

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 6, 2023

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:17 p.m., following the Finance Committee Meeting. Present were Vice-Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners Brown, and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Lank, and Township Secretary Sweeney. Chairman Berlingo and Commissioner Allison were absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the May 2, 2023, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

OAK HILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported Conewago has graded most of the Hershey Heights pump station site and is working on the retaining wall at Oak Hill pump station site. The electrical contractor, PSI, is working on installing the control panel and wiring at Hershey Heights and once the wall is established at Oak Hill, they will move to that location. Joao & Bradley are to start work on their punch list at both locations this week, most of the items are landscaping related. They have asked that residents help in watering the areas that are repaired so that the grass will take hold. Conewago has submitted Change Order #2, for unsuitable soil over-excavation for retaining wall, in the amount of \$17,763.83. They will dig out the trenches for the footing of the Oak Hill pump station retaining wall and build back up with stone to meet the compaction requirements needed. Conewago did continue working, no delay was incurred.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the Township is waiting for Bon Ton to switch from their grinder pump to the new gravity lateral. The Crew has been working to complete the restoration in the area.

He reported that they are still waiting for materials for the Breezewood Drive project and should have what is needed to start by the end of June. They are hoping to have the section that would impact the school area completed prior to the beginning of the school year.

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.

REFUSE & RECYCLING CONTRACT AND BAG BID: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported there is approximately one years' worth of bags in inventory. He suggested

preparing to bid for bags by the first of the year. He suggested continuing the discussions of how the Board wishes to proceed in the future for trash service. It will take time to get a new plan ready for the next bidding cycle. The next order of bags will get the Township to the end of the initial 3-year contract, which does have an option for 2-one-year extensions. The Committee recommended Superintendent Lank to gather the information.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the Codorus Pump Station breakdown that started on May 19th and concluded on May 23rd, that the primary working pump had a seal failure which caused the raw wastewater to continuously run out of the pump and onto the floor. The back up pump also failed when they tried to operate it, which is why they had to have Smith's Septic continuously monitor and pump down the wet well around the clock. The Township had an emergency repair done on the pump and got it back in service on Tuesday, May 23rd. Township employees pulled the back up pump out and were able to make repairs and have successfully tested the pump. A new pump was ordered last fall for this station and repair parts, which are scheduled to be ready at the end of July. The total cost of the emergency work was \$29,025.00 for Smiths and \$5,833 for Motor Tech. The Township is very fortunate that the employees caught the issue with the pump before it was able to flood the station and cause more severe damage to the electrical components in the station.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
Mr. Wayne Singer, 896 Hershey Heights Road, and Mr. Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hill Drive, had questions regarding the Oak Hill Hershey Heights Sewer installation project. The Committee addressed their concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary