

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
June 3, 2025

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 7:03pm. Present were Chairman Fanelli, Commissioners Arnold, Baile, Elksnis and Heiland via phone. Also present were WWTP Superintendent Lank, WWTP Asst Todd Kline, Township Manager Sweeney, and Assistant Township Manager Klinefelter. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Fanelli made an announcement regarding public comments and when residents can make comments during the meeting. He also reviewed the trash contract that will take effect in January 2026.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the May 6, 2025, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Lenny Rice, 125 Hirtland Ave: Lenny discussed utility billing for the residents. He asked the commissioners if they could find out if Anthracite will bill in August to help with budgeting when other utility bills are due.

Cheryl Bush, 1204 Bair Rd: Asked if it was possible to include the trash bill in their taxes, saying this would help older residents. Baltimore County in Maryland currently does this.

Shelly Colehouse, 18 Magnolia Ln: Shelly asked several questions regarding the trash contract. She inquired who was paying for the totes and if taxes were going to go up. Gene Lank said Anthracite would be purchasing the totes, you are paying for the service. Gene also stated that a flyer will be going out informing the residents about a website to choose what size totes they would like. She asked why this was mandatory and there should be an opt-out option. She asked what happens if a tote breaks and she was told anthracite will replace. The residents and the board discussed the recycling center and what will happen to it. The commissioners said no decision has been made on the recycling center. She thinks there should be a discount for seniors.

Danette Laughman, 119 S Blettner Ave: Danette takes her trash somewhere else and does not want this service. She discussed property maintenance, and the Township needs to fine people who leave trash outside on their property. The Commissioners explained the process property maintenance needs to go through and how the citation ultimately goes to the District Judge. She mentioned that the employee who takes pictures from their car will cause an accident for driving slowly.

Lorraine Burgess, 1167 Bair Rd: Discussed the service will cost more for seniors and there should be a discount. She also would like to see this billed on her tax bill. She asked why she needed to get a permit for a flagpole. Laura Klinefelter said that the footer for the flagpole will need to be inspected to ensure the flagpole is secure.

Tim Miller, 43 Sherman St: Asked what will happen if a property is up for sale or vacant. Gene Lank said the bill would be handled at Settlement like other utilities. Tim asked where all the totes will go and where will they fit at all the properties in the Township. Storing them in the garage or out back were options.

Karl Stewart, 622 Spring Ave: Does not like the program and believes there should be a discount.

Megan Rineman, 640 Frederick St: Asked for confirmation when the totes for display will be delivered.

Gene Lank said they should be in by the end of the week. Megan asked about the road closure on Black Rock Rd. Gene said the road closure will start on Thursday and will last approximately two weeks. It was asked if each duplex tenant will need trash service and the answer was yes.

Heidi Lombardi, 213 Westminster Ave: She said she does not use the website and the Township should rely on Facebook more to get information out to the residents. She discussed she had to clean up brush/limb at the right-of-way and this should have been the responsibility of the Township.

REFUSE AND RECYCLE CONTRACT FUTURE: WWTP Superintendent Lank said that Anthracite is working to get everything ready for the new contract. The display totes should be in by the end of the week. They are also working on finalizing the routes and the webpage for the tote selection.

SEWER LINING, MANHOLE COATINGS, AND I/I INVESTIGATION: Dukes Root Control removed the flow meters from the manholes on Monday, May 19th. It will be about 30 days until the data is compiled into a report. Gene said they are still waiting to get on the schedule for the pipe lining project.

SEWER RATES: Discussions have been had regarding raising the sewer rates due to the aging infrastructure and the rising costs for repairs/replacements. This will be on future agendas for discussion.

OTHER MATTERS: Black Rock Rd will be closed for approximately two weeks on the Baltimore St end to replace pipe at two manhole sections. A detour will be used during this time.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Klinefelter
Township Secretary