

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 7, 2020

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Heiland, Commissioners; Brown and Elksnis. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Felix was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

OAKHILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported he is waiting on the consent agreement with Met-Ed. GHD requested an update on the status; however the contact at Met-Ed is out until January 9, 2020.

A response was received from DEP on the letter the township sent to them concerning the construction milestone dates in the Act 537 Plan. The response from Tim Wagner stated as long as the township continues to work toward the project completion there is not a problem with delays.

The township is waiting on a response concerning the H2O Grant application. Manager Rodgers reported that according to Representative Klunk's office that we may receive a response late summer or early fall based on previous applications. Commissioner Heiland requested an update on the rural grant. Manager Rodgers reported that she had spoken with a gentleman in the Reading office, he explained that because we are not rural we do not qualify. Commissioner Heiland asked for the status of the right of way requests, Manager Rodgers reported, she just spoke with a gentleman prior to the meeting, and still needs to hear from several other property owners.

ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported he continues to work with Wedeco and Swam Electric to solve the communication issues between the UV PLC and the existing SCADA System. Swam's integrator Tri Star is scheduled to visit the plant January 20, 2020.

GRANDVIEW ROAD SEWER LINE REPAIR: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported Shiloh Paving and Excavating started the project on January 6, 2020 with the delivery of materials. They have decided to complete the manhole installation and main sewer line replacement at night. Their work hours during this phase will be from 6 p.m. till 6 a.m. The lateral replacement will be during the day time between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Letters of notification about the night time construction were sent to residents on

January 3, 2020. Commissioner Heiland asked how long the project is expected to take, Superintendent Mahone stated the main construction should take about 1 ½ to 2 weeks. Commissioner Elksnis inquired as to where the project begins; Superintendent Mahone stated that it starts at Martin Drive, and up to about 60 feet short of Azalea Drive.

OTHER MATTERS: Manager Rodgers requested WWTP Superintendent Mahone update the committee regarding a letter being sent to Hanover Foods, Inc. to update their flow. WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that a letter is being sent to Hanover Foods requesting that they need to reduce their flow to the township or purchase more capacity. The township has been lenient in the past few months with the overaged. Manager Rodgers added that the letter was sent to the solicitor for review.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Bowman, Oakhill Drive, asked the committee about the amount of funds that were applied for on the H20 grant. Manager Rodgers stated that the amount was under 2 million, she could only apply for work that has not been completed, therefore the funds for construction were applied for, and the grant stated that the funds would be used to offset the residents' contributions. Mr. Bowman stated he believed the grant required a 50% match, and asked where the matching funds would come from; Manager Rodgers stated they would come from the township. Manager Rodgers added that letters of support were sent from Representative Klunk's office and Senator Mastriano's office. Mr. Bowman also inquired about the easement agreements. Manager Rodgers stated she needs about 27-28, with 1 being recorded, and approximately half a dozen have not made contact. Mr. Bowman asked about the 537 Plan, as he understands part of the plan was to bolster repair lines of the Southern part of the Township. He asked if this was part of the sewer line repair, also if it included the replacement of the Codorus Pump Station. WWTP Superintendent responded that, there were a few pumping stations that have been eliminated with the installation of sewer lines. The only thing outstanding is the Codorus Pumping Station. Manager Rodgers added that the repair the WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported about was an emergency repair.

Mr. Corrier, Beaver Creek Road, asked if there was anything the citizens can do to show support of the requested grants. Manager Rodgers stated that they could reach out to DEP, or the DCED where the grant was submitted to online, and to send letters of support to Representative Klunk's and Senator Mastriano's office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary