

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
JULY11, 2007

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Felix, Klunk, Stauffer, Johnson and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone, Environmental Director Hejmanowski, and Tom Whittle, P.E., CET Eng. Inc. The following items were discussed.

DEP DISCHARGE PERMIT: Mr. Whittle gave an update on the status of the NPDES Discharge Permit situation. He explained the consequences of the cap loadings being considered by DEP as a result of the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy (CBTS). Also discussed was the impact on the final limits due to the presence of flow from Hanover Foods as well as the conversion of on-lot systems to the public sewer. It was Mr. Whittle's contention that the Township should receive some credit for the loading that Hanover Foods discharges to us since they are also a direct discharger and they will have their own cap load assigned. This issue of credit has yet to be addressed by DEP. Further complicating the issues are the future regulatory limits based on the Oil Creek Total Maximum Daily Load that will be placed on our system by DEP, which will require even more stringent nutrient removal. These final limits are to be arrived at some time in 2008. This means that a final WQM permit will not be issued to Penn until some time in 2009. The goal is to be in compliance by 2010.

An implementation schedule has been prepared in anticipation of meeting the nutrient annual cap loadings. The schedule allows for completion of all necessary studies in order to arrive at the most reasonable and cost effective method of treatment plant modification to meet all future demands. Our schedule exceeds the 2010 goal somewhat, and it remains to be seen if it will be approved by the state.

According to Engineer Whittle, the Township is exploring two different treatment methods, Membrane Bio Reactors and Deep Bed Filtration, to meet the discharge limits. The evaluation is still in the preliminary stage. The cost of the modifications could reach as high as \$14 Million.

W. MANHEIM TWP. CAPACITY REQUEST: The Committee discussed a request dated 6-13-07 from West Manheim Township for an additional 400 EDU's (112,000 GPD). The current agreement with W. Manheim limits them to 550,000 GPD. Manager Garvick indicated that in 1988, when the agreement was executed between Penn and W. Manheim, the intent was to eventually provide W. Manheim with 1 MGD of sanitary sewer capacity. The CBTS will limit the amount of available capacity within the Penn Township WWTP. Therefore, it would appear that any additional consideration for capacity would have to wait until the treatment plant has been sufficiently modified and/or expanded. West Manheim Twp. Manager Andy Richardson addressed the Committee, telling them that the additional capacity would also assist the York Street Interceptor project because there are developers willing to contribute funds in exchange for assurances of capacity. These developments are not included in the current 550,000 GPD allotment. Chairman Felix indicated that Penn's WWTP is capable of handling only 3.2 MGD. The average flow is now around 1.7 MGD. With proposed buildout in Penn, there is no available capacity. It is the desire of the Committee to maintain communication with W. Manheim so that when today's problems are resolved there will be the opportunity to try to accommodate them

with additional capacity.

SEWER BILLING MODIFICATION: The Committee reviewed a staff proposal to streamline the sewer billing collection cycle. This past billing quarter the Township sent 260 delinquent notices, which resulted in 60 service termination notices. Currently, the Township allows a collection cycle of 106 days from the time an invoice is sent to the point where service is terminated due to non-payment. The time frame gets elongated due to the fact that the current system calls for an invoice, delinquent notice and shut-off notice, all with their own schedules. We are proposing to combine the delinquent and the shut-off notice, which will reduce the collection cycle to 71 days. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to the conversion. The new system should not require any modification to the Sewer Use Ordinance.

YORK ST. INTERCEPTOR: We continue to meet with any and all parties in an ongoing effort to get this project off dead center. We met last week with the folks from the former Hanover Airport and will meet again in the near future with HRG, Eng, Inc. to again discuss the design. The project is being splintered into two different phases with the York Street portion and the Airport portion being developed independently. The Township will watch this carefully since we would rather have the project constructed in its entirety.

ARD PERSONNEL: Mr. Hejmanowski informed the Committee that he is having a problem securing ARD personnel due to the recent changes in the York County Probation Department policies which allow for individuals to purchase their community service hours in lieu of working them off. We have fewer individuals available to work the drop-off center, which translates into increased workload for both our full-time and part-time recycling employees. This policy affects both the adult and the juvenile offenders that we count on. Gene indicated that he is on the YC Probation Advisory Board and he will address this issue with them at the next meeting.

EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT: There have not been enough hours available to sufficiently pursue the inspection of curbside refuse units. It would appear that non-compliance has increased from about 10% to 20% since 2007. The Committee had no hard suggestions other than to do the best we can under the circumstances.

NEWSLETTER: The next newsletter is scheduled for mid-August. Since Ron Wentz retired, we will be using the services of a new printing company. The Committee was informed to let staff know if there is anything special they wish to see put into the newsletter.

RECYCLING TRAILERS: Two used 48' x 102" trailers have been located and we are in the process of securing them.

Respectfully submitted,

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E.R. Hejmanowski, Envir. Dir.