

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 12, 2005

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Stauffer, Klunk, Johnson, Felix, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski.

The following items were discussed :

**Citizens to be Heard:** None

**HIGH POINTE DEVELOPMENT SEWER MODULE:** Mahone informed the Committee that DEP wants the permit application for the proposed collector sewer line that will run from High Pointe North Development to Westminster Avenue to be associated with a sewer planning module for a development. We choose High Pointe North because it is where the line will originate. In signing the modules and sending them to DEP they will be able to continue the planning phase of the sewer line.

**PLUM CREEK INTERCEPTOR:** Mahone reported that construction is started and the first two manholes have been set at the existing Hanover interceptor.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:** Mahone informed the Committee that DEP has requested information on the progress of the Township's Corrective Action Plan. Staff has set up a meeting with DEP for January 14, 2005 to discuss the Township's latest proposals. The Township's engineer CET will also attend the meeting.

**CHRISTMAS WRAP RECYCLING PROJECT:** Gene updated all Committee members on the statistics for this year's project and in addition, to the problems that occurred at the recycling drop-off facility on Heights Avenue whereby Residents disposed of Christmas material and recyclable material over the New Year's holiday while the recycling drop-off was closed. This resulted in calling someone in to clean up the mess. Short discussion followed with no further comment from the Committee.

**RECYCLING AREA FENCING:** After advising the Committee of the recycling drop-off incidents, Mr. Hejmanowski suggested that consideration be given to install a fence around the recycling drop-off to try and circumvent this from happening in the future. A short discussion followed regarding the idea. Committee rejected recommendation.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE:** The Committee was informed by Gene that this year's electronic drive will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The material collected will be sent to the York County Solid Waste Authority. In addition Gene advised that Penn Waste, our hauler, has been instructed not to pickup electronics curbside until after April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Residents have been notified via our Partners in Progress newsletter. This will eliminate disposal fees for these items during this time.

**RECYCLING BIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT:** Since this project was previously approved by the Commissioners, Gene informed the Committee that plans are now being formulated to start implementation of this project between the months of April and May of 2005. Residents will be informed of this project and the method of the process that will be used to replace their recycling bins via the Partners in Progress Spring newsletter.

**REFUSE UNIT PROBLEM:** The Committee was made aware of the problem with the pricing of our refuse units with our vendor, All American Poly, prior to this meeting. Therefore Gene informed them that we are waiting on a reply from our Solicitor on what course of action to take. It is essential, as our refuse unit inventory does not allow us to delay the ordering of them. Gene was advised that no action should be taken until the week of January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PENN WASTE CURBSIDE PICKUP OF NEWSPRINT & CORRUGATED:** Since this project was discussed at the last meeting in November, Gene suggested that we may want to run a pilot program on this idea, similar to the pilot program we did a few years back with the refuse units. This would provide us with valuable information on the pros and cons of this idea, if in the future we would want to implement this type of pickup. A short discussion followed, with the outcome being to hold the project.

**DEVELOPERS / BUILDERS / CONTRACTORS & DEMOLITION RECYCLING PROJECT:** Our Environmental Director introduced this project to the Committee again that he would like to implement for Builders & Developers, whereby they would be mandated to recycle. This would be a great time to evaluate this project, especially with the many new developments being brought to the Planning & Zoning Boards. Gene also informed the Committee that a feasibility study on this project could be subsidized by DEP which has a Technical Assistance Grant program which pays up to \$6,000.00 to have a study done. Currently Builders & Developers do not recycle anything and a good example of that was at our own recent expansion of the Penn Township Police Department. After a brief discussion by the Committee, the project was denied.

**SHREDDING PROGRAM:** Mr. Hejmanowski introduced to the Committee that consideration should be given to having a mobile shredding unit scheduled several times during the year at our recycling drop-off to allow Residents the opportunity to have their personal material shredded at no additional cost. This would be an additional service and should also prevent Residents from placing paper material into their refuse units, saving disposal fees and enhance recycling. After an exchange of comments by the Committee, the Committee rejected the program.

**DEP 904 GRANT AUDIT:** Gene advised the Committee that due to the fact that our last grant was more than \$100,000.00, Penn Township will be audited.

Respectfully Submitted  
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Environmental Director