

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Klunk, Stauffer, Johnson and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None

**STONEWICK SEWER CAPACITY:** Mahone reported to the Committee that staff met with Joe Myers and his representatives on August 3, 2005 at which time Myers requested using the existing Lark Avenue pumping station on a temporary basis to develop portions of the Stonewick Plan. The original plan for the development has the wastewater flowing into the Hanover Borough's regional wastewater plant. But due to the Borough's current moratorium Myer's development has been put on hold until certain issues between DEP and Hanover Borough are resolved. The Committee was informed that allowing the flow from Stonewick to be sent to the Penn Township plant would stress the capacities of our collection system in certain areas and would require a flow study. The Committee was also informed that Staff had discussed this issue with DEP and their opinion was the flow should go to Hanover Borough's plant. The Committee agreed with DEP and indicated the flow should go to Hanover Borough's facility.

**INTERCEPTOR UPDATE:** Mahone reported that meetings have taken place between the Joint Venture group and the Township to discuss the agreement between the two parties and also additional sewer system improvements. Joint Venture requested the flow data and modeling information so their engineer HRG could review the data. Joint Venture has requested a meeting with the Township and DEP to discuss the sewer system improvements. The meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2005.

**WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP ADDITIONAL SEWER CAPACITY:** Staff and the Committee reviewed a letter dated August 4, 2005 from West Manheim Township. The letter requested an additional sewer capacity of 450,000 gallons per day from Penn Township. Staff informed the Committee that there is no additional capacity left at the wastewater facility if you factor in Penn Township potential buildout. The Committee asked the Township Manager to prepare a letter for West Manheim Township indicating that we have no available capacity at this time.

**2006 BUDGET REVIEW:** Mahone reviewed the first draft of the 2006 Sewer Budget with the Committee. The Committee felt the proposed budget was a good draft with no major problems.

**PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE:** The Committee reviewed several different rate increase scenarios that were prepared by Staff. Also discussed was the current procedure of billing commercial customers at a rate of 75% of the highest sewer bill for the last 4 quarters if this amount was higher than the actual sewer usage for the current quarter. The Committee felt it would be more equitable for the customers if they were billed strictly on usage. The Committee recommended this practice be stopped. The Committee recommend raising sewer rates to \$32.00 for the minimum charge of 7,000 gallons and increasing the cost for each additional 1,000 gallons to \$3.00. An increase to the charge to dump septic waste at the treatment plant was also recommended. The new rate would be \$.06 per gallon.

**TEXTILE RECYCLING PROJECT:** Gene advised the Committee that the Textile Recycling project details are all worked out. Because of the weight criteria we are using our own trailers in the event that we do not get the 10,000 lbs. that Dumont is requiring. We have plenty of ARD help for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NEWSPRINT RECYCLING:** Since receiving approval to utilize two newsprint vendors for recycling, First Capital Fibers and Sealed Air, a letter has been received from Sealed Air which was given to the Committee for review and response. After a brief discussion the Committee felt we should continue to utilize the two Vendors but suggest that Gene should further review the options for any changes.

**CHRISTMAS WRAP & RECYCLING:** Mr. Hejmanowski requested permission from the Committee to again approve a Christmas Wrap and Recycling program for our Residents. A short discussion followed and approval was given and dates set for December 27, 28 and 29, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Gene will contact the Boro of Hanover to see if we can utilize one of their rear end loaders.

**REFUSE & RECYCLING CONTRACT WITH PENN WASTE:** Gene informed the Committee that this is our last year of the two-year option on our contract. The consumer price index from July 2004 to July 2005 will be the basis used for the 3.2% increase for the year 2006 option. Mr. Garvick will forward a letter to Penn Waste advising of the increase.

**SALT PROGRAM:** The Environmental Director informed the Committee that we have received more than 16 tons of salt from Hanover Terminal and have stored it in the Control Building at the Wastewater facility. Space seems to be a problem should we get more and Gene advised the Committee that the Boro of Hanover and McSherrystown Boro are interested should we have more salt than we need. Mr. Mahone then indicated that he could provide more storage space if need be.

**REFUSE UNITS:** With fuel prices on the rise, Mr. Hejmanowski updated the Committee on our current inventory and usage of refuse units. After a discussion the Committee instructed Gene to contact All American Poly to see if something could be negotiated for some additional inventory.

**RECYCLING DROP-OFF STAFFING:** Mr. Hejmanowski advised the Committee that now that school is in our ARD manpower is exhausted for weekly assistance for our Residents at the drop-off center. Gene has received some feed back from the Residents of their disappointment. A brief discussion followed and Gene suggested to the Committee that consideration should be given to hire a part time employee, but no further action was taken.

Respectfully Submitted  
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