

Mercer Township, Butler County
4629 William Flynn Hwy, PO Box 380, Harrisville, PA 16038
MEETING MINUTES – February 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Mtg. 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:** Lisa Bauer. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Lisa Bauer needs Stuchal/Bauer subdivision signed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: **Motion** to accept the January 19, 2026 Mtg. Minutes as printed: W. Long. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **OLD BUSINESS:** **Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion:** Invoiced Kozy Rest for 2025 expenses. **Public Sewer: Incomplete connections/inspections (5). Delinquencies-Three or more months (4). Property Liens (3). Notice of Claim:** H. Russell estate. **Auto Pay:** (40%). **Delinquency Rate:** Total-7%; Severe-1%. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:** None. **Tepco Grinder Pumps:** 141 Shields Rd pump sent for repair. Need S/N of replacement pump. **PumpMan Maintenance Program:** Inspection completed. Hour meters have been replaced. **Ground Leveling:** Spring. **Sludge Hauling:** Spring. **Pine-Harrisville Authority: Motion** to sign letter & send to PHA requesting that Mercer Township be released from the Pine Harrisville Authority: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **Giesler Sewage Capacity request:** Sent the letter of approved request for 2 EDU's be added to the Harrisville system for Mercer Twp. **Private Sewer: B. Snyder (632 Grove City Rd):** needs a single residence sewage treatment plant. Her engineer is working on completing a Component 3s – Sewage Facilities Planning Module for her SRSTP. DEP requires an agreement between owner & municipality. Agreement has been signed & returned. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2026):** None. **Office: Building Permits (2026):** None. **Road Bonds (2026):** Anegada Energy-Halterlein gas well heavy equipment use: Videoad road on 2/16/2026. Bond can be issued. **Subdivision Plans:** Giesler Family Trust-waiting. Bauer/Stuchal plan signed tonight. **Outside spigot. Drop slot:** Bill installed new outside drop slot over the old slot & insulated the hole in the wall. Will finish inside later. **Outside basement doors:** Will paint second coat when warmer. **Municipal Garage: Doors on old shed** - Framing is complete, need to get 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. County is to process by mid-February.

EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator: Nothing to report. **EMS QRS Agencies:** Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. Sharon Regional has approved their request for medical command. **Anegada Energy:** Will provide Mercer Twp. with copies of all permits & are obtaining a road bond (good for 6 months) for work being done along Shields Rd from the well pad to Route 173. **“For Love of the Lost”/Fish property:** Solicitor is proceeding with enforcing agreement d/t increase in junk vehicles. Petition for Sanctions & Contempt filed on 2-3-2026. Petition to be presented to the judge on 2-19-26. John received a call from Mr. Fish on 2-13-26 that he recapped to the other two supervisors. Office will send registered mail with copies of the signed agreement & the Junkyard Ordinance to Mr. Fish. **200 Shields Road:** Escrow has been depleted to cover legal & engineering costs. Need to replenish. Communication will be sent. **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. **Update: tentative date: October 10. Centertown Road Curve:** Received a call asking if we would install a guardrail on the sharp curve to help keep vehicles from exiting the road & driving into the pasture. Supervisors discussed a few options. John spoke to our engineer for direction. Supervisors will meet at the property to assess what they need & Bill will check prices. **Tri-County Clean Up Day 2026:** We tried to schedule for Saturday, May 16: 7 am – Noon. They have several others that same day & want to know if we can do it May 9th instead. **Motion** to approve the request to schedule Tri-County Clean Up Day for May 9th: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **NEW BUSINESS: Motion** to adopt **Resolution #26-0216-01** Disposition of Records: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **2024 Plow Truck:** Interested in purchasing a laser guide to help with plow edge guidance. Cost is approx. \$2,000.00. **Motion** to purchase one laser guide for the new plow truck from General Fund: Tabled until next month. More research is needed. **Boom Mower:** Discussed purchasing a used boom mower to replace our current one that is very old & in need of replacement. **Motion** to research & purchase a good condition used Boom Mower at a cost (including all transfer expenses) not to exceed \$90,000.00 from Capital Reserve: motion tabled until supervisors investigate options. **Motion** to pay travel expenses for Bill to go to York, PA to inspect one for sale: E. Treese. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. All in favor, motion carried. **COSTARS Salt Contract for 2026-2027: Motion** to contract for 125 tons (75 tons min/175 tons max) of road salt through COSTARS for the 2026-2027 Season: J. Bennett, Jr. Second: E. Treese. All in favor, motion carried. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

MTGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING: Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (2-18-26) 2 pm. **Mercer Co. COG Mtg:** (1-21-26) John attended. Summarized information other municipalities presented. **ROAD REPORT:** 1/1 - Bill plowed & salted. 1/11 - Bill checked roads in AM & salted in PM. 1/12 - Pete mixed anti-skid. 1/15 - Pete salted Twp AM & checked roads PM. 1/16 - Pete plowed problem areas & salted Twp. 1/17 - Bill plowed & salted Twp. Bill & Pete put the plow & spreader on the old truck. 1/18 - Bill checked roads AM. Pete checked roads PM. 1/19 - Bob checked roads & plowed/salted. Pete plowed & salted problem areas PM. 1/20 - Pete checked roads AM, mixed antiskid, put a load of salt in the shed, picked up parts at Hunter's. Bill replaced serpentine belt on new truck. 1/21 - Pete checked roads AM & got old truck ready to haul anti-skid. 1/22 - Pete checked roads, plowed & salted Twp. Pete delivered load of anti-skid to Harrisville Boro. Bill mixed anti-skid. 1/23 - Pete mixed anti-skid. 1/25 - Bill, Pete & John all plowed roads many times. John cleaned intersections with loader. 1/26 - Pete checked roads AM & plowed/salted PM. Bill put tractor on blocks & aired tire. 1/27 - Pete plowed & salted problem areas AM & plowed Twp PM. 1/28 - Bill plowed & salted Twp AM. Bob cleaned out the cul-de-sac on Ethan Hill with loader. Pete checked roads & plowed drifts PM. 1/29 - Pete checked roads AM. 1/30 - Pete checked roads AM. 1/31 - John checked roads AM. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund: \$59,317; Sewer Fund: \$69,178; Liquid Fuels Fund: \$94,829; Capital Reserve: \$126,084; Escrow Fund: \$5,345; Total: \$354,753. Financial Report dated 1-16-26 to 2-12-26 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to approve the report & pay all invoices: E. Treese. Second: W. Long. All in favor, motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT: Motion** to adjourn mtg at 8:10 pm: W. Long. Second: J. Bennett, Jr. Mtg adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Holly Thompson, Assistant Secretary.

Holly Thompson