

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 8, 2006

The Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee met on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 7:00 PM. Present were Commissioners Klunk, Stauffer, Johnson and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, WWTP Supt. Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed:

GREATER HANOVER ALLIANCE: Monique Keith, Conewago Twp. Supervisor and representative of the Greater Hanover Alliance addressed The Committee. The GHA, formed in 2003, is the recipient of a \$12,000 grant. Their purpose is to protect the area water supply through land use planning. To this end, GHA is looking to form an Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). According to Ms. Keith, municipal officials need to band together under the organization of an EAC to protect the natural resources of the area. The guidelines adopted by DEP are not sufficient, according to Ms. Keith and she feels that we could do better. She suggested that more ordinances could be adopted to provide greater protection to the water supply. According to Ms. Keith, the PA State Association of Twp. Supervisors (PSATS) has declared Hanover a "potentially stressed area". The committee was informed of a workshop scheduled for May 5th at a location yet to be determined to discuss the possibility of forming this EAC. The commissioners are invited to attend. Several handouts were distributed.

CENTRIFUGE INSTALLATION: Supt. Mahone informed the committee that the installation is complete with the exception of some punch list items, including a new flow meter. The unit is producing cake at an acceptable rate. We are pushing sludge through at maximum capacity because we have not been able to dewater for about two months. The machine is delivering 22-23% cake, before lime, but could probably get 30% if we slowed the flow down. In comparison, the belt filter press produced only 16-17% cake. We are waiting on the "substantially complete" inspection, which will be followed by the performance testing.

EQUIPMENT FOR 2006: Supt. Mahone informed the committee that an order has been placed for the new forklift and pickup truck (ST-10). The old forklift and truck will be turned over to Public Works.

JOINT VENTURE: The Township has yet to see the design of the new interceptor(s). We were told that the plan would be provided weeks ago. It is estimated that the project will take one year to complete.

NPDES PERMIT: We recently received an amendment to our discharge permit (which expired in July) requiring us to monitor total nitrogen and phosphorus, although the WWTP has already been doing this for the past six months. Since no additional limits have been attached, the amendment is not considered appealable. The expired permit we are still operating under already has a limit on phosphorus. We are still formulating a strategy on how we can come up with a 2010 flow number. Legislation is currently being adopted by the General Assembly that will put a 9-month moratorium on further DEP activity regarding biological nutrient reduction.

REFUSE BAG BID: Mr. Hejmanowski reported that Central Poly has supplied the 300,000 bags according to the contract. The random inspection concluded that none of the cases was short in count, averaging 101-102 bags per case. The bags are packed individually, which will make resale easier for the vendor. The bag, at first glance, appears

to be smaller than the previous unit. This is because of the gusset design. When fully opened, the bag is exactly as specified. Hanover Terminal agreed to store the 60 skids that we didn't have room for in our trailers. It was suggested that we thank them in our newsletter.

904 PERFORMANCE GRANTS: The state has permanently established the \$2/ton surcharge on refuse taken to landfills and incinerators. This surcharge was originally set to expire in 2007. HB1902 also set other conditions in order to qualify for grants. These conditions include the requirement of municipalities to provide curbside recycling, enforcement, education, and yard waste collection. Any municipality not complying with the aforementioned will not be eligible for 904 grants. There was discussion as to what constitutes yard waste. Penn does not currently offer collection of grass clippings but we do offer leaf/brush/limb collection. The consensus was that this should be sufficient to meet the definition of yard waste.

ELECTRONICS DRIVE: In conjunction with the YCSWRA, Penn will hold an electronics recycling drive on April 1, 2006 from 8 AM to 2 PM at the WWTP. Notices will be sent to the media and posted on the website.

INCINERATOR EXPANSION: The YCSWRA is considering adding another refuse combustion unit. There is some opposition to this proposal from factions that want the out-of-state waste eliminated from the county's waste stream. The county's tipping fee has been set at \$56/ton for the past twelve years. This price has been constant because the higher priced out-of-state waste keeps the facility operating at near capacity, which is more efficient, according to Gene. A meeting will be held on March 22nd and will be attended by the Environmental Director.

EDUCATIONAL NEWSLETTER: It is our intention to get the next newsletter out by the middle of April to provide enough notice for the Spring brush & limb collection. The committee should provide any suggestions for articles within the next two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager