

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 1, 2019

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:04 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Heiland, Commissioners; Brown, Felix and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Klunk was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 3, 2019 Health and Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

OAKHILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that on September 17, 2019 the Township Manager sent a letter to Mr. Tim Wagner at DEP to update him on the progress of the Oakhill Hershey Heights sewer project. The letter indicated the Township intends to continue to move forward with the project but expects there will be some delay in meeting the construction milestone of June 20, 2020 as set forth in the Act 537 Plan.

ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported Wedeco started up the UV System on September 12, 2019. The general contractor is currently collecting samples of the effluent on a daily basis and having them tested for coliform bacteria. This performance testing will continue for another two weeks. An issue has developed with the communications between the Wedeco UV PLC and our SCADA system. We are collecting proposals on the costs to upgrade our SCADA monitoring stations to be able to communicate with the UV PLC. Another issue was discovered when flow was directed through the UV Channel. The overflow from the discharge weirs is creating turbulence on the top of the clear well that is distorting the effluent flow water readings. To correct this we need to install a stilling well baffle around the effluent flow meter sensor, and a flow diversion plate to direct all of the weirs overflow into the wet well. Conewago Enterprises has submitted a change order to supply and install both for your consideration. WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that they would like to move forward with the upgrade/change order on the weirs and the committee recommended approving at the Board of Commissioners' meeting.

BARNHART DRIVE SEWER LINE PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported HRI has submitted the final request for payment and a change order modifying the original contract documents to reflect the actual price of the construction and the completion date.

GRANDVIEW ROAD SEWER LINE REPAIR: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported sealed proposals will be opened and read aloud on October 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Township office. The project includes the replacement of 2 manholes, 265 feet of 8 inch pipe, 7 laterals, paving and lawn restoration. The engineers estimate for the cost of the project is \$215,000.00. The project will be awarded at the Board of Commissioners' Meeting on October 21, 2019.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the next shredding event is scheduled for October 12, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2020 BUDGET REVIEW: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reviewed the recycling expense budget for 2020. He then reviewed the Sewer expense budget for 2020. The budget includes increases in wages for the AFSCME employees along with an increase in insurance rates. There is a major increase in general expenses due to the recycling market has been hit really hard and the Township is not receiving funds for cardboards, newsprint, and magazines, in fact we may be paying for hauling material to be recycled. Other slight increases include refuse collection, refuse disposal, and the purchase of township refuse bags; which will need to go out to bid next year. Slight increase in chemicals for collections, and a decrease for disposal. Vehicle operating expenses, Major Equipment, and public utilities have also increased. The budget includes funds for the design, easement acquisition, installation and construction for Oak Hills/Hershey Heights sewer project, the paving restoration of Penn Lee Terrace, replacement of 3 lime augers and replacement of cloth filter media. The Finance Committee will further review at the next committee meeting.

OTHER MATTERS: None.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: There were several residents present who wished to express concerns about the installation of the sewer at the Oak Hill and Hershey Heights area. Some of the residents that commented included Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hill Drive, and Whitey Fuhrman, 220 Oak Hill Circle.

Mr. Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hills Drive, asked if the Township could provide the projected budget increases and expenditures. Commissioner Felix stated that this is not the final budget and we are in the planning stages. Manager Rodgers stated that the first reading will occur at the Board of Commissioners' meeting on November 18, 2019. Mr. Bowman also asked a question regarding to the Finance Meeting held prior this evening, he inquired as to the status of the Township for the Revenue and Expenses at this time. Commissioner Felix responded that the Township is currently at 98.12% of revenue, and 56.23% of expenses. He added that the expenses will increase this month due to the arbitration awarded for the Firefighters and the Police.

Mr. Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hills Drive, asked to see the 2020 proposed budget. Commissioner Felix stated that the budget is in the planning stages at this point. Manger Rodgers added that the first reading will be held at the Board of

Commissioners' Meeting on November 18, 2019, and the final budget will be available for public review at the Township building ten days prior to its adoption at the December 16, 2019 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary