

**MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY**  
4629 WILLIAM FLYNN HWY, PO BOX 380, HARRISVILLE, PA 16038  
**MEETING MINUTES – January 20, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by John Bennett, Jr. Members present: W. Long; E. Treese; N. Ciochetto. Visitors: T. Hogue (resident); M. McFeely (Nextier Bank); W. Pitts (Butler Eagle). **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular & Budget Meeting minutes & the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Organization Meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** T. Hogue – Thanked Supervisors for not plowing his driveway shut. Asked to have his yard fixed in the spring where it was damaged by the plow. Asked again for more speed humps to be placed on Station Rd. to slow down speeders & NOT to close the road. Stated that he is done complaining. Supervisors will check with our engineers on speed hump placement regulations. M. McFeely – provided info. for Nextier Bank services they would like to provide. Locations in Slippery Rock & Grove City. Offer competitive rates on liquid assets. W. Pitts – Butler Eagle. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Received signed agreement with Marion Twp. & Kozy Rest. Invoiced Kozy Rest for 2024 expenses. Correspondence continues with the EADS engineer as planning & implementation proceeds. Responded to the question about the flow meter location after Dec. mtg.: Keep at Twp. line. They have again requested the flow meter to be placed at Kozy Rest & would like us to reconsider. We will use Mr. Goncz at Gannett Fleming as our third-party Engineer. J. Bennett, Jr. spoke to Mr. Goncz about this, who agrees the flow meter at the Twp. line is recommended. Supervisors discussed this & continue to agree to have a flow meter at the Twp. line. Secretary to respond. Letters were mailed to residents informing them of the work to be done. J. Bennett Jr. attended the PA1 Call project mtg. on 1-9-25. Project will begin by Ray Rd. on Kozy Rest property & continue through the campground, then to Campground Rd. in Marion Twp., continuing in Mercer Twp. to connect to the end of current public sewage line. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5). Delinquencies-Three or more months (9). Property Liens (10). Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. **Sheriff Sale (5). Auto Pay:** 46 of 120 accounts (38%). **Delinquency Rate:** Total-8%; Severe-6.7%. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:** Supervisors are to review documents & provide edits. **Grinder Pumps:** Marvin will check on one sent for repair. **Concrete Stanchions:** Marvin will address in the spring. J. Bennett Jr. will contact our engineer to see if there's a different product we can use. **Private Sewer: On-Lot Sewage Permits (2025):** Metzler (12-24-24). **Holding Tanks:** Waiting for 3 agreements to be recorded & returned. Will send letters to residents asking for updates on their progress. **Alternate SEO:** Supervisors received email in Jan. after Org. Mtg. Will consider for future use. **Municipal Office: Building Permits (2025):** 0. **Municipal Garage:** New Truck: working well now. Decals will be put on in warmer weather. Salt/Antiskid: Have received 3 loads of salt. Can order 40 ton more under our contract. Delivered 1 load to Harrisville, & will deliver another on Tues. **"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** In Litigation. Solicitor is working on agreement. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** Wishes to attend the PSATS conference. Responded to resident report to Twp. of vehicle accident on Shields Rd on 1-15-24. 911 had not been notified, nor had Harrisville VFC. Found an abandoned older model pick-up truck in the ditch & tow truck was in process of removing it. **EMS QRS Agencies:** Butler Co. 911 center has requested that municipalities designate a licensed agency to help respond to medical calls in our area. Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. **Allegheny Mineral Corp./White Oak Road Closure:** Get update from Solicitor. **Station Road:** See "Business From The Floor". **NEW BUSINESS: Road Salt Contract (2025-2026):** Motion to sign contract to order 100 tons of salt for the upcoming season: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **Clean Up Day 2025:** Received email from Tri County to schedule. Rates: \$700 hauling; \$85/ton disposal; \$50 fuel surcharge. Motion to schedule Clean-Up Day for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 7 am – Noon at the municipal garage at 152 Boomerang Rd: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **OTHER BUSINESS: Harrisville VFC:** Solicitor provided a letter to First National Bank in Slippery Rock to verify tax-exempt status for the new tanker truck loan. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: Grant Writing Mtg:** (1-6-25) C. Shaffer from PennDOT met with Supervisors to discuss 3 types of grants available. Will need assistance from local reps. Looking to obtain a grant to purchase a new boom mower. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (1-10-25) Armstrong provided discussion on Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD). Sheriff Mike Slupe detailed duties of the office. Discussed CIT – Crisis Intervention Team. T. Sawl discussed the VRT – Veteran's Response Team, which is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> one currently active in PA. **Pine-Harrisville Authority:** (1-14-25) J. Bennett, Jr. attended. Harrisville Boro is applying for a grant to rebuild two sewage pump stations. Would like it to go through the Authority. Total cost for both is approx. 2 million dollars. Mercer Twp. has an agreement to pay 10% of costs for the one pump station on W. Mercer St. The grant would cover our portion as well. We would have to cover 10% of the loan. Also discussed Marion Twp's involvement with this project & the Authority. **Mercer Co. COG:** (1-15-25) J. Bennett, Jr. attended. Reports from Mercer Twp; Grove City Boro; Liberty Twp; Harrisville Boro-All audits & finances are caught up; Pine Twp-Denied solar farm on Diamond Rd; Slippery Rock Boro-Nextier Bank looking to build at site of old First National Bank. **PSATS Conference:** (May 4-7, 2025) W. Long & B. Grossman wish to attend. Motion to reimburse conference registration fees & travel expenses for W. Long & B. Grossman to attend the PSATS Annual Conference in Hershey, PA: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **ROAD REPORT:** 12/2/24-Salted Twp. 12/3/24-Checked roads; Bill & I put plow on truck. 12/5/24-Plowed & salted Twp. in the AM; Plowed drifts in the PM. 12/6/24-Plowed & salted Twp.; called for sand; John mixed. 12/9/24-Unloaded truck; cleaned & greased auger; put battery tender on boom mower. 12/11/24-John & I did Pa1Call; moved equipt. from new shed to old shed. 12/12/24-Checked roads. 12/23/24-Mixed antiskid & greased the loader. 12/24/24-Plowed & salted Twp. 12/26/24-John & I took plow off truck & took to Hunters for repair. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General-\$44,985; Sewer-\$69,017; Liquid Fuels-\$87,335; Capital Reserve-\$75,674; Escrow-\$5,017; Total-\$282,028. Motion to accept the Financial Report & pay bills due through the next month: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to pay all invoices from Compass Minerals for purchase of road salt and Kellogg Trucking for purchase of antiskid from the **Liquid Fuels Fund:** W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:01 pm: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Nikki Ciochetto – Secretary/Treasurer

