

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 5, 2013

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 7:34 PM following the public works committee meeting. Present were Chairman Klunk and Commissioners Goldsmith, Heilman, Prieber and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Supt. Mahone, Highway Foreman Mahan and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the February 5, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS REMARKS: None

MAIN INTERCEPTOR PROJECT: Superintendent Mahone reported that Wexcon had their walk through with the York County Conservation District (YCCD) on February 26th and everything went fine. They are hoping to mobilize next week.

REFUSE BAG BID: Superintendent Mahone reported that he has an inventory of 138,900 refuse bags, which is approximately a seven-month supply. He stated that in preparation for the next bid he called Central Poly to find out what the going price was for our current bag. The price is up 2.3 cents over what we paid last year. Mr. Mahone stated in an effort to save some money on the cost of the bags he inquired about the cost for a thinner bag. The difference between the 2-mil bag and 2.5 mill bag in 2012 is an additional .81 cents. He stated that in 2012 the Township went from a 3-mil bag to 2.5-mil bag. He has not heard any complaints about the switch to a thinner bag.

He also looked into the cost of a translucent colored bag which he thinks would have some advantages that include: residents can't try to slip a regular black bag through; it would deter residents from placing recyclables in bag; trash inspections would be quicker and easier; and the trash collector could identify bags easier. Mr. Mahone provided each of the Commissioners with a blue trash bag to use before making a decision. Mr. Mahone provided a demonstration using the translucent bag and showing how recyclables could be easily spotted. He also demonstrated how the bag could hold at least fifty pounds of material with out breaking. The maximum the Township allows in a bag for pick up is forty pounds. Mr. Mahone also noted that in 1995 a survey was done with about 148 homes using a slightly more opaque 2-mil blue bag. Survey results indicated that the bag was easier to tie and people believed they could get more in because it stretched more than the 3-mil bag. Mr. Mahone also noted that the hauler is instructed to call the Township if: (1) a bag is placed out for pick up that is not a Penn Township bag; or (2) the refuse bag appears to weigh more than 40 lbs. In 2012 we received 134 calls and so far in 2013 we have received 13 calls for trash bags that are not Penn Township bags.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary