

MINUTES  
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 10, 2004

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, March 10, 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 were present to see if the committee had made a decision on changing the Township's septic waste policy. Mr. Mahone gave a brief background of the policy and a septic waste report recently prepared. The report indicated that the Township received 5,486,625 gallons of septic during 2003, which has the organic loading equivalency of close to 1000 homes. A discussion between the committee members ensued concerning the future organic capacity of the Treatment Plant due to the increasing number of new homes and the increasing amount of septic waste being brought to the plant. The committee felt that the policy should remain the way it is currently written but, should limit the amount of septic that Smith's Septic Service and William's Septic Service can collect outside of the municipalities with which we have a treatment agreement. That limit would be the amount that they delivered to the plant during 2003. The committee also instructed staff to develop a plan to eliminate over time the septic received from outside of the municipalities with which we have a treatment agreement.

**Columbia Cottages :** Mr. Mahone referenced a letter sent by HRG Inc. on behalf of Horst Senior Care Company in which they requested that Penn approve their sewer module and plan to construct an assisted living facility using a temporary holding tank for sewage disposal until the new York Street interceptor is functional. Mahone informed the committee that he was in contact with the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer Mr. John Piper concerning this project. Based on the amount of flow expected, 10-15 EDU'S, Mr. Piper felt that Pa. DEP would not issue a permit for a holding tank but, said he would contact DEP to be sure.

**York Street Interceptor :** Mahone informed the committee that we have received the final design plans from CET and met with the developers who have shown an interest in possibly constructing this line. The developers indicated they would review the plans and the cost estimates and then contact the Township.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROJECT:** Mr. Hejmanowski informed the Committee that everything is finalized for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> electronic recycling project at the WWTP. Five ARD and one township employee will assist in the project.

**WEEKLY BULK ITEM PICKUP:** The environmental director informed the members that he has been receiving very few inquires. The refuse weight totals for the past two months have been below what was projected. However, with springtime just around the corner, we should see an increase.

**REFUSE UNITS:** Gene apprised the committee that it was time to submit a bid for Refuse Units. Having a discussion with Mr. Garvick prior to the meeting, both he and Mr. Garvick thought it might be good to go out for a two year bid for 500,000 refuse units. After a brief discussion, it was

suggested that the bid be for one year with a one year option. This would allow us the control to exercise the option should there be a large price increase.

TEXTILE RECYCLING PROJECT: Mr. Hejmanowski recommended that consideration be given to the hold another Textile Recycling Project. The dates being September 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. A short discussion followed and the Committee advised Gene to pursue the project.

RECYCLING BROCHURE: Gene advised the members that he was working with Mercury Press (Ron Wentz) in laying out a new brochure. The brochure is given mostly to new residents.

SALT PROJECT: Mr. Hejmanowski apprised the committee that we have received our 80 tons of pretzel salt from Hanover Terminal this winter. It has all been placed into the public works salt storage bin.

RECYCLING NEWSLETTER: Since we do not have a spring curbside bulk pick up, Gene questioned the committee as to whether or not we should prepare a Spring newsletter. It was the consensus of the members to have a newsletter sent. It was agreed that we should have the other township departments submit articles as well.

EARTH DAY 2004: Since no formal project was organized for this years Earth Day, Gene suggested that maybe we purchase t-shirts for the Penn Township office staff. The cost per t-shirt is \$5.77. Brief discussion followed with no favorable response.

PART TIME RECYCLING EMPLOYEE: The Environmental Director informed the committee that after interviewing several candidates for this job, Mr. Garvick and Gene agreed the candidate for this job would be Jordan Myers, a college student who lives on Wayne Avenue. Starting date is April 3, 2004.

902 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT: Gene informed the members that 902 Grants were awarded by DEP and that Penn Township was awarded a grant.

RECYCLE BANK: Our Environmental Director apprised the Committee that he received a call from Columbia University regarding a pilot recycling program offered by a company called Recycle Bank. This company is seeking a municipality from within the Commonwealth to start a pilot program whereby residents (households) within that municipality would be paid for their curbside recycling efforts. Payment would be made based upon the weight of the recyclables. Gene provided as much information as he had and requested permission from the committee to discuss the next phase of the pilot program. Gene also informed the members that DEP provided this company with the names of five municipalities with Penn Township being one of them. The committee gave Gene the okay to discuss the next phase with Recycle Bank.

Respectfully Submitted  
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Environmental Director