

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 6, 2009

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7:38 PM following the Public Works Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Heilman, Goldsmith and Prieber. Also present were Manager Garvick, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** Greta Miller, 14 Stuart Circle, informed the committee that she is a renter in the Township and there are times when her landlord doesn't deliver the sewer bill to her in a timely fashion and she must suffer the consequences of having the water shut off, and pay an additional late fee and shut-off charge for nonpayment of her sewer bill. She understands the sewer bill must be sent to the property owner, but asked the committee to investigate if some type of notice could also be sent to the occupant of the rental property. The committee indicated they would have staff look at the feasibility of an additional notice.

**NPDES DISCHARGE PERMIT:** Mahone informed the committee that the Township received its final NPDES permit on December 8, 2009. There will be a 30-day comment period prior to the permit being published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Once published, the permit will be in effect until February 28, 2013.

**DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAM:** Mahone presented the committee with a Demand Response Program Base Agreement between Hess Corporation and Penn Township. Under the agreement the Township could be asked to disconnect its wastewater treatment facility from the electrical power grid during times of high demand. The Township would then use its emergency generator to operate the treatment facility until it is notified that it can reconnect to the power grid. In exchange for this service the Township could be paid up to \$36,000 over 3 years, based on current rates. Over the past six years the average event occurred 1-2 times per year and lasted for 2 hours. Additional contact will be made with Hess to collect more information prior to committing to the agreement.

**ACT 537 PLAN UPDATE:** Mahone informed the committee that the Township submitted a draft 537 Sewage Facilities Plan update to DEP in June of 2008. Now that the Consent Order and Agreement has been executed between DEP and the Township, DEP will begin the process to review the 537 Plan. If no additions or correction are required the Plan will be approved. That will mean the Township will have 1 year to implement an On-Lot System Management Plan. That plan will monitor the maintenance and repair of all the septic systems within the Township. Mahone indicated additional manpower will be necessary to administer the plan after implementation.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROJECT:** Mahone announced the Township will be holding an electronics recycling collection program at the Public Works Facility on Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 8:00 A.M. to 1: P.M. Also discussed was how to collect electronics in the future since York County will not be holding these “once per year” type of collection drives in the future. The County has contracted with ECO International to collect electronics at anytime during the year. A suggestion is to collect electronics every Saturday, or maybe once per month, at the drop-off center. Or possibly have an organization such as the Boy Scouts conduct a collection drive on a regular basis.

**CHRISTMAS WRAP COLLECTION UPDATE:** Mahone briefly explained a report on the collection project that was recently held at the wastewater facility. There where 836 vehicles that dropped off 22,920 pounds of cardboard and 3,520 pounds of wrapping paper.

There being no farther business the meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Mahone  
WWTP Superintendent