

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
February 3, 2009

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:50 PM following the Public Works Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Heilman, Goldsmith, Prieber and Felix. 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 January 6, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

PAH2O GRANT APPLICATION: Mahone informed the committee that the estimated design and construction cost to upgrade the wastewater treatment facility and main interceptor is \$18,000,000. The Township, with the help of its consultant CET Engineering, has been preparing a PAH2O grant application to be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. The maximum amount to be awarded during this grant program cannot exceed 50% of the total cost of the project. In this case the Township is making application for a grant totaling \$9,000,000. The application deadline is February 13, 2009. CET and staff will be finalizing the application early next week.

RECYCLING PROGRAM AT HOMEWOOD: Representatives from Homewood at Plum Creek contacted the Township in an effort to simplify their recyclables collection program. They are currently taking their recyclables to one drop-off location within their facility. This means the elderly population has to carry their recyclables to the designated location. Although this is acceptable, they wanted something more convenient for the residents. We suggested they contact their waste hauler and ask them if they would do curbside recycling pickup if Penn Township supplied the recycling bins. Their hauler has agreed to implement a curbside collection program. Homewood will notify us with the exact number of bins that will be needed; their estimate is around 150 bins.

NEW RECYCLING BINS: The Township has taken advantage of a recycle bin-purchasing program through York County. The program allows the Township to purchase recycling bins at a cost of 10% to 25% of the normal cost of the bins. YCSWRA will pay the remainder and then apply to the state for a 902 Equipment Grant to get reimbursed. We have placed an order for 650 bins.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION: Christmas tree collection was done on the normal refuse collection day throughout the week of January 19, 2009. This was different than in past years when trees were collected "Township Wide" on a single day. In past years we would see the hauler miss 30 – 40 trees over the entire Township. This year we only had to pick up 4 trees. The trees were chipped up at the York County Solid Waste Authority Facility and then transported to H&H Contractor's to be converted into mulch. This year we collected 25,760 lbs. of Christmas trees.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING: Commissioner Rewa reported that during the electronics collection drive held on January 10, 2009 at the Public Works building the Township collected 14,915 lbs. of material. This represents about 10% of the electronics collected throughout the County.

902 EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM AUDIT: Manager Garvick reported that Mr. Walt Dinda, the regional planning and recycling coordinator for PADEP conducted an audit of the Townships recycling program to ensure compliance with recently adopted legislation. Other than a few amendments needed in the recycling ordinance and newsletter the audit went very well. One additional requirement is the all equipment that was purchased using 902 grant funds must be labeled as such.

There being no farther business the meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Mahone
WWTP Superintendent