

**MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
AUGUST 3, 2026**

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee convened on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 7:23 pm. Present were Chairman Arnold, Commissioners Baile, Elksnis, Heiland, and Rice. Also present were Township Manager Sweeney, Police Lieutenant Shearer, Fire Chief Clouser, Deputy Chief Wysocki, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Lank, Zoning Officer LeFevre, Asst. to the Engineer Garrett, 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 reported that one of the grit blowers had to be taken out of service due to failing bearings. A rebuilt replacement was obtained by participating in the factory exchange program which saved over \$4,000 as compared to a new one. This one became a core for rebuilding as part of the program.

NEWSLETTER:

The newsletter will be sent to the printer in about three weeks. The number of copies will be reduced this issue due to lower traffic at the recycling center and the Municipal Office.

ESAB NOTICE OF VIOLATION:

ESAB met their daily limit for copper but exceeded the maximum monthly average for three months. February, May and June were over the limit. EPA's evaluation periods to determine noncompliance is a six-month rotating period. ESAB was one sample from being considered in significant noncompliance. The last two results roll in to the next evaluation period. They believe that they have found and corrected the issue. This same issue caused a Notice of Violation a couple of years ago.

2027 BUDGET:

WWTP Superintendent Lank reported that they are working to get updated vendor quotes and review current expenses. They are working with Enterprise to get quotes for two plant truck replacements. Due to changes to the recycle program and reviewing vehicle requirements, there are two vehicles that WWTP Superintendent Lank would like to transfer out of the

Recycle Department. The 1996 Mack tractor is no longer used as trailers are no longer hauled, and Staiman's handles swapping the cardboard trailers. The tractor is primarily used by Public Works and the Sewer Crew. The 2024 box truck is no longer used to make deliveries, pick up items, or do the elderly pick up. The vehicle could be transferred to Public Works to be utilized or traded in for a vehicle with greater need. The 2013 pickup truck is having issues due to rust from road salt. Recycling's need of a pickup is limited and can utilize a plant vehicle when needed. The vehicle was purchased using funds of a 902 Grant from DEP, 90% of the proceeds of the sale will go back to DEP. Selling this vehicle on Municibid will make the repayment to DEP easier than doing a trade in.

OTHER MATTERS:

There were no other matters.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no citizen questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary