

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:59 p.m., following the Finance Committee Meeting. Present were Chairman Berlingo, Commissioners Brown, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, WWTP Superintendent Lank and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the August 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 pump stations were tested on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Other than a couple of minor glitches, the testing went well. The pumps, controls and generators were tested for proper function. We did find one issue with a pump at the Hershey Heights Station, and Conewago was already getting it addressed by the manufacturer. We are scheduled to do a walk-through of both stations on September 7<sup>th</sup>, to generate a final punch list for Conewago and PSI electricians. The stations are substantially complete and can start accepting flow. We need to finalize an agreement for anyone wishing to utilize the payment plans before we can issue the letters to the residents. Should be before or by the Board of Commissioners meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Joao & Bradley are scheduled to start working on their punch list on September 11<sup>th</sup>, to fix yards, settling issues and things associated with the sewer line installation. The information will be updated on the website.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the Township is waiting for Bon Ton to switch from their grinder pump to the new gravity lateral.

The sewer crew has halted work on the Breezewood Project to help with other pressing projects, such as paving preparation. They have completed about 70% of the line to date, which was critical to get across the roadway prior to the start of school. They will continue and complete this project over the fall/winter months.

GRANDVIEW ACRES PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the Township is waiting on right-of-ways and finalized prints to order the materials for the project.

NEWSLETTER/SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the Fall/Winter Newsletter is on the website and scheduled for delivery next week with the Merchandiser. The shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8 am to 1 pm.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported they had an annual DEP inspection of the plant on August 10<sup>th</sup>, which seemed to go well. They had an EPA audit/inspection of the Pretreatment Program which took place on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. It consisted of records checking, lab analysis review, protocol review and site inspections of Snyders/Campbells and UTZ. It was very thorough and detail oriented, which pointed out some issues that have already been addressed or will be soon. It will take about sixty days before a draft report is received.

There was a vulnerability assessment conducted by the South-Central PA Task Force, who works in conjunction with The Department of Homeland Security. It involved a review of our physical security, IT, alarms, protocols, procedures, and status of readiness. It is a free service provided, and it is considered confidential, and the results will only be shared with us.

Last month he reported that ESAB had been issued a notice of violation (07/14), for solids and copper exceedances. They did have their tanks pumped out and it appears their discharge has improved.

They continue to monitor Snyders/Campbells closely since the heavy discharge was seen in their discharge line on July 26<sup>th</sup>. They are setting the sampler almost every day at this point. They have not seen any abnormal discharge or poor results but being more diligent for now.

They are experiencing several electronics issues at the plant, some due to possible storm events but mostly the equipment has already exceeded its life expectancy. Not that all the equipment is going to fail, but it does tie up the staff for troubleshooting and repairs and we also need the help of outside sources for quite a bit of the issues involving software. We are not going to exceed our permit limits, as we have redundancies for that reason, just making the Committee aware in case some unexpected expenditure arises.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary