

AGENDA: SUPERVISORS MEETING - MERCER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA
October 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7: pm by:

Members present:

Visitors: D. Evans (HVFC); K. Boozel (BCC)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attendees (please stand).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the September 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes as printed: Second:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

OLD BUSINESS:

Kozy Rest Sewage Expansion: Received \$10,900 from Kozy Rest to be held in escrow to pay for inspection expenses. Inspection has been determined complete. Paid all invoices from Gannett Fleming. Remaining escrow funds were returned to Kozy Rest. Will invoice Kozy Rest for any legal & engineering expenses in 2025.

Public Sewer:

1. **Incomplete connections/inspections (5):** D. Brown #2; K. Schumacher; R&M Holdings; McFeaters; Brandon (204 Boyers Rd). No response from R&M Holdings to letter sent on 7-15-25.
2. **Delinquencies-Three or more months (4):** One is 4 months delinquent. Three are delinquent by 5 months or more. (2 are paying as arranged.)
3. **Property Liens (5):** D. Brown (connect): F. Carroll-Gillen (debt); R/J. McFeaters (connect/debt); G. Mullett (debt); H. Russell (debt).
4. **Notice of Claim:** Filed on H. Russell estate. Waiting for estate to be settled. House is occupied.
5. **Sheriff Sale:** R. McFeaters was sold at Judicial Sale on 10/1/25. Will cancel sheriff sale & release lien once sale has been completed & funds have been distributed.
6. **Auto Pay:** 46 of 119 accounts (39%).
7. **Delinquency Rate:** Total-7.5%; Severe-2.5%.
8. **Sewer Lateral Inspections:**
9. **Grinder Pumps:** 4029 WFH alarmed & has been repaired. Invoice received.
10. **Concrete Stanchions:**
11. **Ground Leveling:**
12. **Sludge Hauling:**
13. **Harrisville Borough/Pine-Harrisville Authority:** Need to discuss possible PHA Articles of Incorporation extension vs. dissolution of the PHA.

Private Sewer:

1. **On-Lot Sewage Permits (2025):** B. Snyder; J. Zahn; S. Sammarco (Ken McMurdy-agent); D. Crum.
2. Office is currently reviewing all old records received from MCA & creating a Township database to keep accurate records for future reference & tracking.

Office:

1. **Building Permits (2025):** B. Rider (roof solar); D. Reich (house/garage); C. Haring (pole barn); S. Pierce/J. Krenke (above ground pool); 4330 WFH cell tower (back-up generator/concrete pad); G. Shreve (2) (demo old trailer, new doublewide); J. Bennett Jr. (pool); D. Kellogg (house); Tooley (trailer demo), S. Fisher (home); R. Young (garage); R. Stuchal (ag bldg.); E. Treese (solar); K. Hartle (deck); Columbia Gas (utility bldg); R. Stuchal (solar); AMC (demo 102 McCummins Lane).

2. **Road Bonds:**
3. **Subdivision Plans:**

Municipal Garage: Hunter's performed work to correct issues with new truck. SEI agreed to cover the cost of these repairs. Received statement from Hunter's for unpaid invoice. Contacted SEI to follow up on this.

Butler County Use Fee Grant Application: Close out report sent to the BCI Bank in August. \$50,000 grant will reimburse the General Fund. Email sent asking for status update. No response to date.

EMC/Weather – Emergency Management Coordinator: Met at Superior EMS on 10-1-25 to discuss EMS responses in Northern Butler Co. Another mtg is planned for January.

EMS QRS Agencies: Harrisville VFC will be the designated QRS agency once they report that they have completed their licensure. Still waiting for PA DOH inspection.

Anegada Energy: Will provide Mercer Twp. with copies of all permits & will obtain a road bond prior to any work being done in the Twp. Need to review Highway Occupancy Permit.

"For Love of the Lost"/Fish property: Solicitor is proceeding with enforcing agreement d/t increase in junk vehicles.

200 Shields Road: Developer's Extension Agreement has been signed. Escrow funds have been received. Their contractor is to provide design planning for engineering approval. Awaiting plans for review.

Mercer Township, Butler County/Ag Security Area: Office will update information. W. Long did research. Suggests we create an Ag. Security Council.

Butler County Paramedic Program: Letter was sent to Butler Co. Commissioners requesting a compromise on the scholarship requirements in order to benefit the northern municipalities.

ATV Ride Agreement: Harrisville VFC was granted permission to use Twp. roads for an ATV fundraiser ride next Spring. Liability Waiver has been received & reviewed. Will need to complete further agreements.

LSA Grant: Will pursue this grant to purchase a wheel excavator with a 2 piece boom plus attachments to replace our boom mower. This would allow the Twp. to perform work that is currently subcontracted. Grant has a 0% matching funds requirement. **Motion** to adopt **Resolution #2025-10-20-1** requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant from the commonwealth Financing Authority to purchase a new wheel excavator with a 2 piece boom plus attachments: Second:

NEW BUSINESS:

AMC: Dropped off engineering drawings for the White Oak Road Improvements.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PennDOT Bridge Inspections (FYI): Courney Mill (Browntown Road) Bridge owned by B&LE Railroad (Canadian National) scheduled for an interim inspection on 10-2-25. No report received to date.

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAINING:

Mercer Co. COG Mtg: (9-17-25) John to attend.

BCTCC Mtg: (9-23-25) Unattended d/t illness. Minutes received. Concerns expressed by subcommittee formed in March over fair RFP process. Special Session scheduled on Oct. 15th to decide if RFP should move forward & if not, to vote on the Berkheimer agreement.

Butler Co. Municipal Outreach Mtg: (10-6-25) John & Nikki attended. County Commissioners reported on meetings & events: Butler County is under a drought watch; discussed AI data centers; State & County budgets; local events; broadband; airport-federal contract tower; Farm Bureau/food security & related issues. Election Bureau provided deadlines. Election winner certificates will be mailed to the municipalities. Question about knowing a candidate's party affiliation-voter should do online research prior to voting.

BCATO Safety Seminar: (10-8-25) Bill & Nikki attended. Programs: PSP presentation on distracted drivers; PA One Call reporting & information; Right-To-Know training (SDS); Human Factors & Situational Awareness; live electricity demonstration & safety; chainsaw safety.

BCTCC Special Session Mtg: (10-15-25) Nikki attended. Voted on possible RFP for EIT tax collections, which did not pass. Then voted on 3 different Berkheimer proposals. Had the opportunity to reduce our current rate for the remainder of this contract & to also receive a refund on all delinquency charges retroactive to 4-1-25. Committee could not agree on any of the Berkheimer proposals so we continue under the current agreement that expires 12-31-2026. Next meeting: March 24, 2026.

2026 Budget Workshop Meeting: Wed. 10-22-25 at 3 pm.

PSATS Southwest Regional Forum: Wed. 10-29-25 (9 am -4 pm) Cranberry Twp. \$125 per person. Interested?

ROAD REPORT:

9/4/25-Received call from PSP about tree on Harmony Rd. John & I responded. Landowner was on site clearing it from the road. Cones were placed for safety!

9/10/25-Marcie & I picked up truck at Hunters.

9/12/25-Tree on Harmony Rd. needed cut back for safety. Dan Long cut into pieces so we could push it off road with our loader.

9/22/25-Greg & I mowed Shields, Glacial Till & south end of Harmony Rds. Filled hole from fallen tree.

9/23/25-Greg & I mowed north part of Harmony to Browntown & the east part of Shields Rds.

9/24/25-John & I replaced missing stop sign at the intersection of Harmony & Shields Rds. due to accident.

9/29/25-Greg & I mowed Browntown, north end of Harmony & Prairie.

9/30/25-Greg & I mowed Centertown & Whitaker.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund:	\$79,733
Sewer Fund:	\$69,504
Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$103,945
Capital Reserve:	\$75,815
Escrow Fund:	<u>\$5,621</u>
Total:	\$334,618

Financial Report dated 9-12-25 to 10-16-25 received & reviewed by all Supervisors. **Motion** to accept the Financial Report & pay all expenses: Second:

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

Respectfully submitted: