

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 2, 2019

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on April 2, 2019 at 7:04 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Heiland, Commissioners Brown, Klunk, and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, and Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Felix was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the March 5, 2019 Health and Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were several residents present from the Oak Hill/Hershey Heights area. Kathy Mathais, 101 Oakhill Drive, did not have any comments, but stated others did. James Miner questioned if the cost to residents could be brought down to \$5,000, the discussed cost was in the area of \$15,000. Amount has not been set. Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Dr, thanked Manager Rodgers for her cooperation in providing requested information. Questioned who Authored the 537 Plan, was provided an answer of GHD. Also stated that the residents do not feel like they are being included. Suggested a meeting to have an open discussion as to why and how this is happening. Manager Rodgers stated that she has been in contact with a representative from Kate Klunk's office. Kate Klunk's office will be in contact with the DEP, but is waiting to be contacted by the residents. James Miner, 70 Oakhill Dr. questioned the timeline. WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that project is still in the permit process. Part 2 permit will be submitted soon, as early as next week. Approval process will take approximately six months to a year. Looking at putting project out to bid approximately spring of 2020, and construction start approximately late 2020. A resident questioned what type of fees the township would receive from Berwick Township to hook up to system, WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that that was never part of the plan as they have their own system. Terry Altland, 2221 Broadway, requested that someone visit older properties to check into the hookup. WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that they should be able to hook up to intersect with pipe. Bill Bowman, stated that he has been in contact with a plumber, and cost may depend on depth. WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that the lateral T is set at a 2% grade, approximately eight to nine feet deep, at a minimum of 6 feet. Jack Corriere, 114 Oakhill Dr, stated that since the timeline is slower than originally thought, that the Board look at the township expenses, and how the township could help the residents. Cyndy Staly, 865 Hershey Heights Road, spoke with plumbers from West Manheim, stated that they were shocked that the cost was so high. Loves living in Penn Township, has a good recycling and trash program, but the infrastructure fee does not seem fair. Jack Corriere questioned if West Manheim residents paid before or after installation of their system, and if other township residents have been made aware that the residents have to pay the fee.

OAKHILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT:

WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated GHD received confirmation from the York County conservation District that the E&S plan and NPDES permit application is technically complete and will move to technical review. Manager Rodgers has sent out letters to begin easement acquisitions.

BARNHART DRIVE SEWER LINE PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that since the last meeting HRI has completed the installation of manholes 38, 39, and 40, and 1028 feet of pipe and completed the tie-in to manhole 41 at the rail road track crossing. Weather permitting they intend to complete all the testing on the installed pipe and manholes and complete the restoration through the Bair Farm so the farmer can install their crop. They will then move their equipment to the other side of the railroad tracks to complete the project.

ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM: WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that GHD continues to review shop drawings for the project. Conewago Enterprises has indicated that they will be onsite April 15, 2019.

SEWER RATE DISCUSSION: Commissioners agreed to have the Garbage grinder rate remain at \$9.00 per quarter. An ordinance setting rates will be brought forth at the Board of Commissioners' Meeting, April 15, 2019.

GRANDVIEW ROAD SEWER LINE REPAIR: WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that, on February 26, 2019, they televised a lateral at 2061 Grandview Rd. The lateral showed signs of tree roots close to the connection at the main. As a result, they televised the main sewer line on Grandview Road from Martin Drive to Manhole 41-9. Manhole 41-12 which is at Martin Drive on Grandview was the discharge point from the former Laurel Drive Pumping Station. Over the years there was an issue with Hydrogen Sulfide gas from the station discharge that deteriorated the top of the Transite sewer pipe in the first run between manhole 41-11 and 41-10. Video has been sent to GHD for review and advice on repairs. WWTP Superintendent Mahone suspects that 265 feet of 8 inch main at a minimum will need to be replaced, and the installation of 660 feet of liner in the next two downstream runs. This will need to be bid out and move as quickly as possible.

SHREDDING EVENT: Spring shredding is scheduled for April 27, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Klunk suggested investigating more information into a program that would recycle plastic bags into TREK park benches for the community.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: A resident questioned if it would be more economical for a property owners with wells to install a meter to measure output rather than paying the flat rate fee. WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that the meter would have to be approved by the township prior to installation. Cost could be

several hundred dollars for resident to install. Manager Rodgers stated that there could be savings over time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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