

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 12, 2003

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, March 12, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Stauffer, Klunk, Dubbs, Rishel, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski.

The following items were discussed:

Citizens to be heard: William Denk of 11 Mountain Ash Drive, Hanover, Pa gave a presentation on a Company he would like to form in Penn Township. It would entail the picking up of drop-off recyclables, which would be taken to the drop-off center on Heights Avenue. There would be a fee charged to the Residents for this service, the name of the company is Paper Hounds. Mr. Denk went into details on how this would be done, questions from the Committee were asked. The Committee advised Mr. Denk that he was free to form his company as long as he was in compliance with all Township Ordinances.

WEST MANHEIM SEWER CAPACITY REQUEST: Mahone informed the Committee that on February 26, 2003 staff met with representatives from West Manheim to discuss additional sewer capacity for West Manheim. West Manheim indicated their long range capacity request would be for a total of 1 million gallons per day. Penn informed West Manheim that unless the tapping fee per EDU (350 gals) was paid in advance, Penn could not guarantee that capacity would be available. Penn also informed West Manheim that due to the increasing demand for sewer service, some of the existing collection lines will require upgrading and they might have to participate financially in those upgrades. West Manheim indicated they would prepare a plan showing a phased-in approach to purchasing extra capacity for review some time in the future.

POSSIBLE SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS: Mahone updated the Committee on the evaluation of the Plum Creek interceptor and the main interceptor going to the Treatment plant. Both lines will be heavily influenced by the proposed development in the Township and will need to be upgraded to accommodate the additional flow. Staff has contacted the Solicitor to research the legality of having the developers pay for the improvements. Once a design and cost estimate is established a meeting will be scheduled between the Township and all of the proposed developers.

ACT 339 FINDINGS: Mahone informed the Committee that the recently proposed Pennsylvania State budget plans to eliminate the ACT 339 funding for wastewater treatment facilities. Currently the Township receives \$46,413.17 annually through this grant program.

ACT 203: Staff informed the Committee that CET has recalculated the Tapping fee for connecting to the Townships wastewater system. The existing fee is \$1500.00 and the new calculations would support an increase to \$1700.00. The Committee recommended to increase the Tapping fee to \$1700.00.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROJECT: Mr. Hejmanowski advised the Committee that everything was in place for the April 5th electronics recycling project and that there was only one Township employee working that day. The rest of the manpower will be covered by ARD personnel.

WEEKLY BULK ITEM PICK-UP: Gene gave a short presentation to the Committee on how the weekly bulk item pick-up would be handled between Penn Waste, Residents and Penn Township. A discussion on the pros and cons of this endeavor was addressed, a vote was taken in favor of implementing this program for at least one year and then evaluate the project. Gene emphasized that enforcement and monitoring of this project was extremely important in order to make this a successful project. A short discussion was held on having a wood clean-up twice a year in order to save on tipping fees. However, nothing was resolved. A tentative date to start the weekly bulk item pick-up is sometime in the middle of May.

YORK COUNTY TIRE PROJECT: The Environmental Director informed the Committee that he was approached by Marty Hyatt, coordinator of the York County West Nile Virus program, on having a joint Municipal Tire Recycling Tire Project, at Penn Township's Wastewater Treatment facility on Wilson Avenue. The date for the project would be May 17th. Complete details were not available, but the Committee did give Gene permission to pursue the project.

REFUSE UNIT BIDS: Mr. Hejmanowski advised the Committee that nine bid proposals were mailed out and five bids were submitted and opened on March 12th at 9:00 a.m. The lowest bidder was L&B Industries at a price of \$11.65 per hundred units. Unfortunately they did not send a bid bond or sample bag, which is required in the specifications. All American Poly was the second lowest bidder at a price of \$12.03 per hundred units. At the next Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for March 17th, the bid will be awarded to All American Poly. There followed some discussion regarding bag costs. Chairman Johnson indicated he was considering recommending to increase the price of bags by ten cents to help pay for the bulk item pick up. No decisions or recommendations were forthcoming, however.

TEXTILE RECYCLING PROJECT: Mr. Hejmanowski advised the Committee that he was in contact with Dumont Export on having another Textile drive in September. Dumont was agreeable in having another drive, Gene requested from the Committee permission to pursue. Permission was granted.

902 GRANT APPLICATION: Gene informed the Committee that the 902 Grant that was submitted was on behalf of the Highway Department for a new chipper and leaf collector plus for our educational newsletter. The amount of the 902 Grant was for \$38,000.00.

Gene then enlightened the Committee members on the following issues:

Hanover Transfer Station: Currently the Hanover Borough is in the process of receiving bids for a Radioactive Monitoring System, to be installed at the Hanover Transfer Station. This could result in a tipping fee increase.

Recycling Drop-Off Area: The Highway Department will make some modifications to the area in order to ease the flow of the traffic.

Newsletter: The newsletter is scheduled to be mailed to all Township Residents the third week of April.

Construction / Demolition Waste: Plans are under way to inform all Contractors that under Ordinance #434 they are mandated to recycle.

Purchase of Recycling Equipment: Inquiries have been made for the purchase of two used trailers for recycling and also a used tractor.

Respectfully Submitted
William H. Mahone
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