

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 7, 2023

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:52 p.m., following the Finance Committee Meeting. Present were Chairman Berlingo, Commissioners Allison, Brown, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Lank, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 7, 2023, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

OAK HILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the sewer crew completed their portion of the gravity lines and manholes of Hershey Heights. Conewago Enterprises started the installation of the wet wells and valve vaults of both locations. They appear to be making good progress due to the mild weather.

The letters have been prepared for the residents in regards to sewer connection. Some of the residents have begun getting quotes as PA-1 calls have been coming into the sewer department from excavators for many homes in the area.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the crew started work on the installation of gravity lines and manholes for Janet Street the week of February 20th.

He reported that they are still waiting for materials for the Breezewood Drive project.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the annual shredding event includes a food drive and is going to be held on Saturday, April 22, from 8 am to 1 pm at the recycling center. There will be a five-file box limit and the food items will be donated to New Hope Ministries.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the newsletter will be delivered with the Merchandiser the week of April 4th.

He is getting updated quotes for the installation of alarm monitoring equipment for three of the pump stations. Once the Oakhill/Hershey Heights project is completed, he would like to install the same equipment at both of those stations as well.

They are prepared for the arrival of the new digital sign. The electrical breaker needs to be installed and the disconnect at the sign needs to be installed, however direction will be needed from the sign company for locations.

They will be moving forward with a project to eliminate the Grandview Acres Pump Station, also known as Cardinal Drive Pump Station. The flow will connect to the ongoing development of High Pointe at Rojen Farms. Easements and right of ways are being prepared as well as a wetland study. The final design is still being adjusted for the best fit to the area, as it involves a detention pond and a small waterway. This project had been worked on leading up to the design from 2015 for the development. It will involve 132 EDU's that are currently coming to our treatment facility and send them to Hanover Borough via the new pump station at High Pointe. The development has moved considerably faster than anticipated due to the current market, which is why it has surfaced so suddenly. It has been included on the yearly Chapter 94 reports, but it was pushed out to 2027.

Campbell's (Snyder's-Lance) has contacted WWTP Superintendent Lank requesting to purchase an additional 30,000 gallons per day. The request was previously denied based on the fact that their discharge was already exceeding the limits to the point that they had received 3 notice of violations between May and November during 2022. They have gotten better treatment in the last few months, but believe they need to establish a better track record. One of their results in December was just under their limit. The Committee recommended waiting six months then revisit the request for discussion.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. William Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, Ms. Cindy Staley, 865 Hershey Heights Road, and Mrs. Judy Sieg, 853 Hershey Heights Road had questions regarding the Oak Hill/Hershey Heights Sewer installation. The Committee addressed their concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary