

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
JULY 3, 2023

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Monday, July 3, 2023, at 6:53 p.m., following the Finance Committee Meeting. Present were Chairman Berlingo, Commissioners Allison, Brown, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and WWTP Superintendent Lank. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the June 6, 2023, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

OAK HILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the mechanical portion at Hershey Heights has been completed by Conewago and PSI is working on the control wiring. Conewago completed the drain system at Oak Hill and must finish the mechanical portion. PSI has started the placement of panels at Oak Hill but is waiting for Conewago to complete their portion before wiring can be completed. Joao & Bradley has not started their punch list, Superintendent Lank received an email stating that they plan to wait until it cools down to complete the restoration. They are concerned that they will not get any growth over the summer.

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.

He reported that they have received the materials for the Breezewood Drive project and hope to get started later this month. The goal is to complete the section that crosses the road before the start of the school year.

GRANDVIEW ACRES PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the Township is waiting on right-of-ways and finalized prints to order the materials for the project.

RECYCLE DEPARTMENT 1993 CHEVY BOX TRUCK: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the truck only has 62,540 miles but is unsafe to drive. It has holes in the floorboard, seat frames are rusted out, frame is rusted with holes, there is a large hole in the frame where a leaf spring attaches, and the box floor is rusting through. He would like to take it to a salvage yard and dispose of it. According to the current price per pound the Township should get about \$700.00. The committee agreed for the disposal.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported he received a right to know request from the Environmental Integrity Project, a non-profit group that investigates

polluters, requesting information regarding Hanover Foods. He reported that he had previously received a request the week he started, last September, requesting over two and a half years of data containing flows, loadings, reports, and any correspondence. This most recent request covers the period from then to now and he has sent the information to them the same day he received the notice.

Superintendent Lank reported that on June 3, 2022, Joao & Bradley hit an underground electric line that supplied power to 2221 Broadway. On December 28, 2022, he was informed that the PUC was investigating the incident and was requesting information. He contacted everyone involved and sent all the information he could find on January 3, 2023, to the commission. On June 29, 2023, he received the final ruling, and everyone involved (Met-Ed, Joao & Bradley, GHD, and Penn Township) was issued a monetary penalty and mandatory training. Superintendent Lank contacted the investigators, and found we are being fined because the previous superintendent supplied no report, but Superintendent Lank provided proof that the report was submitted, but no information was included. Based on the information that he had supplied plus the proof that a report had been filed, the Township's penalty has been waived. There will still be a record of the incident and training will still need to take place.

Commissioner Heiland reminded everyone in attendance that the August Committee meetings will be held on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 p.m.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hill Drive, appreciated the update on the Oak Hill Hershey Heights project that was posted on the website. He had other questions regarding the project. The Committee addressed his concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,  
Township Secretary