

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 2, 2010

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:31 PM following the Public Works Committee. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Goldsmith and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Township Engineer Bortner, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, and Highway Foreman Mahan. The following items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the January 5, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS REMARKS: None

PENNVEST NUTRIENT TRADING PROGRAM: Superintendent Mahone reported that Pennvest would be starting soon to bank nutrient credits so that wastewater treatment plants that cannot meet their permit requirements can purchase these credits to meet their discharge limits. The Township is not looking to purchase credits at this time because of the proposed upgrades to the plant. In addition, since the plant will only be working at fifty percent of capacity following the upgrade we may have nutrient credits we could sell on a yearly basis to Pennvest for additional revenue.

SEWER BILLING SOFTWARE UPDATE: Superintendent Mahone reported that we are purchasing additional software from KVS. Parcels from the tax maps will be added to the billing system to cross-reference the sewer bills with the parcels. This will ensure that every sewer-connected parcel in the Township is being invoiced.

RECYCLABLE REVENUE UPDATE: Superintendent Mahone provided the Committee with a graph plotting the revenue received for recyclable materials over the past 36 months. It was noted that the recycling market bottomed out mainly because foreign consumers stopped purchasing recyclables from the United States. The township still recycled three million pounds of materials in 2009. Mr. Mahone posted some information at the recycling facility that informed the residents how much energy and raw materials was saved by their recycling efforts.

SPRING NEWSLETTER: Superintendent Mahone reported that the spring newsletter would be going out in April. The deadline for articles is March 15, 2010.

100 BIRTHDAY PROCLAMATION: The Committee received a request from Michael Brown asking that the Township recognize in some way the 100th birthday of one of the residents in the Township. The Committee felt that this was a good suggestion and recommended authorizing the Manager to prepare a proclamation, if requested, for those residents reaching the age of 100.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager