

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 8:08 p.m. following the Finance Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Berlingo, Commissioners Allison, Brown, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clousher, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, WWTP Superintendent Lank and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Berlingo welcomed Mr. Gene Lank as Penn Township's new Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent. She also announced there will be an executive session held following this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the August 1, 2022, Health and Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

OAK HILL HERSHEY / HEIGHTS SEWER PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the house at 841 Hershey Heights Road is out to bid for demolition. The materials are onsite for the three remaining manholes to be plumbed to the pump station at that location. He is checking with the current contractor to see if they will stay onsite to complete the job due to the time frame of waiting for the demolition of the house. Commissioner Brown stated that Kinsley came in last week and set the drains in place in preparation for curbing and streets. He stated that each of those drains is about a two-foot drop with cones set around, he is concerned for safety. Superintendent Lank stated that he will address this with the inspector on site. The Contractor will not start the pump stations until after the first of the year. The generators have been approved but are six months out to be built. All the lines that could be placed in the area have been, and have been air tested. Kinsley will begin the curb work. Manager Rodgers stated that the project should be completed by the end of June.

JANET STREET AND BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported that materials are on site. The Township is just waiting on the easements for the project. Manager Rodgers reported the two easements for Janet Street were approved at the last Board of Commissioners meeting. She reported the easement for the Breezewood project has been signed by South Western School District, but their solicitor had issues with the agreement. The Township is waiting for this to be resolved.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTRACT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the bid opening was held this afternoon at 2 p.m. There was only one bidder which was Penn Waste. Republic Services did attend and submitted a letter declining to

bid due to Penn Township not having a trash totter system. The cost for 2023 came in at \$4.24/bag which is a 78.9% increase of our current cost. For 2024, \$4.49/bag, 89.5 % more, and for 2025 the cost is \$4.76/bag, almost double the amount of our current cost. Bid documents were sent to several collection companies. Commissioner Heiland asked if it would be possible to get quotes for comparison purposes for a totter system. Superintendent Lank stated that companies like the automated system, where the employees do not have to get on/off the truck, and also cuts down on staffing.

NEWSLETTER: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the newsletter went to the publisher on August 15, and will be in the Merchandiser delivery the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that there have been numerous calls regarding the change of color in the trash bags.

OTHER MATTERS: There were none.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE: Ms. Cindy Staley, 865 Hershey Heights Road, had comments regarding the Oak Hills/Hershey Heights sewer installation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,  
Township Secretary