

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
AUGUST 5, 2008

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Johnson, Heilman, Rewa, Prieber, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

ACT 537 PLAN UPDATE: Mahone informed the committee that the York County Planning Commission has finished reviewing the Plan and has submitted a few comments. CET Engineering will address the comments and include the responses in the Plan. Comments from the Penn Township Planning Commission are expected following their review at the August 7th meeting.

PLANT UPGRADE: CET Engineering has started to put together the “Design Engineers Report” which will explain the technology being used in the upgrade and the basis of design. Site surveying will begin in 2 weeks.

TRUCK SCALE: It was reported that all of the concrete work and site grading has been completed. The concrete must cure for 21 days before the manufacturer can install the load cells and calibrate the scale. We expect to be operational by September 1, 2008.

SEWER RATE INCREASE: Mahone informed the committee that, due to the cost of upgrading the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Township would need to borrow funds to pay for the project. The actual amount needed has not been determined yet due to the uncertainty of grant funds that may be available from the State and other sources. However, it would appear that a rate increase would be necessary to support the responsibilities of a loan. A packet of information containing different rate increase options, which show the additional income generated with each option, was provided to the committee members for their review and comment.

COMMERCIAL CARDBOARD: The Environmental Director discussed with the committee members an analysis for the pickup of cardboard for commercial accounts. We are picking up cardboard at eight locations so far. Although the results did not show any profit, Gene advised the committee that it is too early to make any final judgment on this project. Gene recommended a three-month trial period and the committee agreed.

REFUSE BID RESULTS & REFUSE BAG ANALYSIS: Gene gave each committee member a performance comparison on the vendors that submitted the two lowest bids for refuse bags. Mr. Hejmanowski recommended that we award the bid to Dyna Pak Corporation, which is our current vendor. After a brief discussion the committee agreed that the award should go to Dyna Pak Corporation.

VENDOR PROPOSAL FOR MATERIAL AT RECYCLING DROP-OFF: Penn Township received a proposal from First Capital Fiber in York to purchase *all* the recycled material currently being dropped off at our recycling center. Mr. Garvick provided the summary of this proposal to each committee member. The proposal would eliminate the need to take any newsprint/office paper to Sealed Air Corp. or to take any cardboard/magazines to Staiman's Recycling. First Capital would provide the trailers and actually haul all the material away. The Environmental Director informed the committee that Penn Township has used the services of First Capital Fiber many times over the years. The only reason we stopped using this Vendor was because of the distance to his facility and high fuel prices. The committee recommended going ahead with utilizing this vendor. The Manager will review the proposed Agreement and suggest modifications if necessary. Gene advised the committee that this was a one-year commitment on the part of Penn Township. Our pursuit of single stream recycling would have to be put on hold until next year when we will go out for bids for our trash collection.

EDERLY & HANDICAPPED RECYCLING PICKUP: Gene updated the committee on the progress of this program and provided them with a list of the residents that are currently on the schedule. Gene also informed the committee that Saturday, August 9, 2008 would be the Townships first pickup.

Respectfully Submitted
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E.R. "Gene" Hejmanowski
Environmental Director