

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 4, 2022

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 7:40 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Berlingo, Commissioners Allison, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Lank and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Brown was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 6, 2022, Health and Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

OAK HILL HERSHEY / HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the curbs were completed on Oak Hill Drive/Circle. During milling it was discovered that the soft sub base had to be replaced, which delayed the paving along with the rain. Right of way restoration is being worked on, vacuum testing of manholes, and testing of the force main is ongoing. Hershey Heights was milled and paved. The stone road was paved, right of ways and disturbed areas are in the process of being restored. The house at 841 Hershey Heights Road demolition bid has been awarded, the Township is waiting on the bond paperwork before the notice to proceed is executed.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the Township is still waiting for the easement agreements in order to proceed with the project.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTRACT: Chairman Berlingo reported that there was a significant increase in the cost of collection, and there was one bid received. The Committee made a favorable recommendation to award the bid.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the shredding event will be held on October 22, 2022, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for residents only. There is a limit of the equivalent of five file boxes per vehicle. He asked the Committee if any members will be volunteering for the event. The Committee members will check their schedules and get back to him.

BUDGET REVIEW: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported that Manager Rodgers prepared the budget for the plant due to his limited time of employment at the Township, and looks acceptable. He added that he received two quotes for the electric gates at the plant to replace both openings due to the lack of security and traffic from the recycling

area. The quotes were as follows; \$20,750 not including electric, and \$28,224 including electric, and this would also include a more heavy-duty opener. He added that inflation and fuel surcharges have affected all items; chemical costs have risen significantly. He also reported the electronics at the plant have reached their life expectancy. He stated that the technology was moving so quickly, that they were already obsolete when installed in 2011. This makes it difficult for repair and/or replacement of parts. Manager Rodgers stated the project at the plant was started in 2009, and was not completed until 2012.

TABLETS FOR PA-1 CALLS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported he would like to purchase two tablets for use in the field for responding to PA one calls. The tablets would allow access to our maps online through the GIS system. They would be able to zoom in on location/address to see manholes, storm lines, etc. This would eliminate printing the maps out at the office prior to responding to calls. He is requesting two units, one for normal responders and one for maintenance in case of an emergency. He received a quote from our IT professional of \$540 for two devices plus \$100 each for viewer access to our maps and an additional cost of internet service. The Committee recommended moving forward with purchasing the tablets.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported he was notified on September 26, 2022, that the 904 Grant for 2021 was tentatively approved for \$74,358.54. The funds should arrive in four to six weeks.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, had questions regarding refuse and recycling, budget, the connections to the pump stations for the Oak Hill and Hershey Heights sewer installation project, the American Rescue Funds and the status of the Kids Kingdom Creative Playground.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary