


MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 19, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bennett, Jr. Members present: E. Treese, W. Long, N. Ciochetto, L. Giesler. Visitors: Terry McMaster, Mark Snyder & Jonathan Kolbe, Allegheny Mineral Corp.; Sean Gallagher, Solicitor. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the July 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes as printed: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, Motion carried. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: AMC/White Oak Road Closure:** AMC would like to extend the timeline by five (5) years. Supervisors will discuss & notify them of the determination. **Supervisors went to executive session from 7:20 until 7:38 pm. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Solicitor & engineering firm continue to assist with the project completion. Received updated agreement for review on 8-13-24. Solicitor will submit changes. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** Unchanged: **Delinquencies-Three or more months (12):** Updated: Eleven (11) properties (8 owners) currently are delinquent by 5 months or more. One (1) is 3-4 months delinquent. **Property Liens (10):** Unchanged: Solicitor will send letters to Brown, Gillen & Mullett. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. Waiting for final tax return to be filed. **Sheriff Sale (6):** Updated: J. Green; S. Heller; R. McFeaters; & 3 V. Kennedy properties. V. Kennedy properties were on hold if he paid as agreed. Missed March & July completely & has been late 5 of 8 months he has made payments. Solicitor to inform his attorney we will be continuing Sheriff sale proceedings for non-compliance with the agreement. J. Green: made payments in June & July. Will cancel proceedings if paid in full in August. S. Heller: on list for Nov. McFeaters: scheduled for Upset/Judicial sale in fall. **Auto Pay:** 38 of 120 accounts. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-13%; Severe-9%. **Grinder Pumps:** Received invoice for grinder pump repair. **Emergency Generator:** Marvin checked it & had run 20 minutes. Not sure why it wasn't running a daily test. **Concrete Piers:** Deteriorating - Marvin will look at replacement cost & provide a quote. Wants to get completed before winter. **Sludge Removal:** Will be done in the Fall. **Mershimer-Tooley Agreement:** Residents contacted to sign. **EADS GIS:** Clients will have to access their data through their own ArcGIS accounts which will cost approx. \$700 annually. **Motion** to pay \$700 annually for the ArcGIS: W. Long. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **Private Sewer: On-Lot Sewage Permits (2024):** (5) - A. Burnett; T. McDougall; D. Kellogg; S. Fisher; S. Lennon. **Municipal Office: Building Permits (2024):** 12 to date. **Side Door:** Office side door is very difficult to open & close. **Municipal Garage: New Dump Truck:** Delivery expected in September. Hunter Truck Sales wants chassis payment now. **Motion** to pay Hunter Truck Sales a total of \$133,836.00; \$70,000.00 to be transferred from **Capital Reserve** to the General Fund to add to the remaining \$63,836.00 to be paid from the **General Fund:** E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. Review & discuss warranty options in first year. **Flagger Training:** G. Ferguson to complete. **CEO: "For Love of the Lost"/Fish property:** Solicitor filed with magistrate. Hearing attended on 8-14-24 at SR Magistrate office. F/U hearing scheduled 10-1-24. **EMC/Weather - Emergency Management Coordinator:** Nothing new. **Shields Rd. Tree:** PUC complaint accepted as satisfied. W. Penn Power will cut down the tree, the Township will clean it up. After agreement was accepted, W. Penn Power is now claiming property owner does not want tree cut down. Consent letter prepared for property owner to sign. Supervisors will deliver. **Township Constable:** Going to election training this week. Will investigate possibility of using him as CEO. **EMS QRS Agencies:** Butler Co. 911 center is requesting that municipalities designate a licensed agency to help respond to medical calls in our area. Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency when licensed. **Solar Panels/Solar Farms:** If a separate solar structure is built, they will need subdivision approval. Twp is covered under the County SALDO. **Holding Tanks in Township:** Agreements are rewritten. **NEW BUSINESS: Allegheny Mineral Corp. -**See "Business from the Floor". **Door-To-Door Solicitation Regulations:** Solar company is making a request to go door-to-door in Mercer Twp. The Township has no ordinance that covers door-to-door solicitation requirements. **Right-To-Know Policy Update:** The OOR (Office of Open Records) has suggested we update our policy to address changes in requests. Supervisors agree to have the policy placed on the website. **Harrisville VFC:** Requested \$500.00 to help pay for piping to install dry hydrants in Township ponds. **Motion** to pay \$500.00 to Harrisville VFC for dry hydrant piping: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **OTHER BUSINESS: Beavers on White Oak Rd:** Mr. Curl (133 White Oak Rd) stopped at the office to report the beavers are active again. **Fall Newsletter:** Supervisors don't believe we need one. The rising cost of postage is a deterrent. **Recycling Bins:** Supervisors wish to keep the recycling bins at Boomerang Rd. Suggestion to put the availability of recycling bins in the spring newsletter. **MEETING REPORTS: Mercer Co. COG:** (7-17-24) John attended. Updates from each township/borough. **PSATS Regional Forum:** (8-7-24) Nikki attended. Personnel; Solar; Finance; RTK; 10 things to address annually & roundtable discussion were attended. Information on speeding; agriculture & zoning also provided. **Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg:** (8-13-24) Cancelled. Rescheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>. **ROAD REPORT:** 7/1/24 - Unloaded #9's, took spinner off: found oil leak & took truck to Gahr's for repair. Mowed the STP. 7/2/24 - John & I did a PA1 call. 7/3/24 - Picked up truck. 7/16/24 - Fix berm on Whitaker Rd; worked on boom mower; went for parts; repaired boom mower. 7/22/24 - Took PUC test; changed oil in Massy; greased the boom mower & flail mower. 7/23/24 - Met with Penn Power about the tree on Shields. They agreed to remove the tree! Mowed with the flail mower - Shields & part of Harmony. 7/25/24: Finished mowing with the flail mower. 7/26/24 - Started mowing with boom mower - Shields & part of Harmony. 7/27/24 - Bill & I worked on the flail mower. 7/30/24 - I finished Harmony & Browntown. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund - \$169,892, Sewer Fund - \$78,982, Liquid Fuels Fund - \$138,237, Capital Reserve - \$125,358, Escrow Fund - \$5,017. Total - \$517,486. **Motion** to pay bills: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:42 pm: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori Giesler, Asst. Secretary