

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 1, 2024

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Berlingo, Commissioners Baile, Brown, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were WWTP Superintendent Lank, and Township Manager Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Berlingo announced that there was an executive session held September 16, 2024, following the Board of Commissioners' Meeting to consult with council regarding legal and personnel matters. Additionally, she announced the residential shredding event will be held Saturday, October 12, 2024, at the recycling center. There will be an executive session held this evening following the Finance Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

REFUSE AND RECYCLE CONTRACT FUTURE: Mr. Andy Warntz of Republic Services attended the meeting to provide an overview of their refuse and recycling services. He emphasized the industry's shift toward automation, driven by several key factors: improving worker safety by reducing the risk of injury from manual lifting, increasing efficiency by speeding up collection times, and lowering operational costs in the long run. Automation also helps reduce labor shortages and minimizes human error, leading to more consistent and reliable service.

OAK HILL HERSHEY HEIGHTS PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the four properties that were approved for York County grants were all connected the week of September 23rd. There are three properties that still need to be connected, and the township is working with the solicitor.

BREEZEWOOD DRIVE SEWER PROJECTS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported the solicitor is reviewing documentation for a pending agreement for the Breezewood Drive property.

FINE SCREEN PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported that last week, two technicians from the company arrived to install the first fine screen. With short notice, a crane had to be scheduled to ensure safer installation. The screen was installed on the second day, but it encountered issues with binding and improper operation. The technicians, who are based in Florida, had to return home to prepare for the impending hurricane. They have returned today to complete the installation and get the system fully operational. The next installation is scheduled for later this month.

GRANDVIEW ACRES PROJECT: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported that the sewer crew began preparations on Monday, September 23rd, by setting up fencing and installing erosion and

sediment controls. However, work was halted due to rain and the need to install an additional section of sediment control. The township has the required pipe and the first two manholes ready to proceed as soon as the weather improves

NEWSLETTER/SHREDDING EVENT: "WWTP Superintendent Lank reported that an order has been placed for an additional 500 copies of the newsletter, bringing the total to 1,700. This edition appears to be more popular due to the number of fall and winter events. A final reminder: the shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2025 BUDGET: Superintendent Lank reported that he provided a brief overview of his budget at the September Committee meeting. He plans to meet with his two committee members soon for a more in-depth review.

BOROUGH OF HANOVER REVISED PRETREATMENT PROGRAM LOCAL LIMITS: WWTP Superintendent Lank presented a resolution to revise the local limits for the Borough of Hanover. He further explained wastewater plants with an EPA-approved and regulated pretreatment program, like ours, are required to periodically review and adjust local limits to protect the plant, receiving waters, workers, and sludge disposal. This ensures that contaminants in wastewater do not end up in our creek or on farms through sludge application. These limits must be re-evaluated regularly and adopted by both municipalities, as sewage flows across boundaries. For example, Utz on Broadway discharges into our system, but since it's located in the borough, billing must go through them. While our local limits must be adopted by the borough for industries within their boundary, our limits may differ from theirs based on how our plant operates. This process is standard practice and nothing out of the ordinary. The committee recommended adopting the new limits.

OTHER MATTERS: WWTP Superintendent Lank reported that a draft of the plant's NPDES permit from DEP has been received. He is currently reviewing the information and noting items to contest or address. He will collaborate with GHD to prepare a response to DEP. In the meantime, the draft will be published for public comment in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, and a copy has been posted at the plant entrance, as required, for the next 30 days. An earlier draft allowed contesting certain items by re-sampling and submitting the data to DEP, which resulted in the removal of some items from the permit. As expected, testing for PFAS in four forms will be required, along with some new parameters to be tested and reported, though no limits have been set at this time.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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