

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 6, 2010

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 7:52 PM following the Public Works Committee. Present were Chairman Rewa and Commissioners Felix, Heilman and Prieber. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, Highway Forman Mahan, WWTP Supt. Mahone and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the November 2, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS REMARKS: None

SEWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that they are continuing to renovate the 1964 structures at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. They have started to form and set the steel for the new wet well and they are about thirty feet into the ground. They could possibly pour the bottom on Wednesday. They have completed the footers for the wet well building. They have started to install the electrical conduit and are going to take the number one sand filter out of service tomorrow and put in the new filter. They relocated some existing sludge piping. They did additional excavation and there is a slight soil issue, which may require an engineer being brought in and digging deeper than what was proposed.

DISCHARGE LIMITS TO HANOVER BOROUGH: WWTP Superintendent Mahone stated that Hanover Borough has performed a headworks analysis due to their new NPDES permit. The permit requires the adoption of new influent discharge limits. The Township has several businesses that discharge into the Hanover Borough facility and the Township has to give the Borough the authority to require Township dischargers to meet the Borough limits. Therefore, the Township will need to approve a Resolution adopting Hanover Borough's limits. The Committee recommended adopting it at their next meeting.

LOCAL LIMITS REEVALUATION: WWTP Mahone reported that the Township also conducted a headworks analysis to determine limits for the NPDES permit. The study has been completed and we are in the process of evaluating the limits to send to DEP who will then approve them. The Township will need to adopt a resolution when the limits have been approved by EPA. All the other municipalities who have businesses which discharge into our WWTP will also have to adopt the resolution as well.

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER: The Township newsletter has been sent out and received by some of the residents.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING AND REPORTING LETTER: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that the state has amended the way they calculate grants to municipalities for recycling. In 2010, recycling tonnages that are reported by the Township to the state will have the amount of funds received by the Township decreased by 20 percent. Mr. Mahone is reminding all commercial and business customers that they need to recycle and report those numbers to us. There are about 340 commercial establishments. He is proposing to send out seventy letters at different times to notify the businesses about recycling. This reminder will hopefully increase the tonnage recycled, which will help increase the funds the Township receives through recycling grants. Commissioner Heilman suggested that the Township conduct workshops to help commercial customers start recycling programs if they do not have one.

STAIMAN BROTHER'S RECYCLING AGREEMENT: WWTP Superintendent Mahone reported that he has received an agreement to extend the current contract with Staiman Brother's Recycling for our recyclable items. The company provides all the trailers and hauling and we are getting a reasonable price for the products.

WESTMINSTER SEWER AVENUE COMPLAINT: Township Manager Garvick reported that he has spoken to our insurance company about picking up the \$500 deductible on the Westminster Avenue sewer complaint. More information will be forthcoming.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:  
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager