

HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 7:17 PM following the Public Works Committee. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Goldsmith and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, and Highway Foreman Mahan. The following items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the October 6, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS REMARKS: None.

WEST MANHEIM DISCUSSION: Present were several representatives from West Manheim Township including Acting Manager Scott Barnhart, Mike Knouse, C.S. Davidson, and Terry Myers, C.S. Davidson. They were here to discuss obtaining additional sewer capacity over what they currently have under contract with Penn Township. They are projecting a total need of 1,180,800 gallons per day, which represents a complete build out of W.M. Township. They are in the process of constructing public sewer in phases to eliminate on-site septic systems in accordance with their Act 537 Plan. They also have several subdivision and land development plans that would need reservations, miscellaneous connections, and capacity for discharge from a private wastewater treatment plan. They have estimated the need for about 540,000 gallons of additional capacity above what they currently have. They discussed the 1989 agreement, which requires \$1700 for each connection that West Manheim connects. They feel that the connection fee be reviewed and should be in line with the Township's current connection fee to be in compliance with Section 1 of Act 57 of 2003. West Manheim indicated they would collect the connection fee from the developers and forward to Penn Township within six months of receipt. Regarding the capacity they need for their existing customers and any miscellaneous projects, they are proposing to pay in two installments with payment being made in 2011 and 2012.

They are also concerned about the quarterly sewer rent fees for conveyance and treatment. They currently pay to Penn 130% over what Penn Township residents are charged; with an average rate of 15,000 gallons per quarter per residential customer if an actual consumption number is not provided to Penn Township. They feel that this is not fair and would like consideration for a different method of calculating West Manheim's sewer rate. West Manheim feels that their rate should not include the calculation for the cost of the collection system. Scott Barnhart stated they do not have a problem paying their fair share and are willing to ask the developers to help contribute. There was some discussion about West Manheim helping with the financing of the bond issue. They still have to contact some of the developers to see if they are interested in pursuing development and if they would need the additional capacity. The WWTP and Interceptor project costs are only estimated and until the project is bid the actual costs are not known.

The Township is estimating a 65% sewer rate increase. The Committee is willing to sell the additional capacity to West Manheim Township but cannot tell them what the price is. The design of the expansion of the sewer plant was in anticipation of West Manheim Township needing one million gallons a day. West Manheim will confirm what

additional capacity they need because if they need 1.2 million the design may need to be modified.

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PART II PERMIT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that CET has submitted to PADEP the Township's Water Quality Management Part II permit. This is the second milestone in the Township's Consent Order and Agreement.

AMENDMENT TO THE ENGINEER'S AGREEMENT: Mahone reported that an amendment to the Township's agreement with CET needed to be approved. According to DEP regulations the township's tapping fees can be recalculated once the Agreement has been approved and executed.

SEWER RATE INCREASE: Mahone reported that a memo and a proposed ordinance have been provided to the commissioners showing a 65% increase in the sewer rates. The increase was based on the amount of debt service as a result of the taxable Build America Bonds rate with the 35% rebate. If the Federal government would decide to discontinue the rebate program the Township will still be able to refinance the bond issue at a nontaxable rate. There is a projected saving of \$705,000 with the Build America Bonds as compared to a tax-exempt issue. The Committee recommended moving ahead with the adoption of the ordinance.

REFUSE BAG BID: Mahone reported that Central Poly Corporation was the lowest bidder for the refuse units. They bid 18.5 cents per bag. The bid last year was 26.5 cents per bag. The Committee recommended awarding the bid at the next Commissioners meeting.

RESIDENTIAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING: Mahone reported that residential shredding was well attended. They shredded 3,693 pounds of material. The Commissioners were pleased with the traffic pattern of the event and there was not a problem with businesses bringing in material.

CHRISTMAS WRAP PROGRAM: Mahone reported that he intends to have the Christmas wrap program on Saturday, December 26 with the recycling shed being open. The event will continue on December 28 and 29 from 8-4:30 and on December 30 from 8-12. The information deadline for the Christmas newsletter is November 20th with the letter being taken to the printers on November 24th.

BOND COUNSEL: Manager Garvick reported that Bond Counsel and RBC will be present at the November 16th meeting to discuss the financing of the waste water treatment plant upgrade and asked if the engineer should be present to answer questions. The Committee indicated that it does not need to have the engineer present.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager