

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 4, 2008

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Johnson, Heilman, Prieber, Rewa, Goldsmith, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone, Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the February 5, 2008 meeting were approved.

**AUTHORIZE DESIGN OF PLANT UPGRADE:** Mahone informed the committee that staff met with PADEP on February 6, 2008 to discuss a proposal to eliminate the hydraulic capacity issues on a section of the township's main Interceptor. The township proposed to correct the problem by lowering the headworks to the treatment facility when the modifications are made to the plant when it is upgraded to comply with the mandated Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction requirements. A lower headworks would allow sections of the main interceptor to be replaced at a greater slope, which would eliminate the capacity issues. Mahone requested the committee to consider passing a resolution at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting to authorize CET Engineering to begin design on the Plant upgrade and the improvements to the interceptor.

**537 PLAN UPDATE:** Mr. Mahone informed the committee that PADEP has requested the township submit a finished 537 Plan for review. PADEP has indicated they will be negotiating a Consent Order and Agreement with the township that will establish a schedule for the completion of the 537 Plan and the Interceptor improvements. Two issues of concern with the 537 Plan are the possible need to install public sewer in the Oakhills area and the adoption of an on lot septic systems management plan. CET Engineering is currently working on both of the issues.

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PROJECT:** Mr. Hejmanowski informed the committee that, in conjunction with the YCSWA, Penn Township would hold its electronics drive on April 5, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the public works facility on 976 Wilson Avenue. Notice of this event is posted at local establishments in the township. Also, the upcoming newsletter will have information on the project.

**SPRING NEWSLETTER:** The committee was advised that the Spring newsletter is at the printers. Gene also informed the committee that the newsletter will be one sheet, two sided and in color.

**RECYCLING DROP-OFF:** The committee was given a report on our current drop-off operation. Approval was requested from the committee to make a study of the

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drop-off for consideration of expansion to help assist in the increase of the number of vehicles that utilize our drop-off on a weekly basis. Gene advised the committee that the number of vehicles utilizing the drop-off on Saturdays has increased in the past five years from 800 vehicles in 2002 to 1,300 in 2007. The committee approved the request. Another idea briefly discussed was single stream curbside pickup.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Hejmanowski informed the committee that Penn Township just received an Act 904 recycling grant payment from PADEP in the amount of \$126,671.

Gene also advised the committee that the price for both loose newsprint and cardboard is at its highest rate in the past ten years.

Commissioner Johnson than discussed with the committee a new program he supports to assist local businesses with the recycling of their cardboard. This could result in eliminating their cardboard dumpsters saving them \$80 to \$100 a month on rental. Penn Township would make a weekly pickup at their facility. Commissioner Johnson advised the committee that he and Mr. Hejmanowski visited some local businesses and they indicated they were very interested. There was discussion by the committee but no recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted  
William H. Mahone  
Superintendent WWTP  
E.R. "Gene" Hejmanowski  
Environmental Director