

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 6, 2018

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:20 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Heiland and Commissioners Brown, Felix, Klunk, and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 6, 2018 Health & Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

HANOVER FOODS CORPORATION: Commissioner Heiland noted that there were no representatives present from Hanover Foods Corporation. Superintendent Mahone said all of the right-to-know information they requested has been delivered.

BARNHART DRIVE SEWER LINE PROJECT: Superintendent Mahone reported on the Barnhart Drive sewer line project. ESAB responded to our easement agreement request on February 22, 2018. They made a few changes to the wording on the agreement. Attorney Mullin and Township Staff reviewed and approved the changes. ESAB was notified and instructed to prepare the documents and send the Township two executed copies.

ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM: Superintendent Mahone reported on the ultraviolet disinfection system. He said the notice to award was sent to Xylem/Wedeco on February 23, 2018. GHD has since received preliminary drawings so they can move forward with design drawings for the permitting process with DEP. Xylem/Wedeco is putting together the contract documents and bond information. We are planning on submitting the Part II application to DEP by the end of April.

REPLACEMENT VEHICLE FOR BIOSOLIDS DUMP TRUCK: Superintendent Mahone reported that a replacement for the biosolids dump truck is needed. The current dump truck used to haul biosolids from the sludge building to the storage pad is in very bad shape. We have the opportunity to purchase a replacement dump truck from Manheim Township. It is a 1991 International that has been very well maintained. The asking price is \$6,000 and Superintendent Mahone recommended purchasing it. The old 1981 truck could be sold on Municibid. The Committee recommended approving the purchase of a dump truck from Manheim Township.

TRASH BAG BIDS: Superintendent Mahone reported that the Township currently has 237,300 trash bags in stock, which is about a one year supply. We didn't budget the

purchase of bags in 2018 but Superintendent Mahone asked if the Committee would like to evaluate the current cost of bags. The Committee recommended proceeding with a bid to see what prices are available.

Commissioner Brown said the gentleman who collects recyclables in his area did a great job during the windy weather. He ran around collecting the cans and bottles that blew out of the bins. Superintendent Mahone said he'd pass that information along.

Commissioner Felix asked if different bag ties could be used with a new trash bag bid. Superintendent Mahone said the current bag ties met the bid specifications but he has updated the bid specifications to include a higher quality bag tie in future bids.

PALLET RACKING AND TRAILERS: Superintendent Mahone reported that he purchased and installed pallet racking in the Public Works building, as discussed at the February 6, 2018 Health & Sanitation Committee meeting. All of the trash bag stock has been moved inside the building. There are now four trailers that are empty and one that Staimans is using for magazines. The unused trailers could be sold. Superintendent Mahone said he asked Engineer Bortner if Public Works could use the trailers and he said no. The Committee recommended selling the trailers.

NEWSLETTER: Superintendent Mahone reported that the Township newsletter is almost ready to be printed and will be delivered with the Merchandiser in April.

SHREDDING EVENT: Superintendent Mahone reported that the shredding event will be held on April 28, 2018.

COLUMBIA GAS CROSS BORE PROGRAM: Superintendent Mahone reported that Columbia Gas is going all across state looking at where they have installed main line and service lines using boring machines. Over the years they installed these lines and may have gone right through a sewer line and not known it. Where they suspect there might be a conflict with a sanitary sewer line or a storm sewer line they will hire a contractor to televise the systems to see if there are any cross bores that penetrated through the sewer lines or laterals. Columbia Gas is starting that process in our area. We have given them our sewer and storm system layouts from the GIS program. They will overlay that data onto their gas line mapping to determine areas of potential conflict. They plan on being here televising lines by mid-June or before. Columbia Gas has the list of 2018 paving projects so conflicts can be avoided. Commissioner Felix asked if we will be notified if a line was punctured and Superintendent Mahone said we will. When finished they will share all of the data collected on our sewer system with the Township at no charge. Commissioner Brown asked what impact this will have on homeowners if there is a punctured lateral. Superintendent Mahone said Columbia Gas will take full responsibility and work on any repairs.

Columbia Gas would like to educate homeowners and plumbers about calling 811 before cutting anything. There could be a slight inconvenience if a plumber has to wait on the gas company to come out but it would be worth it to possibly save a home. If someone were to assume a tree root had grown through the line and start cutting, it could cause serious damage if they are actually cutting a gas line.

ACT 902 GRANT: Superintendent Mahone reported he received notification that the Act 902 grant program for recycling has been opened. This will allow us to apply for the balance of the funds we used to build the recycling center. We received \$249,000 during the last grant session. The limit for this session is \$350,000. Superintendent Mahone plans to apply for funds to cover the cost of recycling bins, bag racking, a leaf vac truck and another grapple for the excavator. There is a pre-application meeting on March 21, 2018 and the application is due by April 7, 2018.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Hallett  
Township Secretary