

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 1, 2016

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 8:55 P.M. following the Public Works Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Van de Castle and Commissioners Brown, Felix, Heilman, and Klunk. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Highway Foreman Mahan, Zoning Officer Swanner, Assistant to the Engineer Garrett, and Township Secretary Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 2, 2016 Health & Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

COLONIAL HILLS FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that E.K. Services has completed the installation of the force main and the main has passed the hydrostatic pressure test. They have to complete the lining of the discharge manhole and the two downstream manholes and install the drop connection inside the discharge manhole then the line will be ready to put into service. After that they will complete final restoration and paving work as the weather permits.

MULLERTOWN STATION PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that bids were opened on February 26, 2016 for the Mullertown Station project. Five bids were received for general construction contract and five bids were received for the electrical contract. The low bidder for the general construction contract was 4M Construction Services with a bid of \$355,302. The low bidder for the electrical contract was Pumping Solutions Inc (PSI), with a bid of \$35,600., bringing the total bid price to \$390,902. All bid documents were reviewed by GHD and they have worked with both contractors in the past. GHD sees no reason to not award the contracts to the apparent low bidders. Commissioner Brown asked if either contractor has done work for the Township before. Superintendent Mahone answered that PSI has done work for us several times in the past. The Committee recommended awarding the bid to the apparent low bidders.

ELIZABETH HERR CROP DAMAGE REQUEST: Manger Rodgers reported that video footage taken during the stake out in 2011 was reviewed and showed that crop damage was caused by the work being done by the Township. The aerial shots from 2012, 2013, and 2014 show that we used areas outside of the right-of-way. Manger Rodgers and Superintendent Mahone determined that there was crop damage caused by the Township during 2011 and 2012 and loss of usable land during 2013 and 2014,

worth an estimated total of \$6,715. The Committee recommended contacting Ms. Herr to discuss the offer of reimbursement.

537 PLAN: GHD has completed the collection of the data for the needs analysis to determine if there are areas within the Township other than Oak Hills and Hershey Heights that will require extensions to the sanitary collection system. The data did show a few areas where the well water testing indicated levels of total and fecal coliform higher than safe drinking water standards, but it didn't suggest any wide spread problem areas.

GHD is working to incorporate the new data into the 537 Plan and hopes to have a new draft to the Township for review by March 11, 2016. After the draft is final there will be a thirty day public comment period. GHD is planning on submitting the new plan to DEP before April 30, 2016. GHD has also requested what type of implementation schedule the Township would like to see in the plan concerning the Oak Hills/Hershey Heights sewer project. GHD does not recommend any longer than five years for implementation. Commissioner Felix recommended waiting until the plan is received on March 11. He also wants to make sure the citizens have as much time as possible to prepare for the installation. Commissioner Felix suggested we contact a developer and ask what they charge for sewer installation when building new homes to give an idea of what the cost may be per home. Commissioner Brown stated that, as a citizen in Penn Township, he would be in favor of paying whatever the rest of the Township had to pay for sewer service, but he would not want to pay for infrastructure or costs associated with running lines. Commissioner Klunk recalled discussions held in the late nineties concerning what the Township should be responsible for and believes it should be revisited.

Manager Rodgers reported that the residents may request water lines to be run while the street is torn up. She has contacted Manager Ford from Hanover Borough to discuss whether or not water can be run in this part of the Township. Manager Ford needed to see the preliminary design and it was given to her. In order to create a water district fifty plus one percent of the district have to request it. Once a petition is received and the signatures are verified the Township has to create a water district.

NEWSLETTER: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that the newsletter will be delivered on April 4, 2016 and all articles need to be submitted by March 11, 2016. Commissioner Brown asked if a list of violations and consequences could be included. He found that to be very effective in past newsletters.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that he spoke with Gregg Pearson from the York County Solid Waste Authority on February 25, 2016. He indicated the authority is in discussions with Eco Vanta on a new contract to collect E-Recycling. He wanted to know if the Township would still be interested in collecting e-waste if there were no longer any rebates. Superintendent Mahone told him that he felt the Township would be willing to do that as long as a trailer for the collection and storage of the material is provided. Mr. Pearson indicated he would try to negotiate a trailer for Penn Township into the contract. He felt he could have a finished document for review in two weeks and they could possibly restart the collection program in early

April. Commissioner Van de Castle asked if this information could be added to the newsletter. Superintendent Mahone will not hear from York County Solid Waste Authority in time to add it to this newsletter.

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that we were informed last week by the Adams County Rescue Mission that they can no longer collect our plastic bags for recycling. During 2015 an estimated nine tons of bags were collected by Penn Township. Superintendent Mahone contacted Staiman's and they can't collect the bags either because there is no market for them at this time. If we can't find another source we will either have to stop collecting them or throw them into the trash, which could be a problem because we average four large bags of plastic bags per day. The Committee recommended that we stop accepting them and instruct people to throw the bags in their trash.

OTHER MATTERS: None

CITIZENS QUESTIONS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Hallett  
Township Secretary