

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 6, 2020

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:07 p.m. via an online meeting following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners; Brown, Cromer, Heiland and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 1, 2020 Health and Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

OAKHILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported On September 4, 2020 approval was received from DEP to extend the implementation schedule for the project by five years. The new date for the start of construction shall be no later than June 20, 2025. This provides options to the Township on how quickly to proceed. Since the onset of the COVID issue the cost of material and labor have gone up. GHD has indicated at this point it might be beneficial to wait, at a minimum, until after the new year to go out for bid. GHD has also indicated the township to continue with the easement agreements, and finish the design and shelve the project for a while. If this was to be done, we would have to watch the expiration date for the E&S plan which is July 19, 2024, which can be renewed. The current agreement with Met-ed indicates we need to complete the work in their right of way by January 1, 2024.

Superintendent Mahone stated that work continues in contacting the residents to negotiate for sewer easements and has asked the solicitor to assist. Manager Rodgers stated that seven agreements have been recorded, and three are waiting to be signed at this time.

MULLERTOWN SMOKE TESTING: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that USG completed the smoke testing on September 22, 2020. There were several lateral clean out caps that had smoke coming out of them that will need to be repaired. The township is waiting for the final report from USG before contacting residents.

CENTER STREET STREAMBANK RESTORATION: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported during the last month the Township has purchased materials for the project. ARRC has completed the E&S plan and made the notification per the permit. The project is scheduled to start on October 12, 2020.

LOCAL LIMITS FOR INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGERS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported notification of EPA's acceptance of our newly calculated industrial discharge local limits was received on September 30, 2020. The next step is to have the township and all contributing municipalities adopt the new limits. After submitting proof of those adoptions to EPA they will advertise their intent to approve the limits. After a thirty-day comment period, if no objections are received, the limits will be officially approved by EPA.

HANOVER FOODS INC. AND PHOSPHORUS CREDITS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported Hanover Foods has indicated they will need to purchase phosphorus credits again this year. They have asked if the Township has any credits to sell and if so would the board consider selling them to Hanover Foods, Inc. With one month left to complete the water year. Hanover Foods needed 688 credits and the Township had 887 phosphorus credits and 8,656 nitrogen credits.

OTHER MATTERS: Mr. Bill Bowman, 3 Oakhill Drive, asked the committee about the status of the H2O Grant. Commissioner Heiland stated that while the project was deemed worthwhile, the township did not receive any funding through this grant. Commissioner Heiland added that we may be able to apply for the H2O grant again in the future.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney  
Township Secretary