

**MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
JULY 7, 2026**

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 7:06 pm. Present were Chairman Arnold, Commissioners Baile, Elksnis, Heiland, and Rice. Also present were Township Manager Sweeney, WWTP Superintendent Lank, and Township Secretary Miller. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous Health & Sanitation Committee meeting were approved as written.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments.

UPDATE ON PLANT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES:

WWTP Superintendent Lank provided an update on wastewater operations and maintenance activities. The staff replaced both check valves at the Codorus Pump Station. The Northview Pump Station will be prepped for blacktop replacement. Three pump station dialers lost cell service. Three cell cards were replaced at no charge due to the service contract for all pump station dialers/alarm systems.

SEWER LINING, MANHOLE COATINGS, AND I/I INVESTIGATION:

There has not been much headway due to other projects. The older VAC truck was out of service for two weeks. The sewer crew was using the newer VAC truck to complete the sewer lateral on Baltimore Street. The newer truck is now in for repairs. A question was raised concerning Slim Chickens lateral replacement and the temporary pavement restoration. An inspection will be done and additional work completed to smooth out the area.

NEWSLETTER:

Information and articles are being gathered for the fall/winter newsletter which will be printed at the end of August. A shredding event has been scheduled for Saturday October 17, 2026.

904 GRANT:

The application for the 904 Grant has been submitted to DEP for calendar year 2025. DEP is still working on the calendar year 2023 submittals. The anticipated amount to be received, based on past recycled materials, is \$40,000-\$45,000.

UTZ NOTICE OF VIOLATION:

A sample from UTZ gathered on June 10, 2026, was extremely high for BOD, TSS, grease and oil. Based on the flow for that day, the only permit exceedance will be for solids (TSS). The upset was due to a faulty PH probe on the automated system, causing the unit to be operated manually. The tank level was operated too low causing accumulated solids to discharge from

their system. The system is back up in automatic mode, and the tanks are getting pumped and cleaned to avoid further upsets. The violation will be issued once all lab data has been received for the month of June. The wastewater tanks were cleaned and pumped empty on June 30, 2026.

2027 BUDGET:

Quotes, expenses and potential projects are being reviewed for the 2027 budget. With the income shortfall, there is only one major project for next year. The purchase of a spare centrifuge rotating assembly for approximately \$250,000. It is necessary for plant operations and the potential impacts of it not being operational. With the assembly onsite, it can be back up and running within two days utilizing the manufacturers mechanic and the staff.

OTHER MATTERS:

There were no other matters.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no citizen comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon M. Miller
Township Secretary