

AGENDA: SUPERVISORS MEETING - MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA
July 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at pm by

Members present:

Visitors:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the June 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes as printed: Second:

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Sewer:

1. **Incomplete connection/inspection (4):** 150 Station Rd #2; 1358 Eau Claire Rd; 4133 WFH; 204 Boyers Rd.
2. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (3):** Three are 5 months or more.
3. **Property Liens (2):** D. Brown (connect/debt); H. Russell (debt).
4. **Notice of Claim:** H. Russell estate. Estate Auction held June 27. Office updated the estate lawyer with current balance on account. Sent lien letter to closing company with lien & inspection information.
5. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-5%; Severe-1%.
6. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:**
7. **Tepco Grinder Pumps:**
8. **Ground Leveling/Cinder Blocks:**
9. **Sludge Hauling:**
10. **Pine-Harrisville Authority:** Letter sent in February to PHA requesting that Mercer Township be released from the PHA. Mtg. scheduled for 8-11-2026 at 5 pm. John will attend.
11. **Crum/200 Shields Rd:** Escrow account to cover legal & engineering expenses has been depleted. Additional expenses will be billed directly to Crum's.

Private Sewer:

1. **140 W. Oak Grove Ln:** SRSTP. Need to collect & hold escrow. Office mailed copy of agreement & letter.
2. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2026):** 326 Frampton Rd (Mularski).

Office:

1. **Building Permits (8):** J. Pierce (solar); W. Tomko (garage); L. Bauer (greenhouse); T. McDougall (house/garage); R. Stuchal (barn); G. Westbrook (garage); T. Fedokovitz (pool/deck); R. Drake (pool).
2. **Road Bonds:** Anegada Energy-Halterlein gas well, Shields Rd. (2-18-26 to 8-18-26)
3. **Subdivision Plans:** Giesler Family Trust.
4. **Landlord/Tenant Records:** Office is currently working on updating our records of tenants & vacant properties to help keep our PC tax records up to date with our Tax Collector & to reduce collection costs.
5. **Drop slot:** Need to finish inside.
6. **Outside basement doors:** Need to paint second coat.
7. **FireFighter:** We are to be scheduled for annual checks in October.
8. **Mercer County State Bank:** Harrisville office hours changed. Only open Tues & Thurs: 12-4:30 pm, no night deposit slot.
9. **Ground hogs:** Destroying property. Holes are plugged but still have one large & one juvenile seen.

10. **Mowing**: Brush needs mowed at the office.
11. **Power Washing**: Greg scrubbed the siding.
12. **Parking Lot**: Needs sealed. Will obtain quotes for this work.

Municipal Garage:

1. **Doors on old shed**: Project completed.
2. **Old Boom Mower**: Advertised for sale in Butler Eagle on 6-1-26. Posted on Municibid. We accepted highest bid of \$10,775. Will transfer amount to Capital Reserve fund once funds are verified.
3. **2024 Dump Truck**: Bob detailed the truck & he & Greg drove it in the Harrisville Boro 4th of July parade.
4. **Valley View Rd. Ditch**: stone has been hauled & ditch has been filled.

Centertown Road Edge Repair: Youngblood Paving was the lowest quote for the Centertown Road edge repair. Work was completed on 6-10-26. **Motion** to pay \$23,810.00 invoice for this work from Liquid Fuels fund:

2026 Seal-Coating Project: Youngblood Paving won the bid to perform the seal coat project using slag aggregate (Item 2 bid amount - \$67,916.58) sections of Shields, Centertown, Enterprise, Sutherland & Unity Rds. Work was completed on 7-7-26. Slag aggregate was not used due to inavailability of materials. Work was completed as specified in Item 1 (bid amount - \$65,763.60). Invoice has been received. Amount is \$6,417.60 over the bid due to increased cost of materials. Office is awaiting the remaining paperwork required to close out this project. **Motion** to pay the invoice amount of \$72,181.20 for Item 1 work using limestone from Liquid Fuels fund:

Tree Trimming: Adler Tree Service performed tree trimming along Browntown Rd from 6-23-26 to 7-3-26. **Motion** to pay Adler Tree Service invoice in the amount of \$30,000 from General Fund:

EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator:

Butler County Hazard Mitigation Plan Revision:

Harrisville VFC: Awaiting a financial report.

EMS QRS Agencies: Harrisville VFC will be our designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. No update.

“For Love of the Lost”/Fish property: In Litigation. F/U in October.

Mercer Twp., Butler Co./Ag Security Council: Need a committee of 1 supervisor, 3 farmers & 1 resident (non-farmer). Information on how to volunteer is on the website & in the newsletter. W. Long will reach out after the fall harvest.

Centertown Road Curve: Will install a guardrail on the sharp curve.

Allegheny Mineral: White Oak Road closing: July 13-25, 2026. Office mailed letters to residents on 6-17-26. Verified EMS & PennDOT are aware. USPS has also been notified.

Frampton/Unity/Valley View Road: Supervisors assessed the mowing complaint. Office mailed response letter to complainant on 6-18-26.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:

Wolf Creek COG Mtg: (7-22-26) John to attend.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (6-18-26) Nikki attended. Commissioners provided update. Plan to renew the \$5 use fee when it expires. Penn State Extension provided background info. on data centers: use; sizes; energy; geography; power use; efficiency; electricity prices; proximity vs power; jobs; water use; other info sources. PUC is trying to regulate to keep electric costs down for consumers. Farmland Preservation & Easement was mentioned.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (7-16-26) Nikki & Holly attended. Commissioners & Dr. David Rottinghaus provided updates. The focus of mtg. was the plugging of gas wells. There are up to 30,000 wells in PA that will require plugging. Major issue is that the wells are not reported because landowners are afraid of being responsible for covering the cost of the plugging & clean up. Unplugged wells affect many different areas – health & safety, environmental changes to soil & water, & land value. Once the wells are plugged with concrete / Bentonite gel, they are marked with either a monument or an engraving on the underground seal with an identifying number. Once the plugging has happened, they try to stabilize the area & get it back to what it would have looked like prior to the well being dug.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$166,262
Sewer Fund:	\$55,976
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$164,850
Capital Reserve:	\$46,767
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$5,625</u>
Total:	\$439,480

Financial Report dated 6-12-26 to 7-16-26 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. Second Quarter Budget Report received by all Supervisors. **Motion** to approve the report & pay all invoices: Second:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn meeting at pm: Second: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: