

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 14, 2007

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Stauffer, Klunk, Felix, Johnson, Heilman, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** Supervisor Scott Barnhart and Manager Andy Richardson from West Manheim Township were in attendance to request that Penn Township sign and approve two Sewer Planning Modules that are pending for developments in West Manheim Township. Mr. Barnhart indicated the developers would install an interceptor line in West Manheim and make contributions toward the installation of the York Street Interceptor in Penn Township once the projects are approved by DEP. The sewer capacity for these developments would be part of the additional 112,000 gals. that West Manheim had requested from Penn Township at the last Health & Sanitation meeting. The Committee told Mr. Barnhart that the additional 112,000 gals. of capacity requested by West Manheim that was agreed upon at the last Health & Sanitation meeting would only be approved after an agreement was developed and signed by both municipalities. Penn Township also informed West Manheim that DEP has recently made language changes to the planning modules that require Penn Township to comply with annual discharge loading limits. Since Penn does not have a final NPDES permit that establishes these limits or written direction from DEP on how to address this issue, Penn can not sign that section of any Planning Module.

**WHISPERING RUN COLLECTOR SEWER:** Mahone reported that all of the frame and covers have been reset using the mastic material. The Contractor is currently vacuum testing all of the manholes and addressing the other punch list items.

**NORTHERN GROUP SEWER PROPOSAL:** Mahone informed the Committee that Staff and CET Engineering met on 11-6-07 with this group of developers and their Engineer. The group presented a report that summarizes the hydraulic analysis of the Industrial Park pump station, the associated tributary gravity sewer system and the redirection of the stations discharge to the Township=s treatment plant. Staff indicated to the Northern Group that CET Engineering would review the report and possibly run another hydraulic model on the lower section of the main interceptor to see how the redirection of the Industrial Park pumping station flow would impact the capacity of the line. The Township expressed concerns with some of the plan alternatives since they would use up all of the existing capacity at the station and replace only two sections of the main interceptor instead of seven. The Township will contact the Northern Group after CET Engineering has completed their review.

**NPDES DRAFT PERMIT:** On behalf of the Township, Mette, Evans and Woodside submitted comments regarding the draft NPDES permit. To date no response has been received.

**MBR PLANT VISIT:** On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pete Lusardi and Tom Whittle from CET Engineering along with Jeff Garvick and myself visited a Membrane Bioreactor treatment plant just outside of Cleveland, Ohio. This plant was recently retrofitted with the type of technology we are looking at

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for our plant upgrade. The trip was beneficial in alerting us of how they did certain things with the retrofit of an existing plant. This information will be useful during our design phase.

**WEEKLY METAL BULK PICKUP CURBSIDE:** Mr. Hejmanowksi advised the Committee that this program is working out really well for both the Residents and Penn Township. We are averaging 15 pieces of metal a week. We are saving on tipping fees and getting credit for recycling tonnage.

**2008 CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP:** York Waste Disposal informed us that the curbside Christmas tree pickup will be Saturday, January 19, 2008, no plastic bags.

**2007 CHRISTMAS WRAP & RECYCLING PROJECT:** Gene informed the Committee that all is in place for our annual project. The dates and time are December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The location will be at the Penn Township Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1020 Wilson Avenue.

**EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT:** Mr. Hejmanowski advised the Committee that thru increased enforcement & education the rate of **noncompliance** in residential curbside recycling has decreased from 14% to 10%. Gene thanked the Committee for the cooperation.

**NEWSLETTER:** The Committee decided that November 26<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline for any information to be included in the Township's newsletter. Gene will then make every effort to have the newsletter mailed by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

At this point of the meeting Gene thanked the outgoing Commissioners for their help in making Penn Township, York County one of the top Municipalities in the Commonwealth when it comes to their recycling program.

Respectfully Submitted  
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Superintendent WWTP  
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Environmental Director