

Mercer Township, Butler County
4629 William Flynn Hwy, PO Box 380, Harrisville, PA 16038
MEETING MINUTES – January 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. **Members present:** John Bennett, Jr.; William Long; Emil Treese; Nikki Ciochetto; Holly Tissue-Thompson. **Visitors:** None. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** **Motion** to accept the December 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion** to accept the December 15, 2025 Budget Meeting Minutes as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion** to accept the January 5, 2026 Organization Meeting Minutes as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **OLD BUSINESS: Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Will invoice Kozy Rest for any expenses. EADS reported that GIS mapping has been updated. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5). Delinquencies-Three or more months (3). Property Liens (3). Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. **Auto Pay:** 39%. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-6%; Severe-1%. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:** 257 Boyers Road, Forestville - completed & passed on 12/29/25. **Topco Grinder Pumps:** Marvin to notify office of S/N of any replacement pumps installed. **PumpMan Maintenance Program:** Inspection # 6 of 6 completed on 1-8-26. Hour meters need replaced. **Ground Leveling:** on hold. **Sludge Hauling:** no update. **Pine-Harrisville Authority:** Received \$1,500 invoice for 2026 dues. Do not pay. Will attend mtg. when scheduled to discuss future membership. **Giesler Sewage Capacity request:** Received request for 2 EDU's be added to the Harrisville system for Mercer Township. EADS has reviewed this capacity request & has provided a letter of verification of capacity. **Motion** to accept & forward the letter provided by Josh at EADS: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **Private Sewer: B. Snyder (632 Grove City Rd):** Levi from Frank B. Taylor Engineering, Inc. is working on completing a Component 3s – Sewage Facilities Planning Module for a SRSTP. DEP requires an agreement between owner & municipality. Agreement reviewed. **Motion** to approve & sign the Sewage System Maintenance Agreement between Mercer Township & Bonnie Snyder: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2026):** 0. **Office: Building Permits (2026):** 0. **Road Bonds:** 0. **Subdivision Plans:** Giesler family trust. Planning Commission reviewed 11-19-25 with comments. See Public Sewer. **Outside spigot. Drop slot. Outside basement doors:** Will paint second coat when warmer. **Municipal Garage:** Doors on old shed - need to get the metal plates. **Butler County Use Fee Grant Application:** Close out report sent to the BCI Bank in August. \$50,000 grant is to reimburse the General Fund. Email sent in Oct. & again in Dec. asking for status update. Response received. County is waiting for reimbursement from PennDOT. **EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:** Brian Grossman reports no new information. **EMS QRS Agencies:** Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. **Anegada Energy:** will update Twp. **“For Love of the Lost”/Fish property:** Solicitor is proceeding with enforcing agreement d/t increase in junk vehicles. Draft of Petition reviewed. **Motion** to approve & sign **Petition for Sanctions & Contempt:** W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **200 Shields Road:** Supervisors & Township engineer have reviewed the design plans & have submitted comments & corrections. **Mercer Township, Butler County/Ag Security Area:** W. Long researched. Would like to create an Ag. Security Council. Before we can update records, we need to create a committee of 1 supervisor, 3 farmers & 1 resident (non-farmer). Anyone interested in volunteering should call Bill for more information. Request for volunteers will be on the website & in the spring newsletter. **Harrisville VFC:** ATV Ride Agreement-Harrisville VFC was granted permission to use Twp. roads for an ATV fundraiser ride in the Spring. **LSA Grant:** Grant submitted to purchase a tractor with boom mower attachment to replace our old boom mower. **Centertown Road Curve:** Received a call asking if we would consider installing a guardrail on the sharp curve to help keep vehicles from exiting the road & driving into the pasture. Supervisors discussed a few options & John will contact our engineer for direction to help plan. **NEW BUSINESS: Tri-County Clean Up Day 2026:** Saturday, May 16: 7 am – Noon. **Motion** to accept this date & time: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **Complaint Received:** John received a phone call from someone in OK concerned about his mother's welfare living in her house. Contacted the Township's building inspector for direction. There are no municipal ordinances regarding this matter. This should be pursued in a civil court. Also instructed them to call PSP for a welfare check if they believe she's in immediate danger. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (12-15-25) John, Nikki & Holly attended. Commissioners gave updates. VITA provides free income tax prep for low income & senior residents. Call "211". Solar Development information was presented by Butler Co. Planning & GreenKey Development, focusing mostly on solar farms. **Auditors Org Mtg:** (1-6-26) Auditors approved the 2026 Supervisors as Employees pay rate of \$25/hr. **Mercer Co. COG Mtg:** (1-21-26) John to attend. **ROAD REPORT:** 12/2/25-Bob & I put plow on, plowed & salted. 12/3/25-Removed old anti-skid from shed & replaced with new, fueled loader. 12/4/25-Salted roads, got keys made. 12/8/25-Removed old salt, replaced with new. John, Bill & I met with Sean. 12/9/25-Took new grinder pump to the STP. John & I attended the Pine Harrisville mtg. Checked the blinker light that wasn't working in Forestville. 12/10/25-Bob checked roads & salted (am). I plowed & salted, fueled truck (pm). 12/11/25-Salted roads, took anti-skid to Harrisville. 12/12/25-Bob checked roads & salted, Bill mixed load of anti-skid. 12/14/25-Bill plowed & salted. 12/15/25-Checked roads, cleared lot, mixed load of anti-skid & put load of salt away. 12/19/25-Salted roads, put salt away, put tender on boom tractor & got blocking. 12/22/25-Delivered load of anti-skid to Harrisville, mixed load of anti-skid & fueled the old truck. 12/23/25-Checked roads, no action needed. 12/25/25-Bill & I removed tree from Wick Rd. 12/26/25-Checked roads. 12/27/25-Checked roads. 12/29/25-Checked roads, reported flashing red light at STP. 12/30/25-Salted roads 12/31 25-Bill plowed & salted, mixed load of anti-skid, fueled loader (am). I plowed & salted (pm into the am). **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: \$56,002. Sewer Fund: \$66,775. Liquid Fuels Fund: \$96,253. Capital Reserve: \$125,928. Escrow Fund: \$5,345. Total: \$350,303. Financial Report dated 12-12-25 to 1-15-26 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to accept the Financial Report & pay all expenses: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 7:43 pm: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Holly Thompson, Assistant Secretary

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