

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MAY 2, 2023

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:24 p.m., following the Finance Committee Meeting. Present were Chairman Berlingo, Commissioners Allison, Brown, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Lank, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 4, 2023, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

OAK HILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported Conewago returned onsite after a few weeks working on mechanicals in the wet wells, valve vaults and earth work at Oak Hill. The electrical contractor should be on site soon to start their rough in. A walk through will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup> of the project sites with Joao & Bradley to generate a final punch list. Present will be representatives from GHD, our engineer, the Township Manager, WWTP Superintendent, Assistant WWTP Superintendent, and the Public Works Supervisor.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the sewer installation is complete, the Township is waiting for Bon Ton to switch from their grinder pump to the new gravity lateral. Once that is complete the station will be dismantled, and the lower section of the wet well will be backfilled.

He reported that they are still waiting for materials for the Breezewood Drive project and hoping to begin the project once school dismisses for the summer.

GRANDVIEW ACRES PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the Township is waiting on right-of-ways and a wetland study to finalize the prints and materials list for the project.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the annual shredding event and food drive held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> was a great success. There were 47 bins shredded for 11,750 lbs., and 1,060 lbs. of food donated to New Hope Ministries. He asked the Committee if he could schedule the fall shredding event for October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Committee agreed.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the new camera truck was delivered on April 20<sup>th</sup> and they received initial training. They have used it a few times in the Oak Hill area for pre-paving televising and to test the rig.

The Sewer Crew roller is in for repairs due to a leaking drum seal, it will be about \$1,200 in parts and an estimate of \$6,000 total. The steering linkage is getting worn and would cost another \$10,000 to fix, so due to it being a 1996 model, we are opting to just fix the leak and begin getting quotes for a replacement.

They are getting ready to replace both motors on the centrifuge, they are the originals and are showing signs of wear in the form of vibration. The cost of the motors is just over \$7,000 and the Township will be doing the installation ourselves.

They would like to move forward with pouring concrete pads for the landing gear of the recycle trailers. It was designed for 48-foot trailers and now we have 53-foot trailers which do not sit on the existing concrete and are sinking into the blacktop. We are trying to coordinate the work with a class for the Public Works employees to get certified in concrete work and we can get \$1,000 in reimbursement. The rough estimate for the work is \$3,500.

The computer that was purchased and loaded with the SCADA Software is unable to dial out for alarms. Superintendent Lank recently received a quote of \$14,000 to get it working. This was to replace his SCADA computer which is the only one with the current software for dialing out, and its obsolete. He fears the old tower will die and will lose alarm and monitoring functions. He would like to pursue quotes to replace the current system which is antiquated and obsolete as a budgetary item. The Committee recommended obtaining quotes.

The current disinfection system utilizes ultraviolet light to kill the micro-organisms prior to discharge into the creek. The UV bulbs, ballast and sensors are considered consumables, but they are guaranteed for a certain life expectancy. If they do not meet the guarantee, they are sent back for evaluation and the Township receives a partial credit, then they are recycled. The last batch was accidentally sent to the recycler and destroyed as no fault of the Township's, so the representative is giving us a 100% credit by giving us new bulbs, ballast, and a sensor worth approximately \$9,000.

Superintendent Lank is still seeking directions about allowing the adults with disabilities to tour the recycling center and the wastewater treatment plant. They have also inquired about volunteering at the recycling center. It would be a small group with supervision. The Committee agreed to tours with supervision.

#### CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hill Drive, and Mr. Dan Owen, 4240 Grandview Road had questions regarding the Oak Hill Hershey Heights Sewer installation project. The Committee addressed their concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna M. Sweeney, Township Secretary