

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 5, 2011

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 7:28 PM following the Public Works Committee. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Felix, Heilman and Goldsmith. Commissioner Prieber was absent with notice. 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 March 1, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS REMARKS: Glenn Chandler, representing Community Aid, was present to discuss a variance to the sign ordinance in order to place four temporary signs advertising for donations for the Community Aid Thrift Store. He would like to place the signs at the front of the South Hanover Shopping Plaza for 90 days. Manager Garvick expressed concern about the organization placing bins throughout the Township to collect textiles, which could impact the revenue currently being received from the Township's collection of textiles. Manager Garvick will meet with Mr. Chandler about his recycling program and Mr. Chandler will need to submit a permit application for the signs along with a request for the waiver. Mr. Chandler did indicate that he would match the price that the Township's current textile vendor, MAC Recycling, was paying for the Township's textiles.

SEWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS: Superintendent Mahone reported that brickwork on the blower addition has been completed and the roof installed. The masons have begun to lay the block on the chemical building; the concrete work on the grit and circulation building has begun; the relocation of the natural gas supply line to the control building has been completed; and the installation of the number one cloth filter was completed and put into operation on April 4th. They will now be moving to the retrofit of the #2 cloth filter.

LAUREL DRIVE/TIMBER LAND PUMP STATION ELIMINATION: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that they are working on bid specifications for the Timber Lane pump station elimination. The public works department is completing the installation of the new gravity sewer line that will eliminate the Laurel Drive pumping station with the completion expected April 6th.

ELDERLY RECYCLING PICKUP PROGRAM: Manager Garvick reported that an elderly and disabled recycling pickup program was started many years ago by the junior fire fighters. In 2008 the junior's dropped the program because they did not have enough members to keep it going. The Board of Commissioners felt the program should

continue. With the help of a volunteer fireman driver and ARD personnel, the pickup is still taking place once a month. Recently, the recycling collection vehicle struck a house during pickup operations. The Township's insurance company covered the damage and the house has been repaired. There was no damage to the vehicle. Manager Garvick suggested some options that the Township could explore if the commissioners wish to continue with the program. There are 23 individuals currently on the list who have their recyclables picked up once a month. It takes about an hour and a half for the collection. Mr. Mahone has changed the procedure so that they will pick up from the street and not take the vehicle on private property. The Committee recommended that the program continue unless some other issues arise that would be cause for reconsideration. The committee advised staff to come up with an improved review process in order to screen applicants to determine eligibility.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SPECIFICATIONS: Superintendent Mahone reported that the collection contract with our current hauler would expire at the end of the year. The current contract is for three years with two options years that were exercised. The new specifications will be prepared and sent out later this year. The committee suggested no changes to the collection procedure at this time.

NEWSLETTERS: Newsletters were mailed out last week and residential shredding has been scheduled for April 16, 2010 from 9 to 2.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:  
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager