

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 4, 2023

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:49 p.m., following the Finance Committee Meeting. Present were Chairman Berlingo, Commissioners Allison, Brown, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Lank, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the March 7, 2023, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

OAK HILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the concrete wet wells and valve vaults have been set at both pump station locations. The electrical contractor should be starting the week of April 17th for the rough in. The sewer crew repaired a small sinkhole over the line that was installed at the Hershey Heights Pump Station location.

He reported there has been some recent discussion on how to best handle the inspections for abandonment of the septic tanks. Due to the infrequency of this type of work, there are no formal permit procedures in place. It is spelled out in the sewer use ordinance that the tanks must be pumped out and backfilled with stone. There will be a plumbing permit for the installation and tie-in of the new laterals. The tanks will be pumped one last time, which the pumper should supply a typical pumping certificate, so the only issue is the tank backfilling. Our Sewer Enforcement Officer believes it should be inspected and there would be a charge of \$92 for one hour of his time per residence. Superintendent Lank asked the Committee on guidance if a permit should be created for the inspections and should there be a charge to recoup the inspection costs. The Committee suggested contacting our third-party inspector to see if he could inspect the backfilled tank when he is present to inspect the laterals.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the crew has been steadily working on the Janet Street Project and has completed about 80% of the job. They have hit rock and will need to rent a hammer for the excavator to get through the rock.

He reported that they are still waiting for materials for the Breezewood Drive project.

GRANDVIEW ACRES PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the Township is waiting on right-of-ways and a wetland study to finalize the prints and materials list for the project.

SHREDDING EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the annual shredding event includes a food drive and is going to be held on Saturday, April 22, from 8 am to 1 pm at the recycling center. There will be a five-file box limit and the food items will be donated to New Hope Ministries.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING/BATTERIES: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported batteries will have to be removed from electronic devices with the exception of computers, laptops and phones. They have the potential to start a fire when the items are shredded for recycling. All alkaline batteries (AA,AAA,C,D etc) are just disposed of in the trash. Boxes have been supplied by Rechargeable Battery Manufacturers, for the return of rechargeable batteries to be recycled at no cost. The batteries have to be placed in plastic bags then placed in a box, which is prepaid UPS for return shipping. Any item that is too difficult or too small for battery removal can just be disposed of. This began the week of March 20th. He attended a meeting with the York County Solid Waste Authority for the implementation of these changes and to receive our first set of battery boxes.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the electronic sign was installed on Wednesday, March 22nd, and training occurred on Friday, March 24th. Kim has taken additional training and has programmed several messages. She has already set up several messages for upcoming events and they are to start automatically by a schedule she created.

He also reported he received notification the camera truck is almost finished, and we should have it here in a few weeks. We will be scheduling training as soon as it arrives.

They have been working on plant security by repairing several door mechanisms and getting locks fixed. At least \$3,000 was saved by ordering parts and doing the work in-house. Work was quoted by two different companies, and it just seemed a bit too much money to outsource.

Confirmation was received that PCA (Packaging Corporation of America) will be leaving the Township. It will be sometime in May or possibly June, but we will be receiving a formal letter as the time gets closer. They are one of our permitted industrial users of wastewater.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
Mr. William Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, Ms. Cindy Staley, 865 Hershey Heights Road, and Mr. Andrew Novosedliak, 910 Hershey Heights Road had questions regarding the Oak Hill/Hershey Heights Sewer installation. The Committee addressed their concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Sweeney, Township Secretary