

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 7, 2025

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7:04pm. Present were Chairman Fanelli, Commissioners Baile, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were WWTP Superintendent Lank, WWTP Asst. Superintendent Kline, Township Manager Sweeney, and Asst. Township Manager Klinefelter. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the December 3, 2024, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

REFUSE AND RECYCLE CONTRACT FUTURE: Chairman Fanelli said he reviewed the draft bid and gave a copy of his notes to Superintendent Lank. They will be reviewing the draft together and then Superintendent Lank will recirculate the draft to the Committee. Superintendent Lank said he was notified by the York County Recycling Coordinator that they may not receive better pricing proposals if they offer two sizes for recycling bins instead of three. The Committee discussed the sizes of the bins and said to stick with two sizes. Superintendent Lank said he will try to find out an estimated price difference between two and three size options by contacting the Haulers.

OAK HILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS PROJECT: Superintendent Lank reported there are two properties that still need to be connected. One is pending sale, and they understand it will need connected within 90 days of the sale.

GRANDVIEW ACRES PROJECT: Superintendent Lank reported the project is still 35% complete. They are going to pull the equipment and restart the project in March 2025. All supplies they were waiting on have been received.

OTHER MATTERS: Chairman Fanelli went over the Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) and the possible risk it poses to birds within the Township. Penn Township currently has an Ordinance for the keeping of Chickens by residents. Chairman Fanelli discussed inconsistencies he noticed within the current Ordinance and possible changes that can be

made. For example, he proposed a potential expiration for the chicken permits with the need to renew after a period. It was discussed if the state has a policy for the keeping of chickens. The committee discussed the ordinance and enforcement of it. Commissioner Heiland suggested having this item added to the February Health & Sanitation agenda for further discussion.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: Lenny Rice, 125 Hirtland Avenue, said he and his wife currently own 4 chickens. He explained the coop set-up on his property and how they take care of the chickens. Currently the waste from the chickens is put in a bag and disposed of through residential trash services. He mentioned that it could be a slippery slope if it was a requirement to have the chickens checked by a veterinarian to confirm they are negative for the bird flu.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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