

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 8:45 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners Black, Brown and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Cromer and Zoning Officer Smith were absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the August 2, 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. All properties involved are either in negotiations or have been served eminent domain proceedings. On August 10, 2021, staff and Commissioners Elksnis and Heiland met with GHD to discuss and review the design and bidding schedule. GHD will continue to work toward design completion to be able to except bids on the project in November, 2021.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported Hanover Land Services is in the process of creating the easement plats and descriptions for the Janet Street project. On August 30, 2021, Engineer Bortner and WWTP Superintendent Mahone walked the surveyed area at the Breezewood site to determine the best layout for the installation of the new gravity sewer line.

PROPOSED FILL SITE BESIDE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that on August 20, 2021, GHD completed the wetlands delineation for permitting of the Public Works fill site.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Heiland asked WWTP Superintendent Mahone if they saw any effects from Hurricane Ida. WWTP reported that two pump motors were flooded out, and needed to be replaced. The motors were repaired the following morning, the pumps were up and running Friday by noon. Normal operations resumed approximately 2 pm on Friday.

WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that the shredding event is scheduled for October 23, 2021, from 8 am to 1 pm.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: There were several residents in attendance to speak about the Oak Hills/Hershey Heights sewer project. Those that had questions for the committee were: Ms. Judy Seig, 853 Hershey Heights Road, had questions regarding the process of condemnation; Ms. Cindy Staley, 865 Hershey Heights Road, had questions regarding a property in short sale and the pumping station; Mr. Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hill Drive, and Mr. Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, had questions regarding funding and the expense to the residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary