

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 6, 2022

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 7:15 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Berlingo, Commissioners Allison, Elksnis and Heiland, Commissioner Brown was present via cellphone. 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 November 1, 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 house at 841 Hershey Heights Road has been demolished and the lot cleared in preparation for the pump station. The contractor has stated that they will not be starting the pump stations until the first of February. The plan is to have the Township crew complete the last sections of the gravity lines in Hershey Heights prior to the start of the pump station construction. Joao & Bradley is still working on their punch list, with most of it being completed. They will have to return in the spring for the last of their touch-ups.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the crew is planning to start the Janet Street project once the remainder of work is completed in Hershey Heights. The supplies for Breezewood Drive are being ordered and that project will begin once Janet Street is complete.

CAMPBELL'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FLOW: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported he received a request dated November 14, 2022, from Campbell's Snacks for additional flow. He stated that in July 2019 they paid for an additional 75,137 gallons, which brought their allowed monthly average flow to 165,137 gallons with a peak daily flow of 200,137 gallons. They did not consistently start utilizing the additional flow until October of 2021. Since that time, they have appeared to be struggling to consistently meet their permit limits. This year they have been issued three Notice of Violations for exceeding their limits for biochemical oxygen demand and solids. The violations were sent in May, September, and November of this year. Superintendent Lank stated if we allow them to send more flow without controlling the strength of their wastewater, it will only drive the concentration up, which makes it harder on our facility to treat. Superintendent Lank reported that we should not potentially risk exceeding our permit limits to satisfy the needs of a business. The Committee was not in favor of approving the additional flow.

SYNAGRO AGREEMENT REVIEW: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported a letter dated November 1, 2022, was received from Synagro, stating the price adjustment per ton based on the CPI. The cost is being adjusted by 7.24%, from \$43.74 to \$46.91 per wet ton. They have also requested to start charging a fuel surcharge, which was not in our agreement. It would only be in effect if the cost of diesel fuel is above \$6.00 per gallon. The Committee is not in favor of agreeing to the fuel surcharge and advised not to sign the letter.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported that a change order dated December 2, 2022, was received from Conewago Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$105,011.00. This change is due to the project delay, changes of materials, and storage and handling of materials. Superintendent Lank stated that the cast concrete materials are already being held at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, their original plan was to be delivered to the site, so now there is cost incurred to move the materials. Superintendent Lank stated that they attached a letter stating the breakdown of the costs and he does not see the charges as unreasonable. Manager Rodgers will distribute the letter to the Committee in the morning and reported the delay was due to the NPDES permit not being received in time.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, asked the committee about the seeding at the Oak Hill Sewer installation project. Superintendent Lank reported that the information was forwarded, and that payment had been held until rectified.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary