

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
June 3, 2008

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Johnson, Heilman, Rewa, Goldsmith, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the May 6, 2008 meeting were approved.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None

**ACT 537 PLAN UPDATE:** Mahone informed the Committee that we expect to have a completed draft copy of the 537 Plan for review by early next week. Three main components discussed in the Plan are the improvements to a section of the main interceptor, the identification of some areas in the Township that will require public sewer in the future and the implementation of a septic system management plan. The Plan will be advertised for public comment in the next week or so. After any comments are addressed the Plan will be sent to DEP for review.

**COMMERICAL CARBOARD RECYCLING:** Gene informed the Committee that a few business pickups have been initiated. However, he advised that several businesses have contracts with commercial haulers and cannot offer their cardboard to the Township until their contracts expire. We still have some calls and follow ups to pursue.

**SINGLE STREAM PROJECT:** Mr. Hejmanowski addressed the Committee on both single stream and recycling drop-off since they directly affect each other. He enlightened the Committee that the Township would loose over \$60,000 on the recyclables that would be picked up as a result of single stream recycling. In addition, York Waste Disposal wants a 10-cent per bag increase in refuse pickup, which would amount to another \$30,000. In view of this, Gene informed the Committee that he is working on a compromise with the hauler to reduce some of this loss. A meeting with the hauler is in the works to address these issues but a date has not been set.

**SCHOOL RECYCLING PROJECT:** The Environmental Director updated the Committee on this project and indicated that it's off to a good start. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 20 recycling bins were provided to the District so we could start a pilot program at Manheim Elementary School. A meeting was held with the staff at Manheim informing them of the program. A recycling bin was placed in each classroom along with instructions to each student on what goes into the bin. Gene advised the Committee that he is very enthusiastic about this program and its results. He also informed the Committee that this

program would be implemented throughout the remaining SWSD schools located in Penn Township beginning next fall.

**BLACK & DECKER RECYCLING:** After speaking with Black & Decker management personnel and reviewing their recycling program and their quantities recycled, it is staff's recommendation that, in the best interest of Penn Township, this project should not be pursued. In the beginning they were willing to negotiate for all their recyclables. However, as time has passed they are now only interested in what we can do with their mixed recycling (office paper/cardboard). For the year 2007, mixed recycling only accounted for 15 tons of the 120 tons of materials recycled. A discussion followed and the Committee agreed it was not worthwhile to pursue. Gene was requested to contact Black & Decker and advise them of the Committee's decision.

**SHREDDER:** With identity theft a concern for all residents, the Committee, a few months ago, addressed the option of buying or renting a shredder. Gene advised the Committee of the following options: (1) Renting a shredder and having it available to the residents several times a year on Saturdays would give some of the residents relief; (2) Purchasing a shredder and having it installed in a van would allow more flexibility of hours and days available to shred. By purchasing a shredder we could offer the service to other municipalities and maybe share the cost of the shredder with them. This could help us with the 902 Recycling Grant. PADEP is in favor of inter-municipality recycling. The third option is when the shredding vendor would supply the shredder at no cost but they would take the shredded material. If the volume of shredded material were insufficient to cover their costs we would then be charged a fee. Upon review of the three options the Committee suggested that we should consider renting a shredder for now until we decide what will happen with single stream recycling and then at that time look into purchasing a shredder. Gene informed the Committee he would pursue the renting of a shredder and report back to the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted  
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