

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 1, 2008

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Johnson, Heilman, Prieber, Rewa, Goldsmith, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the March 4, 2008 meeting were approved.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

NPDES PERMIT APPEAL: Mahone informed the Committee that the Township received its final NPDES discharge permit for the wastewater treatment plant. Legal Council and CET Engineering reviewed the permit and raised several issues that they felt should be appealed to the Environmental Hearing Board. A formal appeal has been prepared and will be filed on April 4, 2008. The Township has written a letter to DEP requesting that some of the issues be clarified and corrected simply by issuing corrected pages for the permit or issuing a letter of clarification. If a response is not received by April 18, 2008 these issues will be added to the formal appeal.

ELECTRONICS PROJECT: Gene informed the Committee that all preparations have been finalized for the electronics recycling drive scheduled for April 5, 2008 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 976 Wilson Avenue, the public works facility.

COMMERCIAL CARDBOARD RECYCLING: Mr. Hejmanowski advised the Committee that he has received a few phone inquiries regarding this project. However, there is work to be done prior to implementation. Also, Gene has requested a list of Businesses from the Penn Township Tax Collector. Calls to businesses will begin shortly.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT RECYCLING PROGRAM: Gene informed the Committee that the South Western School District administrative staff is interested in implementing a comprehensive recycling program throughout the entire district effective September 2008. Mr. Hejmanowski has been asked to address all the school principals on Monday, April 7th at 3 PM and provide information as to how such a project could be successful.

YORK WASTE DISPOSAL: Gene informed the Committee that two meetings have been held with York Waste at which the following was discussed:

1. Trips to the Hanover Transfer Station for refuse disposal in order to complete daily refuse pickups must be eliminated unless York Waste is willing to assume the financial responsibility. Effective April 1st York Waste must pay for any trash delivered to the transfer station.
2. Safety on the streets during morning and afternoon pickup and discharges from school buses must be observed. All drivers from York Waste have been informed of the importance of safety for our school children.
3. There was discussion regarding the possibility of Penn Township going to single stream curbside for all recycling. York Waste indicated an interest and would implement the program whenever Penn Township thought it feasible.

EARTH DAY: The Environmental Director advised the Committee that he was working with a local Boy Scout Troop for our Earth Day Project. They would help Keep America Beautiful by picking up all trash and recycling on designated roadsides. This is scheduled for the last week in April.

PAPER SHREDDING PROGRAM: Mr. Hejmanowski informed the Committee that no action has been taken to date to purchase this equipment, but he feels that this is still a worthwhile program. This type of service would be beneficial to those residents who do not feel comfortable with putting their personal information in the recycling drop-off. So instead, they put their mail and other papers into their refuse bags. Having a shredder available to residents would also aid in our being more effective with our enforcement and education program. We could also make it available to other municipalities if we so desire. The committee would like Gene to study the options of purchasing and/or leasing a shredder.

Respectfully Submitted
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