

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 14, 2004

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Stauffer, Klunk, Dubbs, Rishel, Johnson, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski.

The following items were discussed :

**Citizens to be Heard:** Donna and William Ault of William F. Ault Septic Cleaning address the committee with a request that the Township consider changing its current policy on receiving septic at the sewer plant. They stated that, in their opinion, the policy is limiting the success of their business because it only allows them to bring in material that would be collected in Penn Township or West Manheim Township or Hanover Boro. The Ault's also felt it was unfair for the Township to allow Smith's Septic and William's Septic to continue collecting septic outside of those areas while they were restricted. Staff informed the Ault's that the reason Smith's and William's were allowed to collect material outside of those areas was because they were existing business within the Township prior to the implementation of the policy. The committee however indicated they would evaluate the existing policy and requested staff to create a report on the septic received at the sewer plant.

Also present was Dan Cullison of Tea Kettle Realty. Mr. Cullison was interested in how the treatment capacity agreement with West Manheim Township was progressing.

**WEST MANHEIM CAPACITY AGREEMENT:** Staff reported that they have reviewed the latest amendment to the agreement and felt it did not reflect the wishes of the committee. Manager Garvick has prepared a letter restating the conditions with which Penn will consider amending the agreement.

**YORK STREET INTERCEPTOR:** Mahone informed the committee that staff has met with CET Engineering to review the latest design plans for the project. Staff made a few changes to the layout of the line and requested CET to include the replacement of a portion of the existing main interceptor to the cost of the total project. CET indicated that a final preliminary drawing and cost estimate would be available in 7-10 days.

**CHRISTMAS WRAP & RECYCLING PROJECT:** Environmental Director Hejmanowski provided each Committee member a detailed project summary. Upon review there were no questions.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROJECT:** The Committee was informed that the electronics drive would be held on Saturday, April 3, 2004 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The material will then be taken to the York County Solid Waste Authority. In addition Gene advised the Board that no electronics equipment would be picked up as a bulk item until after April 3, 2004. Residents have been notified.

**REFUSE UNITS:** 180,000 black refuse units have been received and there are no blue bags in stock any longer. All distributors have now received the black bags. A discussion on the next bid cycle ensued and all agreed that we could wait until the next Health & Sanitation meeting in March to

decide how many bags would be bid. This would also give the Committee time to hear any public input regarding how well the new bags are being received.

**CURBSIDE ONE ITEM BULK PICK UP:** Gene updated the Committee on the first seven months of this program. With a few exceptions the program is being received well and the citizens are satisfied. Statistically, Gene's opinion is that the program is progressing as expected and that, dollar-wise, this will be a cost saving program compared to the annual spring curbside pick up. The contributing factor being all refuse taken directly to the county incinerator and stepped up enforcement by both Penn Waste and Penn Township.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP:** The Committee was informed that Penn Waste would have a one-day curbside pick up of Christmas trees. That would be Saturday, January 17, 2004. After that date, all trees would require a refuse unit tied to the tree in order to be picked up.

**SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL CARDBOARD:** The Environmental Director was contacted for suggestions by South Western School District in reference to their cardboard recycling program. The District is concerned about the amount of money they must pay their hauler (Waste Management) to pick up cardboard from the Elementary and High Schools. Gene discussed a few ideas, one being that Penn Township could spot a trailer at one of the schools and when it is full we could then take it to our corrugated vendor. A brief discussion followed at which time Commissioner Johnson proposed that we also give consideration to small businesses. He gave a couple of examples where businesses could also save money and still maybe compensate the Township for making the pick up. Another discussion followed with the conclusion that more thought be given to the idea of picking up material at businesses for a profit.

**RECYCLING BROCHURE:** It was suggested to the Committee that perhaps a refuse and recycling brochure be printed and provided to new residents. A brief discussion followed with an approval given to Gene to proceed.

**EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT:** Mr. Hejmanowski suggested that approval to administer this project for recycling refuse and bulk items be reinstated. With the projected growth of new residential development, Gene suggested that we step up our curbside recycling/refuse enforcement program. The Committee gave no indication one way or the other, so staff will take that as an affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted  
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Environmental Director