

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
March 4, 2025

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 7:06pm. Present were Chairman Fanelli, Commissioners Arnold, Baile, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were WWTP Superintendent Lank, WWTP Asst. Superintendent Kline, and Township Manager Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 4, 2025, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

REFUSE AND RECYCLE CONTRACT FUTURE: WWTP Superintendent Lank discussed the Bid Specs that were advertised and posted.

GRANDVIEW ACRES PROJECT: Superintendent Lank reported the project is still 35% complete. They are going to pull the equipment and restart the project once the weather improves. They plan to be back on site in April.

VAC TRUCK REPLACEMENT: Commissioner Elksnis asked how many hours the current vac truck is being used by the Sewer Dept versus the Public Works Dept each week. The estimated price of a new vac truck is \$500,000.00. The Committee discussed the purchase of a new vac truck and the cost of fixing the current one. Commissioner Heiland said this can be brought up during budget season. The LSA grants were discussed as a potential funding avenue for equipment.

SEWER LINING, MANHOLE COATINGS, AND I/I INVESTIGATION: The WWTP is signing a contract with a company to do an I/I investigation in the Township. This will help them decide where they need to focus on fixing/replacing. WWTP Superintendent Lank discussed the manhole coatings and what it does to help protect them. Pictures were given to the committee to show the roots cracking the clay pipes underground in areas.

SEWER RATES: Superintendent Lank reviewed the current sewer rates and the potential need to increase the rates. The committee was given a revenue vs expense report for the last 4 years. The Committee reviewed the line items and discussed the report. The proposal is 20% increase on the base amount, which would be a \$11.00 increase. Then a \$1.00 per thousand gallons increase if the consumption is more than 7,000 gallons. Commissioner Heiland said he feels the flat rate customers should also increase if the base rate is increasing, then an increase of \$11.00 was agreed to. The committee asked if we have data to show how many homeowners are going over the 7,000 gallons to increase from the base rate amount. The last rate increase was in 2019 and before that was 2009.

SHREDDING EVENT/FOOD DRIVE: The event is scheduled for April 26, 2025, from 8am to 1pm.

NEWSLETTER: The Newsletter is ready to be printed and distributed on March 24th and will be given to the commissioners at their meeting on Monday, March 17th.

OTHER MATTERS: Superintendent Lank discussed the selling of equipment that was purchased with grant money. The equipment that was purchased with DEP 902 grants, was funded 90% by DEP. If the equipment is sold, 90% of the money received needs to be given back to DEP. There is another option that the money received can be used towards another purchase, but Superintendent Lank needs to find out further information on this.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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