

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 7, 2011

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 7:28 PM following the Public Works Committee. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Prieber, Felix, Heilman and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the May 3, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: David Green, 920 Westminster Avenue, was present to express concern about the damage to his house from a sewer back up that occurred in October 2010. Manager Garvick gave the Committee some background regarding the event. Mr. Green's homeowners insurance paid for the cleanup costs with the exception of the \$500 deductible. Mr. Green requested that the Township's carrier, Penn National Insurance, cover his deductible. Following investigation, Penn National denied the claim because Mr. Green could not prove that the Township was at fault. Mr. Green explained the situation and believes that the Township was at fault because they did not replace the cleanout cap properly when they had it off to televise his sewer lateral. Mr. Green would still like the Township to pick up the deductible.

Following much discussion, the Committee sympathized with Mr. Green but also concluded that he had not proven that the Township was negligent, as the sewer crew is of the opinion that the cap was properly replaced. The Committee authorized the Manager to contact Penn National and inform them that there was no new evidence to support negligence on the Township's part, and to let Penn National know that the Township would abide by whatever decision they made.

INTERCEPTOR BIDS: Manager Garvick reported on the interceptor bids that were opened on June 2nd. The township received five bids and the lowest bidder was Marks Contracting, Inc. for a bid price of \$2,345,669. CET Engineering had projected that the costs to be \$3,622,145. It was learned that the lowest bidder has its own boring equipment, which will reduce their costs on the project by around \$.5M. CET has worked with Marks Contracting on other projects and has always found their work to be acceptable. CET is reviewing the bids and will try to make a recommendation prior to the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

SEWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER: Manager Garvick reported that to date there have been seventeen change order requests. There were several change orders that were rejected by CET because the contractor should have anticipated them. Manager Garvick stated the changes would cost \$49,001, which is .4% of the total cost of the project. The Committee recommended approving the requests.

SEWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS: Manger Garvick reported on the progress of the sewer plant upgrade project: the block work has been completed on the electrical building, the concrete work on the head works grit/grease section is 85%

complete, the contractor has started to install the influent piping to the head works, the demolition to the trough in the #1 aeration tank is complete and they are tying steel for the new mixed liquor trough, and the concrete for the #2 filter is 85% complete.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION/REFUSE UNIT BIDS: Manager Garvick reported that the refuse and recycling collection bids and refuse units bids have been sent out and both will be opened on June 27th at 11 AM.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager