

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 5, 2021

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 7:42 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners Black, Brown, Cromer and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 7, 2021 Health and Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

OAKHILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the Township continues to pursue the acquisition of land and easements for the project with no changes since the last committee meeting. GHD has recently been evaluating the current bidding environment and material supply issues and are recommending the Township wait until November to put the project out to bid. GHD also reported the current materials supply issues concerning availability and price increases. Some suppliers are hopeful things will begin to ease by the third quarter of 2022. Superintendent Mahone offered an example about the current increase, in May of 2020, the Township paid \$5.70/ft for sewer pipe, in September of 2021, the cost was \$12.22/ft, and the current price in October is \$19.18/ft.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the design for Janet Street has been completed and letters have been sent to all the property owners involved for the easement requests. The Township is in the process of placing the orders for materials. The intent is to install the new line this winter with Township forces.

Hanover Land Services is currently developing a final design plan for the Breezewood Drive project.

PROPOSED FILL SITE BESIDE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported GHD is working on the permitting for the site.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the next shredding event will be held at the recycling center on Saturday, October 23rd, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Township residents only. There is a limit of the equivalent of five file boxes per car.

2022 BUDGET REVIEW: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reviewed his 2022 budget. Solid Waste Collection & Disposal, there is contractual increase in salaries, plus a little

extra for Saturday overtime when there is no ARD help, and an increase in health insurance. The cost of refuse collection has been increasing, the Township is currently on the second extension of the current contract. The cost may change when we need to purchase additional plastic refuse bags. Superintendent Mahone stated that typically we bid for a two-year supply, he is recommending to bid for one year due to the cost, which recently was projected at a fifty-one percent increase. Hopefully the market will work itself out. Recycling bin supply is low; he is recommending purchasing 1,001 bins, to get a price break of over 1,000. He stated he is anticipating a 2.5 million carryover from the sewer revenue fund this year. Temporary interest is way down, the current sewer rent has increased due to more housing. Build America Bond Subsidy has decreased as it will be partially paid off and will move on the portion that was refinanced. Moving on to the Sewer Expenditures, the Capital Outlay has increased for Easement Acquisition, Installation and Construction Inspection for Oakhill/Hershey Heights Sewer System as well as the elimination of Janet Street and Breezewood Drive Pumping Stations. Chemicals have increased in price. Public Utilities were increased due to the proposed Hanover Borough water increase. The Collection, Capital Outlay has increased to include the purchase of equipment: a UVP Bench Meter, used to calibrate the Ultra Violet transmittance meter, some Algae sonic units and surge protection for the UV disinfectant system. Commissioner Elksnis requested an itemized list of the equipment he wishes to purchase.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that on September 22, 2021, he received notice of approval of the 2020 904 Grant in the amount of \$82,840.28, and payment should be received in four-six weeks.

Superintendent Mahone also reported he received an email at the end of the day from GHD for the NPDES Permit that will expire on June 30, 2022. The renewal application must be submitted prior to January 1, 2022. The cost for the professional services will be \$15,000 on a cost-plus basis, billing will be monthly and based on the actual hours worked plus any reimbursable expenses.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, had questions regarding the NPDES Permit process and also questioned the current balance of the enterprise fund, and interest. Manager Rodgers stated that she does not have the current balance on hand, but the interest was around \$242.00.

Ms. Cindy Staley, 865 Hershey Heights Road, commended the trash service provided by Penn Township.

Mr. Bowman had questions regarding his easement of his property; Commissioner Elksnis stated that should be addressed privately.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Sweeney, Township Secretary