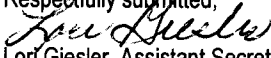


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Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. **Members present:** E. Treese, B. Long, N. Ciochetto, L. Giesler. **Visitors:** M. Snyder & J. Kolbe, AMC, G. Quigley, Kozy Rest. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** **Motion** to accept the August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** See "OLD BUSINESS: Allegheny Mineral Corp./White Oak Road Closure". G. Quigley offered help if needed with expediting the Kozy Rest project. **Supervisors** went into executive session at 7:17 pm. to discuss the Allegheny Mineral Corp. amendment to the contract. **Adjourned** from executive session at 7:45 pm. Solicitor will send an updated proposal to AMC. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Agreement is almost finalized. Solicitor and Engineering firm continue to assist. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5). Delinquencies-Three or more months (11). Property Liens (9):** Updated: D. Brown (debt/connect); F. Carroll-Gillen (debt); S. Heller (debt); V. Kennedy (3 properties) (debt); R/J. McFeaters (connect/debt); G. Mullett (debt); H. Russell (debt). Letters sent from Solicitor warning of Sheriff sale: Brown & Carroll-Gillen. Mullett made auto-pay arrangements. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. Waiting for final tax return to be filed. House still being lived in. **Sheriff Sale (5):** Updated: S. Heller; R/J. McFeaters; & 3 V. Kennedy properties. Kennedy: Solicitor to inform his attorney we will be continuing Sheriff sale proceedings for non-compliance with the agreement if not paid in full by Sept. Heller: Scheduled for Nov. McFeaters: Not sold at Upset Sale on 9-9-24. Will be up for Judicial Sale. **Auto Pay:** 41 of 120 accounts (34%). **Delinquency Rate:** Total-12.5%; Severe-8%. **Emergency Generator:** Nothing new. **Concrete Piers:** Marvin will replace the concrete stanchions in the sewer bed when it is cooler. **Sludge Removal:** Marvin will schedule in about 6 weeks. **EADS GIS:** Will purchase the GIS access. **Private Sewer: On-Lot Sewage Permits (2024): (5) Municipal Office: Building Permits (2024): (14) Municipal Garage: New Dump Truck:** Delivery expected in Oct. Delay on aluminum bed. Hunter Truck Sales was paid \$133,836.00 for the chassis in Aug. **Flagger Training:** G. Ferguson to complete. **CEO: "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** Solicitor filed with magistrate. Supervisors have driven by & saw the yard was full of junk cars again. New hearing scheduled for 10-1-24 at 10 am. **EMCWeather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** Unable to attend BCATO Safety mtg. **Shields Rd. Tree:** Pete spoke with Dakota-West Penn Power. They are meeting Wed. and will schedule tree cutting and will contact Pete. **Twp. Constable:** Went to Election training. **EMS QRS Agencies:** No update. **Holding Tanks in Township:** New agreements will be sent out to be signed & recorded with the Butler Co. Recorder of Deeds. **Allegheny Mineral Corp./White Oak Road Closure:** Supervisors will discuss the points presented & will come to a decision. **NEW BUSINESS: 139 Shields Rd:** N. Graham (141 Shields Rd.) is asking if it's possible to have the abandoned & deteriorating house beside/behind him at 139 Shields Rd. removed. E. Treese suggests we ask the Solicitor. W. Long will contact Solicitor. **200 Shields Rd:** D. Crum asked the Twp. to look at plugged drains in her yard that caused ponding. Supervisors will modify Twp's culvert. **157 Sutherland Rd:** J. Bowser reported berm washout along his property. Supervisors repaired. **OTHER BUSINESS: Auditors:** McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP have provided their service letter for the 2024 audit not to exceed \$7,000. **Motion** to have McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP perform the 2024 audit of the 5 Township accounts at a cost not to exceed \$7,000: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust:** 2024 Ballot for Election of Trustees – vote to fill 2 vacancies on Board of Trustees for 1-1-25 to 12-31-27 term. **Motion** to vote for both candidates to fill the 2 Board of Trustee vacancies: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: Mercer Co. COG:** (9/18/24) John to attend. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtgs: (8-28-24)** K. Geyer & L. Osche gave county updates. There was discussion on grant writing & farm preservation, upcoming Municipal Training classes & America 250 resolutions. **(9-10-24)** L. Osche & K. Geyer gave county updates: reminder of the free training classes upcoming; need to collaborate with municipalities to find a more permanent solution to the EMS crisis; working with SRU for an animal diagnostic/testing lab built here. N. Milano spoke from the Audubon Society & shared upcoming events; M. Gordon discussed the BC3 training sessions; grant writing workshop, Person First Language for First Responders & Veteran Response Board Training courses offered this fall. **PA1 Call Safety Day Conference:** (9-19-24) John to attend. **Butler Co. Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC):** (9-24-24) Nikki to attend. **Municipal Grant Writing Workshop:** (9-30-24) Nikki to attend virtually. **Butler Co. Local Government Officials Course:** Free classes held at BC3 with breakfast & lunch provided. Three sessions: **9-28-24,** 8:30 am – 2 pm (Finance & Governance); **10-12-24,** 8:30 am – 2 pm (Powers & Duties); **10-19-24,** 8:30 am – 1 pm (Infrastructure & Public Safety). **BCATO:** Mtg. on 9/5/24 to prepare for Safety Seminar on Wed. **10/9/24 @ Herman Fire Hall** at 8 am. Cost: \$20 per person. **Motion** to pay \$20 per person to send Lori & Nikki to the Safety Seminar: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. There is a Butler Co. COG quarterly round table on 10/24/24 from 2-3:30 pm at the Penn Twp. municipal bldg. **ROAD REPORT:** 8/1/24 - Mowed Centertown, Whitaker, Enterprise, Sutherland, White Oak, County Line, Frampton, Unity & Valley View Rds. 8/2/24 - Worked with SEI tech on loader. 8/3/24 - Cleaned grate at Wille's Smoke House & checked other grates in Twp. 8/5/24 - Greg Ferguson, Brian Risch & I cleaned ditches on Browntown, Station, Prairie St. 8/6/24 - Replaced mailbox on Browntown, greased & fueled boom mower, mowed Forestville & Wick Rds. Part of Station Rd marked for Pa1 call. 8/7/24 - Loaded our loader for transport to SEI. 8/8/24 - Finished mowing Station Rd. & mowed STP. 8/9/24 - Warren, John & I met Sean (virtual). John & I met at AMC about water run-off. 8/14/24 - Bill, Sean & I attended hearing in Slippery Rock. 8/15/24 - Brian Risch & I finished the ditch on Browntown with gas company on site. Fueled the truck & got an appt to get it inspected. 8/16/24 - Loader was returned from SEI. 8/20/24 - Bill & I met with Nick Graham. - 8/21/24 - Greg Ferguson & I did berms throughout the Twp. 8/22/24 - Greg & I cleaned the spreader box. 8/26/24: Greg & I finished berms. 8/28/24 - Bill & I met Mr. Bowser & Mrs. Crum about their complaints. 8/29/24 - Took loader to office to unload two fireproof filing cabinets & unpacked & placed the cabinets in the proper place! Videoed Whitaker & Centertown for Heavy Hauling permits. 8/30/24 - Mowed the STP. 8/31/24 - Picked up the truck. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$107,089, Sewer Fund - \$74,548, Liquid Fuels Fund - \$138,407, Capital Reserve - \$55,469, Escrow Fund - \$5,017. Total - \$380,530. **Motion** to accept the Financial Report & pay bills due through the next month: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion** to pay Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., invoice #856369 for GCA UPM Stock Patch for road repairs \$1,177.40 from Liquid Fuels Fund: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion to pay bills** covered in motion to accept the financial report above. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Lori Giesler, Assistant Secretary