

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION
AUGUST 2, 2016

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:39 P.M. following the Public Works Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Van de Castle and Commissioners Brown, Felix, and Klunk. Commissioner Heilman was absent with notice. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, and Highway Foreman Mahan. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the July 5, 2016 Health & Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Chad Miller, 680 Beck Mill Road, told the Board of Commissioners that he has water running through his property. He has been speaking to Township Manager Rodgers about this. He said it has been happening on and off and recently noticed the water has a strong smell. After doing some research it appears to be septic water. Commissioner Van de Castle asked WWTP Superintendent Mahone if he went to inspect the problem. Superintendent Mahone said Doug Stambaugh, the Sewage Enforcement Officer visited the area and indicated that it appears to be wash water that is being pumped from 664 Beck Mill Road. He also indicated that 660 Beck Mill might have the same issue occurring. Superintendent Mahone instructed the SEO to investigate the disposal system at 660 Beck Mill Road to see if there is a similar issue. Once we determine if this problem is at one or both of the properties we will inform the property owner(s) of the violations and request a plan on how they will correct the violation. The properties could install a grinder pump station and forcemain and discharge into a manhole located about three hundred fifty feet away.

Jessica Miller asked if gray water should smell bad and Superintendent Mahone explained that it can. Mr. Miller said the water is creating safety issues in the winter when it freezes and Manager Rodgers confirmed that the Highway Crew has had to break up ice during the winter months. Mrs. Miller asked how long it will take to correct the problem and Commissioner Klunk said we will move as fast as legally possible.

MULLERTOWN STATION PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the skid mounted station and enclosure was released for fabrication on July 14, 2016. The contractor, 4M Construction, has installed the station wet well and the manholes for the flow meter and grinder. They will be pouring the footers for the building pad at the end of the week.

NPDES PERMIT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that a second round of comments on the proposed permit were submitted to the DEP on July 11, 2016. The original permit writer was transferred to another region so a different person will be reviewing the comments. Manager Rodgers said she and Superintendent Mahone met with a vendor last week to look at using UV lights instead of chlorination. The vendor explained their process and will put together a proposal.

OAK HILLS & HERSHEY HEIGHTS DESIGN PROPOSALS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that there are two proposals from GHD for consideration. The Oak Hills and Hershey Heights proposal is for \$142,000. The estimated cost per the Act 537 plan was

\$3,500,000 and this proposal is about 4% which is a good amount for the design. The 2016 budget has \$150,000 budgeted for design. Commissioner Brown asked if this has to be done. Manager Rodgers said the Act 537 plan was denied because this hadn't been added so it is now being required.

The estimate to eliminate the Industrial Park Pumping Station is \$54,000. If this is 4% of the estimate, the estimated project total would be \$1,250,000. The Board recommended moving forward.

STREAMBANK RESTORATION DESIGN PROPOSALS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that a proposal for the streambank stabilization was received from AARC. The proposal for Homewood was \$8,867.50 from Aquatic Resource Restoration Company (ARRC) and \$11,205 from Buchart Horn. The proposal for Center Street was \$4,060 from ARRC and \$10,082 from Buchart Horn. Superintendent Mahone explained what each project entails. The work will be completed by the Penn Township Public Works department with supervision by the design firm. Commissioner Van de Castle asked if Homewood gave permission to access their property. Superintendent Mahone said they have discussed it in the past and we are looking in to sharing the repair expense with them. The Board recommended accepting the ARRC proposals.

NEWSLETTER: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that the Township Newsletter is scheduled to be delivered September 26, 2016. He will need all articles submitted by August 25, 2016. Commissioner Klunk asked if the newsletter has addressed skateboarding recently and it has not. Manager Rodgers asked if curfew could be addressed in the newsletter and Commissioner Klunk agreed that it should be.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent reported that the shredding company can do a shredding event for Penn Township on October 22, 2016 from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.

CHRISTMAS WRAP COLLECTION: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that the Christmas wrap collection is scheduled for December 27, 28 and 29, 2016. Commissioner Van de Castle asked if this will be in the newsletter and it will.

LIQUID FUELS AUDIT: Township Manager Rodgers reported that there will be a possible finding on the liquid fuels audit for not using an interest-bearing account.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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