

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 4, 2017

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 8:07 p.m. following the Public Works Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Van de Castle and Commissioners Brown, Felix, Heilman, and Klunk. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Highway Foreman Mahan, Interim Zoning Officer Garrett, and Township Secretary Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the March 7, 2017 Health & Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

BARNHART DRIVE SEWER LINE: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported we are continuing to work through the design and permitting process for the Barnhart Drive sewer line. Last week the Township was informed by DEP that a Phase One Archeological Investigation will need to be completed for the project. That investigation will begin April 5, 2017 by TRC Environmental Corporation and they will be looking for historical artifacts. Superintendent Mahone described the investigation process.

Township Manager Rodgers and Superintendent Mahone met with the Bairs to discuss the proposed route for the sewer line. The Bairs were agreeable to the routing of the line but expressed concerns with the number of manholes that would be in the tillable fields. The design was adjusted to relocate two of the manholes outside of the tillable areas and remove a third completely. The Bair's saw the new layout and are agreeable. For the loss of their twenty foot by forty foot wagon shed the Bairs requested \$10,000. For the potential loss of their springhouse feed they requested a drilled well prior to the start of the project. In exchange for the easement the Bairs would like free connection to the sewer and fifteen years of free sewer service. Additionally they would like three years of crop damage. Commissioner Heilman asked that the amount for crop damage be substantiated and Superintendent Mahone will take care of it. After discussion, the Committee agreed to the Bair's requests. We can begin the process of creating the easement plats and agreement. Manager Rodgers said the agreement will apply to heirs and assigns.

OAKHILL/HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported he walked the proposed sewer line layout for the Oakhill, Hershey Heights sewer project with Joel Kostolac and Bradley Anderson from GHD on March 8th. The design layout was adjusted to try minimizing the impact to existing properties and structures, such as trees and sheds. In the original layout the designer tried to run down property lines, which is where people planted their trees. The adjusted route will require more easement from some property owners and less from others, but it will have the

least amount of impact. Manager Rodgers asked if it was moved out of the MetEd right-of-way and Superintendent Mahone said they are trying to parallel it. Reiber will be in the area this week or next to collect more survey data. The notification letters and mailing database have been completed. The letters should be sent out in the next few weeks. Commissioner Brown said he is already getting questions from his neighbors about the sewer line and he'd like to see the letters sent out sooner rather than later. Superintendent Mahone said the letter will be sent in the next two or three weeks. Manager Rodgers said they had talked about having a public meeting prior to the need to acquire right-of-way.

ON-LOT MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the notification letter has been completed and the mailing data base is being reviewed. The on-lot zone map and educational flyer have been finalized. The letters will be in the mail on April 6, 2017. The pump notification letters for zone one should be in the mail next week. The Act 537 Plan letter notifying Oakhill/Hershey Heights/Broadway area of the need to install sanitary sewer should be sent the following week.

RECYCLING BINS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported there are currently one hundred ninety recycling bins in stock. In a typical year two hundred bins are distributed. The last time bins were purchased was in 2009 and we chose a twenty-one gallon bin from Busch Systems for \$9.87. At that time York County paid for 75% of the cost with a recycling grant and we purchased six hundred-fifty bins. There aren't any recycling grants available this year. There may be grants once the state budget is approved and the \$2.00 per ton Trash Tipping Fee Law is reaffirmed. In the future we could apply for a reimbursement grant for the purchase of bins. Superintendent Mahone shared three purchasing options for bins. After discussion the Committee approved the purchase of twenty-four gallon bins from Busch Systems for \$11.53 per unit. Five hundred bins will be purchased. We will continue to allow one free unit per new home.

CHRISTMAS WRAP COLLECTION: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that the Hanover Borough may be selling all of their trash collection vehicles or at least the old spare truck we've been using for Christmas wrap collection. The vehicle is no longer being inspected or maintained. We aren't able to use one of their regular vehicles because they will be in service collecting trash. The past three years we collected twelve thousand eighty pounds of wrap and styrofoam and processed one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine vehicles, averaging six pounds per vehicle. Superintendent Mahone said a rental unit costs \$1500 to \$2000 a day, but it has been several years since he looked into it. Commissioner Van de Castle asked if the wrap is recycled and it is not, it goes to the incinerator the same as the trash. Manager Rodgers said the six hundred or seven hundred cars that come through in a year are not a huge percentage of the seven thousand households in the Township. After discussion, the Committee decided it would cost more money to rent a truck than it would cost the residents to use a trash bag for their Christmas trash. They can still recycle any cardboard. The Christmas wrap program will be discontinued.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reminded the Committee that the shredding event will be April 22, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is for Township residents only.

NPDES DRAFT PERMIT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported he received another draft NPDES discharge permit for the wastewater treatment plant on March 30, 2017. The new draft reflects changes made to the original draft after review and comments by the Township and GHD. We have thirty days from the date of the publication in the PA Bulletin to comment on the new draft. Staff and GHD are reviewing the draft. One of the key points to this permit is that once it becomes final we will have two years and three months to have a new ultra violet disinfection system operational at the treatment plant. Commissioner Brown recommended we review sewer fees and connection fees to prepare for the expense of this project.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent received a call from Linda Shepell. Her parents live on the corner of Friar Run and Little John Court where the abandoned pumping station is located. They are willing to absorb the property, at no cost, if the Township is interested in doing that. Manger Rogers said if the land is below a certain assessed value it doesn't have to be bid out and we can do whatever we choose. With the improvements removed it may be below the threshold.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary