

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MAY 4, 2021

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners; Black, Brown, Cromer, and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 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 work on obtaining easements and property for the project. On April 12, 2021, the sewer crew completed a pot hole excavation to determine the depth of the Columbia Gas transmission line on Broadway. GHD has added this data to the plans and will be sending in the request for permission to cross their line with the new force main. GHD is also looking at the land beside the Public Works Building to see if the area would be suitable to place the fill from the project. Superintendent Mahone stated that this would save approximately \$150,000 in disposal cost. Manager Rodgers added that some of the fill may be used at Young's Woods and the Community Park.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported Hanover Land Services has completed the survey for both areas. They are working to establish the proper property lines at the Janet Street site, once completed they will provide the township with a plan that can be used for the design. After design is completed, the township will need to work on obtaining easements.

SHREDDING / FOOD DRIVE EVENT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the event was held on April 24, 2021, from 8 am-1pm. There were 343 vehicles that dropped off 13,750 lbs. of material to be shredded, and 503 vehicles that went through the recycling drop off side. There were 1,386 lbs. of food collected for New Hope Ministries. Seventeen vehicles were turned away from the shredding event that were not Penn Township residents. Chairman Elksnis thanked everyone for their participation in making this a successful event. He also wanted to relay a special thank you to Joe Thomas, employee at the recycling center as it was his initial idea to add the food donation collection. Chairman Elksnis added he would like to consider holding the food donation collection again in the Spring of 2022. Superintendent Mahone asked the

Committee if October 23, 2021, would work for the fall shredding event. The Committee recommended scheduling the date.

COMMUNITY AID THRIFT STORE & DONATION CENTER: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported the township received a restructured agreement from Community Aid. The previous contract was from seven to ten years ago for nine cent a pound. When COVID hit, many people were dumping junk at the collection bins causing their trash collection costs to escalate. The restructured agreement is for four cents a pound for collection of materials from the drop off bin. The Committee had no issues with the recommending approval of the agreement.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone requested the Committee to consider the Township hiring a part time employee for the recycling center. He reported that on average 227 vehicles are unloaded at the recycling center each day. Commissioner Heiland asked if the position was in the budget, and Manager Rodgers stated that it was. The Committee had no issues, Manager Rodgers will post the position.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, and Mr. Jack Corriere, 114 Beaver Creek Road wanted to thank the Commissioners for the proclamation honoring Mr. Corriere's mother-in-law's 100th birthday.

Several residents had questions regarding the Oak Hill/Hershey Heights Sewer Project. The residents in attendance were Mr. Bill Bowman, Mr. Jack Corriere, and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Potter, 961 Beaver Creek Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary