

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
AUGUST 2, 2021

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:40 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners; Black, Brown, Cromer and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the July 6, 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. Manager Rodgers added that all but one of the remaining properties have been condemned, explaining the day the resolution for condemnation was adopted, the owner of the one property had changed. Superintendent Mahone reported Met-Ed has issued notice that they are in the process of designing the electric service for the two pumping station sites. There will be a meeting with GHD on August 10th to review the status of the design, permitting, easements and bidding schedule. Chairman Elksnis expressed his interest in attending the meeting as well.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the pot hole excavation to locate the existing utilities and determine their elevation has been completed. The Township has developed a final design and Hanover Land Services is developing the easement plats and descriptions for the Janet Street project.

PROPOSED FILL SITE BESIDE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported Engineer Bortner developed a concept plan for the proposed fill site using the proposed final grade elevations to see if it would be possible to construct a building similar to the existing Public Works facility. The outcome of the plan indicated using the area as a fill site would not prevent the Township from building on the site. Superintendent Mahone asked the Committee if GHD should proceed with the permitting of the site. Manager Rodgers stated that this would need to go before the Board of Commissioners due to it not being in the budget, and the Township will need an agreement stating the work and an estimated cost for the project.

PENN WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT-EXTENSION OPTION: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the current contract with Penn Waste is for three

years, and has two, one-year extension options. The Township is currently in the first one-year extension. The cost of collection for the extension year is based on the CPI-U Northeast Region. This current year's increase was 1.1%. Next years increase will be based on the percent change from July 2020 to July 2021. The percent change so far to June is 4.6%. Superintendent Mahone asked the Committee for their recommendation to exercise the second-year extension option or go out for bids. The Committee recommended exercising the second one-year extension option.

NEWSLETTER: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the newsletter will be delivered the week of September 20, 2021. All articles must be submitted to him by August 19, 2021.

OTHER MATTERS: There were none.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary