

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:12 p.m. via an online meeting following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners; Brown, Cromer, Heiland and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 6, 2020 Health and Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, Hanover, PA. Mr. Bowman stated he caught the end of the Finance Committee Meeting held prior to this meeting, and inquired if a budget for next year has been passed. Commissioner Heiland stated that the budget will not be final until the Board of Commissioners' Meeting held in December. Manager Rodgers added the draft budget will be available for public review on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

OAKHILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported residents are being contacted to acquire easements for the project.

CENTER STREET STREAMBANK RESTORATION: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the installation of the fabric and stone Rip-Rap along the streambank was completed on October 21, 2020. The site restoration and seeding were completed on October 23, 2020.

BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL CONTRACT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the current biosolids contract with Synagro expired on October 15, 2020. Operation continues under the current contract terms. The new proposed contract will hold the current price per wet ton of 43.74 for the first two years and the remaining three years would be adjusted using the CPI-U. The committee recommended approving the agreement and requested to be added to the Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

GRANDVIEW ROAD LINING PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported Abel Recon has the material to do the installation and was going to do the install October 25, 2020. However, Met-Ed was working at the same location for several days which created a conflict. Abel Recon decided to go to another job and will return in a few weeks.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the shredding event was held on October 17, 2020. There were 215 vehicles that dropped off 8,000 lbs. of material. We turned away 31 vehicles that were non-residents of Penn Township. The

date of April 24, 2021 has been reserved if the event is to be held again in the spring. The committee agreed to add to the calendar for next year.

OTHER MATTERS: Chairman Elksnis reported due to the situation with COVID there are many families in need, he wanted to propose holding a canned food drive. Chairman Elksnis asked the committee for their thoughts, and if Superintendent Mahone could collect at the recycling center. Superintendent Mahone stated that it would have to be staffed with several more people, and had concerns with weather. Chairman Elksnis proposed asking the boy or girl scouts, or a church group to help with the collection at the recycling center. Manager Rodgers suggested the key club or a service project for South Western High School. Commissioner Van de Castle stated that the township could reach out to New Hope Ministries or God's Meal Barrel. The Committee agreed to do more research and plan the event for next year.

Commissioner Brown requested for 4 Scott Street to be placed on the Health and Sanitation agenda for monthly updates until the situation is resolved. Manager Rodgers stated that Zoning Officer Smith has a plan, and is working on an in house or a contracted option. Once he submits the plans Manager Rodgers will forward to the Commissioners for review. The committee agreed that the project should be placed on the Public Works agenda on a monthly basis until resolved.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, Hanover, PA, wanted to commend Chairman Elksnis on the food drive proposal, the idea is a great statement to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary