

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:56 p.m. following Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Heiland, Commissioners; Brown, Felix and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Klunk was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were several residents present who wished to express concerns about the installation of the sewer at the Oak Hill and Hershey Heights area. Some of the residents that commented included Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, Whitey Fuhrman, 220 Oak Hill Circle, Joan Potter, 961 Beaver Creek Road, Anthony Gerech, 1075 Beaver Creek Road, Wayne Singer, 896 Hershey Heights Road, and Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hill Drive. The main concern is the financial burden that will be placed on the 47 residents. A resident suggested conducting an income survey of the localized area, not the entire township. Another resident suggested spreading the cost across the township.

Brian Berkheimer, 561 McAllister Street, a local realtor, stated that he is having difficulty selling properties in the area, due to the sewer installation and not knowing how to advise the prospective buyer on the cost of this project.

OAKHILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported he and Manager Rodgers continue to work on acquiring easements for the project and are awaiting permit approval from DEP.

ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the electricians have finished connecting all of the wiring associated with the system. Wedeco, the manufacturer will be onsite September 4th and 5th to inspect the installation and wiring. They will return the following week to start up the system and make any adjustments. The following week they will be onsite for training of the staff.

BARNHART DRIVE SEWER LINE PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported GHD has requested the final payment application and closeout documents from HRI. When we receive them we can make final payment and the Board of Commissioners will need to approve the change order that will establish the final cost and duration of the project.

NEWSLETTER: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the newsletter will be delivered in the Merchandiser the week of September 17, 2019.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the next shredding event is scheduled for October 12, 2019.

OTHER MATTERS: None.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Judy Seig, 853 Hershey Heights, stated that many of the residents are hesitant to meet with the township about the sewer easements fearing it means that they are committing to the project.

Mr. Bowman stated that he has been contacted by several of the residents on Broadway asking if they are included in this project. Commissioner Heiland requested that Mr. Bowman instruct anyone in question to contact the Township.

Joan Potter asked if the Barnhart Project was completed within budget. Manager Rodgers confirmed that the project was completed within the bid amount.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary