

HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
JULY 7, 2009

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 7:00PM. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Prieber, Goldsmith, Heilman, and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the June 2, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

**CITIZENS REMARKS:** None.

**GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES:** WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that the Township received an agreement with ARM, Inc., a geotechnical firm, in preparation for the proposed improvements to the WWTP. ARM will perform core borings and provide soil and groundwater samples in the area of the new headworks. Manager Garvick has already executed an agreement for those services. CET Engineering highly recommends this firm.

**CONSTRUCTION FUNDING UPDATE:** WWTP Superintended Mahone stated that that DCED will be meeting toward the end of July to review grant proposals and make the initial awards of PAH2O funds. He reported that the last time grants were released only ten percent of the funds were given for Chesapeake Bay improvements. He stated that the commissioners may want to start considering increasing our sewer rates prior to making the improvements. Commissioner Heilman stated that our local state and federal representatives should be contacted because the Township cannot afford to float a bond issue of \$18M. Manager Garvick will prepare letters that will be sent if the Township does not receive funding through the PAH2O grant. There was some discussion about how the process will work and what variables will affect the actual cost of the project along with the cost of the bond.

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BIDS:** WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that bids were opened last month for some surplus equipment the Township could no longer use. He reported the bids and prices for all the vehicles and equipment. There were two items the Township did not receive bids for which may be kept for a future bid or scrapped. He recommended the bids be awarded at the next BOC meeting.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING:** WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported on the electronics recycling that is being held continuously during the year. He reported that the last trailer load (21,260 lbs.) was picked up on July 1, 2009. York County has awarded a new bid for the electronics recycling. The bid allowed for the placement of a trailer at a satellite location for a charge of \$300 a month to be paid by the host. The vendor would place the trailer at the location and swap it with another when it was full. The County indicated that they would waive the fee if the Township would allow other York County municipalities, along with McSherrystown residents, to bring items to this location. WWTP Superintendent Mahone is requesting approval to piggyback the County's program. The Committee recommended approving the request.

**NEWSLETTER:** WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that the educational newsletter should be mailed out in September. He is requesting that all proposed articles be forwarded to him by August 21st for publication. He also enquired of the commissioners if there would be any additional shredding events for the fall. A shredding event costs the Township \$1,000. Mr. Mahone then gave a synopsis of the last four events. There was some discussion about having a residential only shredding event because the last four events have included both residential and commercial and it created some problems. After some discussion, the Committee decided to have a residential only shredding event once in the fall and once in the spring of each year.

**CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

None.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager