

HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 7, 2009

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:47 PM following the Public Works Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Goldsmith, Heilman, 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 March 3, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS REMARKS: None.

PLANNING MODULE SUBMISSION: Superintendent Mahone reported that the planning module for the installation of the new main interceptor was submitted to DEP on March 31, 2009. This was the first milestone of the Township's consent order and agreement. The next milestone will be the submission of the Water Quality Management Part II permit for the construction of improvements to the treatment plant and the installation of the main interceptor. That submission is expected to take place before the first of May. WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated there would be some new construction as well as renovation of the existing facilities. The Engineers are planning to utilize existing structures when ever possible.

JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT: Manager Garvick reported that an Agreement with Joint Venture for a donation towards the construction of the new interceptor is close to fruition. Township staff is suggesting that the developers provide a \$500,000 contribution. The developers are also requesting that the tapping fees be frozen at the current level of \$1030. The tapping fees are expected to increase from between \$109-\$487 when the plant upgrades are completed, depending upon the level of state aid received. The Township will receive notice by May 15 if they have been approved for an H2O grant. The committee recommended accepting the \$500,000 donation with no special accommodation for tapping fees. Manager Garvick will relay the information to Dan Frey.

TEXTILE RECYCLING: Superintendent Mahone asked the committee if they would like to continue to collect textiles once per year or start collecting them every day at the recycling center. The vendor we have used in the past, Dumont Export Corporation, has agreed to accept the textiles throughout the year and give the Township \$100.00 per ton for the material. The material would be dropped off at the recycling center in plastic bags then transported to one of our spare trailers for storage. Once the trailer is full it would be delivered to Dumont. Dumont has expressed an interest in providing trailers in the future to create a drop-swap situation. The Committee suggested pursuing the project. Mahone

also indicated the tonnage of textiles recycled can be applied to the 904 grant. It was suggested that the program be open to residents and nonresidents.

902 GRANT: Mahone reported that the Township received the 2005 902 equipment grant that was applied for. The grant amount was for just over \$58,000 for equipment and recycling bins.

EDUCATIONAL AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM: Commissioner Goldsmith indicated some residents are expressing concerns about the education and enforcement aspects of the program. Some individuals were upset that they received friendly reminders about some problems with recyclables being placed in their refuse bags. Mahone reported that he has recently increased the education and enforcement inspections to twice a week. This was done due as a result of a recent audit conducted by PADEP, in which they stated the Township is required to continue with the educational and enforcement part of the program, or risk losing future grant funds. The committee recommended that an explanation as to why the education and enforcement program is conducted and the benefits be printed in the next newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Mahone
WWTP Superintendent