

HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 7:54 PM following the Public Works Committee. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, and Felix. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Police Chief Rhodes, and Fire Chief Cromer. The following items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the August 4, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS REMARKS: None.

AQUA DIAMOND FILTER SYSTEM: Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mahone reported that he and Manager Garvick inspected a site that uses an Aqua Diamond Filter System, which is being considered for the modifications to the Township's WWTP. They were able to see how the equipment was installed and were provided a demonstration on how it would fit into the Township's current sand filtration system without any major reconstruction. The Township's existing sand filter has a capacity of 5 million gallons per day. They are looking to install filters so that those tanks could process up to 14 million gallons a day. Mr. Mahone then explained the filtration process using the Aqua Diamond system. This type of cloth filtration system has been around for about twenty years. The filter material itself will last about seven years before having to be replaced. The costs are equivalent to replacing the sand filters we are currently using. The existing sand filters have maintenance issues that have to be addressed on a yearly basis. The maintenance is less on the diamond filter system and replacement of the material can be done in about one shift.

2010 YORK WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT: Mr. Mahone reported that we are on the third year of our hauling contract with two one-year options remaining. According to the contract the extension years are based on the Consumer Price Index. As a result of the current economy, the CPI actually went down for the period July 2008 through July 2009, which would result in a decrease in the collection costs. There is also a second option year for 2011. Mr. Mahone would like to contact the current hauler to extend the contract for 2010 per the provisions of the current agreement. The Committee recommended notifying the hauler with the option year for 2010.

FALL NEWSLETTER: Mr. Mahone reported the fall newsletter was delivered to the post office on Friday and should be to the residents within a few days.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager