

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 11, 2006

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 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

**CENTERFUGE BID UPDATE:** Mahone informed the Committee that on December 19<sup>th</sup> we started to remove the belt filter press from the sludge building. All of the metal was recycled and the Township received \$573.00. Pumping Solutions Inc. removed the concrete filter press base and a section of curbing where the centrifuge will be installed. The centrifuge and augers have been delivered and the contractor is fabricating the metal base for the centrifuge.

**HFC SEWER CAPACITY REQUEST:** Mahone reported that on December 8<sup>th</sup>, Staff met with HFC at which time they asked if the Township would provide them with an additional 300,000 gallons per day of sewer capacity. We informed HFC that the Township would be willing to provide such capacity if the treatment plant could handle the additional load. HFC agreed to provide the Township with data on the concentration of Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus in their waste stream. We will have CET Engineering evaluate the data and make a recommendation on if we should provide the additional capacity.

**JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT:** Mr. Garvick informed the Committee that the agreement should be ready for execution in the very near future. In an effort to execute the agreement expediently the Manger requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Township Manager to execute the agreement when complete. The Board concurred.

**CHRISTMAS WRAP:** Gene provided the committee with the statistics for this year's program and emphasized that, in his opinion, there was insufficient time for the residents to dispose of Christmas material. Therefore, on the weekend following our recycling drop-off on Heights Ave. was overwhelmed with activity including Christmas material. A short discussion followed and the Committee agreed to discuss this project at the fall meeting.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING:** The Committee was informed by Gene that this year's program will be held on April 1, 2006 at the Township Wastewater Plant.

**REFUSE & RECYCLING CONTRACT:** Mr. Hejmanowksi apprized the Committee that our contract expires at the end of 2006 with Penn Waste. However, Gene suggested that we go out late Spring and in our bid packets include a bid which would include newsprint and cardboard pickup curbside. This would give us an idea on what additional cost this would be. A long discussion followed with most Committee members not being excited about curbside pickup, but agreeing to wait and see what the bid might be. Gene was told to submit a bid package in April or May.

**RECYCLING DROP-OFF STAFFING:** Gene advised the Committee that staffing at the recycling drop-off is at the point that a part-time employee should be considered in order to better serve our residents. The reason being that our ARD hours are down by 600 hours from the previous year and our full time employee is on the road more than in previous years. A short discussion followed and the Committee partially agreed, but does not want to do anything until after the bids are received for our refuse and recycling contract. Residents will just have to realize that there is not always going to be someone there to assist them Monday thru Friday.

**PAPER SHREDDING PROGRAM:** Mr. Hejmanowski again addressed the Committee on considering the purchase of a paper shredder for use by our Township residents who choose to shred their personnel material in lieu of putting it into their refuse bag. This additional service will be two fold:

A: Prevent Residents from discarding in their refuse units and enhance recycling.

B: The shredder would also aid in our being more effective with our Enforcement and Education curbside.

After an exchange of comments by those in attendance the Committee rejected the idea.

**REFUSE BAG BID:** Gene notified the committee that the Refuse Bag Bid was mailed to nine Vendors and the bid opening would be January 27, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Penn Township Municipal Office.

**904 GRANT AWARD:** Our Environmental Director apprized the Committee that Governor Rendell, at a televised appearance at the Farm Show, commented that Penn Township's refuse and recycling programs are one of the best in the Commonwealth. Some of the Committee members also saw the televised appearance.

Respectfully Submitted  
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