

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 7:48 p.m. following the Public Works Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Klunk and Commissioners Heilman, Felix, Prieber, and Goldsmith. Also present were Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer, Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Township Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan, Zoning Officer Swanner and Administrative Assistant Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the August 3, 2015 Health & Sanitation meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

CENTER STREET SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Superintendent Mahone reported that GHD received the signed agreement back from Barrasso and will be forwarding it to the Township this week. Barrasso has submitted shop drawings for approval so materials can be ordered. Mobilization is expected close to the end of September.

COLONIAL HILLS FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT: Superintendent Mahone reported that the project is currently out for bid. Bids will be opened on September 17, 2015. Right now it looks like 8 or 9 general contractors are holding plans.

MULLERTOWN STATION REPLACEMENT: Superintendent Mahone reported that we are still working on finalizing a plan to satisfy our solicitor. GHD is finalizing the design and we could be ready to advertise for bids this month.

NPDES PERMIT COMMENTS: Superintendent Mahone reported that after reviewing the draft permit, Township staff and GHD met with DEP prior to responding to the draft permit comment period. The Township had issues with proposed limits; total residual chlorine, total copper, cyanide, chloroform, chlorodibromomethane, dichlorobromomethane, bisz-ethylhexyl phthalate. After discussions and submittal of additional data DEP agreed to reevaluate the copper, cyanide and phthalate limits; however, they stated they didn't see any way that the total residual chlorine limit and the limits for the 3 chlorinated compounds could be reduced or removed from the permit. As long as we use chlorine for the disinfection at the treatment plant we wouldn't be able to meet these limits. Our alternative is to eliminate the use of chlorine and use ultra violet light for disinfection. Commissioner Klunk inquired as to other options and Superintendent Mahone was not aware of any better options, but will talk to GDH again.

537 PLAN: Superintendent Mahone reported that we received a letter from DEP on August 6, 2015 that was dated July 30, 2015 listing in their opinion “technical deficiency” with the data that was submitted. GHD is working to address the issues raised by DEP with more explanation and revised data; however, it appears DEP feels that with the data the Township submitted the area in Oak Hills and Hershey Heights should be designated as a public sewer service area and request a timeframe for the installation of public sewer service. Commissioner Felix raised concerns about Township residents affording this installation and the potential for declining property value should they wish to sell. Commissioner Heilman inquired as to loans and other options for residents to afford the installation.

OTHER MATTERS: Engineer Bortner reported on the Breezewood permit. Engineer Bortner reported that the Center Street project may be completed at the end of October unless the weather does not cooperate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristina Rodgers
Township Manager