

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 4, 2020

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:08 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners; Brown, Felix, Heiland and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the January 7, 2020 Health and Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Wayne Singer, 896 Hershey Heights Road, expressed his disdain for the proposed tapping infrastructure fees for the Oakhill Hershey Heights Sewer Project. Commissioner Heiland stated to please keep in mind that the fees have not been finalized.

OAKHILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the township received the executed consent agreement from Met-Ed to cross their transmission right of way. The township is waiting on revised easement descriptions and plats for six properties in the Oakhill project area and three properties in the Hershey Heights area due to the adjustments needed to satisfy Med-Ed and a few minor changes with the Hershey Heights lay out and station site. Of the twenty easements needed for Hershey Heights there are twelve properties that have not scheduled a meeting to discuss an agreement. Of the seventeen easements needed for Oakhill there are nine properties that have not scheduled a meeting to discuss an agreement. When revised easement descriptions and plats are received, meetings will be scheduled to finalize agreements. Currently the H2O Grant is scheduled for the July 14, 2020, State Board meeting where they intend to start the process of awarding the grant money.

ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the communication issue between the existing SCADA PLC and the Wedeco PLC has been resolved. Wedeco is currently collecting performance data on power consumption to satisfy the bid specification. There are a few punch list items to be completed by Conewago Enterprises and Swam Electric some of which can't be completed until spring.

GRANDVIEW ROAD SEWER LINE REPAIR: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported Shiloh has completed the installation of the manholes, main line, and laterals. All that remains is to adjust the manhole frame and covers and install the base paving. The final milling and overlay will occur in the spring.

LOCAL PRETREATMENT DISCHARGE LIMITS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone presented local discharge limits for Penn Township dischargers to the Hanover Treatment Plant for consideration of adoption. The township received a letter from Hanover Borough requesting the township to adopt a new resolution reflecting the new borough limits recently adopted and approved by the Borough and EPA. WWTP Superintendent Mahone explained any municipality that contributes to their waste water treatment plant has to adopt those limits so the borough has the authority to come into and enforce those limits. Commissioner Heiland asked where the numbers come from. WWTP Superintendent Mahone explained that they are done through testing, and often change and this is why this must be done about every five years. The Committee recommended adopting the resolution.

NEWSLETTER: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the Newsletter is schedule to be delivered on April 6<sup>th</sup>, and will need articles to include for the proof by March 6<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Heiland requested to include the information regarding millings availability for alley maintenance.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the next shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Van de Castle questioned when there is bad weather, and Grandview gets plowed, who would replace anything that would get pulled out, and WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that Shiloh would replace.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Judy Sieg, 853 Hershey Heights Road, stated she has not met with Manager Rodgers to discuss easement as of yet, and asked if she should wait until final plans have been made. WWTP Mahone stated that she could call Manger Rodgers and set a meeting date as soon as possible. Cindy Staley, 865 Hershey Heights Road, stated she will call soon to set an appointment as well.

Wayne Singer, asked the Committee if there is a breaking ground start date. Manager Rodgers replied that there are several steps that need to be met yet. All the right of ways need to be acquired, two land development plans need to be submitted and approved for the two pump stations, and when the plans are finalized, the project needs a Penn Dot Highway Occupancy Permit. The anticipation is a late fall bid, with an early spring construction.

Commissioner Heiland asked for an update on the light at Broadway and Hershey Heights Road. Manager Rodgers stated that the invoice for the light is being paid this week, and once Met Ed receives payment, the light will be in their system for construction.

WWTP Superintendent Mahone wanted to add that we have to wait for the award of the H2O Grant prior to the start of construction for the Oakhill Hershey Heights Sewer Project.

Diane Lester, 230 Oakhill Circle, expressed concern about the cost of the project and the effect it has on planning for the future. Manager Rodgers stated that the township would not ask for payment until the line was in the ground and taking flow. George Neely, 951 Beaver Creek Road, and Michael Potter, 961 Beaver Creek Road asked questions specifically regarding the plans for their properties. WWTP Superintendent Mahone provided them with answers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney  
Township Secretary