576, Capital Reserve - \$56,400, ARPA Fund - \$52,759, Escrow Fund - \$3,517, Total - \$374,186. **Motion** to pay bills: E. Treese. Second: R. Stuchal. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:55 pm. E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Giesler, Asst. Sec./Treas.