

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 5, 2021

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:13 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: Chairman Elksnis read a summary of the Public Meeting Guidelines.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

OAKHILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported they continue to contact residents to acquire easements for the project. Chairman Elksnis presented the committee with an ordinance for condemnation of two sites needed for the project. The committee agreed to add this to the Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda.

CENTER STREET STREAMBANK RESTORATION: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the township is waiting to receive an Operations and Maintenance plan from ARRC so we can complete the reimbursement application for the York County Planning Commission Countywide Action Plan Grant.

GRANDVIEW ROAD LINING PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported Abel Recon was on site on December 21 and 22 to prepare the two sections of eight-inch sewer main and install a liner. They were able to install the liner in one section of line between manholes 41-9 and 41-10. They were planning to install the other section on December 23rd but their flagging crew never arrived. Consequently, they pulled off the job due to the holidays. They came back on January 4th and 5th to finish the installation of the last section of liner.

NEWSLETTER: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the Spring/Summer Newsletter will be delivered in the April 5, 2021, Merchandiser and the deadline for submissions are March 2, 2021.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that notification was received that York County Solid Waste has reinstated the collection of electronics for recycling. Superintendent Mahone and Manager Rodgers had agreed to begin accepting for York County residents on Monday, January 11, 2021.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Bill Bowman, 123 Oakhill Drive, wanted to talk about funding for the Oak Hills/Hershey Heights project, he asked what would happen to the budget if there was a way to satisfy DEP without doing the project. Chairman Elksnis asked for clarification. Mr. Bowman stated that there is a way to continue as it is. Commissioner Heiland stated that it would be paid out of the sewer fund, and then recoup by the residents. Chairman Elksnis again asked Mr. Bowman how DEP would be satisfied by not doing the project, and Mr. Bowman stated he would like to meet to discuss.

Mr. Jack Corriere, 114 Oakhill Drive, had a question on the budget under capital outlay, what is the amount compared to last year. Manager Rodgers stated that last year the budgeted amount was 2.38 million, this year it is 3.85 million. Manager Rodgers added that it was increased about a million for the installation for the Oak Hills/Hershey Heights project, along with construction inspection over what was in the 2020 budget.

Jim Miner, 70 Oak Hill Drive, had a question about what properties are being condemned for the pumping stations. Commissioner Elksnis stated, there are two; one on Oak Hill Drive, and one on Hershey Heights. Chairman Elksnis stated that residents refuse to reply to the letters that have been sent regarding the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary