

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MAY 12, 2004

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, May 12, 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 Ault was present to ask the Committee if any progress was made in developing a policy to limit the amount of septic waste that Smith's Septic and Williams Septic Services are allowed to dispose of at the treatment plant. The Ault's are still interested in bringing septic waste to the WWTP. The Committee informed Mrs. Ault that staff has not developed a policy as of yet.

PLUM CREEK INTERCEPTOR: Mahone informed the Committee that DEP had discovered some capacity problems downstream from where the line is proposed to connect. DEP indicated they would be contacting Hanover Boro and requesting a Corrective Action Plan, which will delineate how the Borough will address the capacity problems. DEP informed the Township that until an approved Corrective Action Plan is submitted they would not allow the line to be constructed or any additional EDU's to be connected to the existing system.

YORK STREET INTERCEPTOR: Mahone reported that construction plans have been given to the developers' consortium whom has indicated they will proceed with the permitting and construction. Also, staff met with Snyder's of Hanover to discuss the routing of the line through its property. Snyder's requested we use a different path across their property. The Township said they would have CET Engineering evaluate some alternate routes to see what the difference in cost would be.

REFUSE UNITS: Mr. Hejmanowski informed the Committee the ten bid packets were sent out and seven were returned and opened on April 28th at 9:00 a.m. at the Penn Township Municipal office. Following discussion, it was recommended that the bid be awarded to All American Poly Corporation, who is our current vendor. The price is 153.83 per 1,000 units. The Committee is planning to make the award at the next Commissioners meeting scheduled for May 17th.

BULK ITEM PICKUP REVIEW: Gene provided the Committee with a report for the first nine months of our weekly curbside bulk item pickup. The report, a comparison of the first six months with the last three months, shows that, in Gene's opinion, this project is a successful one and is well appreciated by the residents. He also informed the Committee that there are some residents taking unfair advantage of the program by putting out items that could be disposed of in a township refuse bag. A discussion followed and it was the consensus that more monitoring of the program is necessary.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROJECT: The Environmental Director provided the Committee with the statistics from the electronics recycling drive which was held on April 3rd. We processed 131 vehicles, filled 26 gaylords totaling a weight of 12, 200 lbs. The shipment was picked up by Enviro Cycle on Monday, April 12, 2004

RECYCLING TRAFFIC STUDY: Mr. Hejmanowski informed the Committee that twice a year he requests a York County Planning Traffic Study at the recycling drop-off center. The most recent survey was taken the first week in April. The results indicated that over the past year we had an increase of vehicles from 996 in 2003 to 1,086 in 2004. The survey also shows that we processed more than 300 vehicles on a Saturday with Monday and Friday being another 350 to 425 vehicles. This survey is very helpful and provides the information to sufficiently plan equipment and manpower at our drop-off area.

902 GRANT REVIEW: Gene presented the Committee with a summary of the requested items and funds approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Gene informed the Committee that only 50 % of the total cost for the 24' van was approved and that it would cost the Recycling department an additional \$23,000. Gene then requested that the Committee give consideration to having the other departments receiving equipment contribute funds to help offset the loss as opposed to having the Recycling Account make up the \$23,000 shortfall for the van. There was some discussion but nothing was agreed upon. Gene then suggested to the Committee that perhaps after 13 years of recycling we should consider closing down the recycling drop-off completely. The material now being taken to the drop-off would then be picked up curbside in 90-gallon containers. There would, however, be additional cost for this service. The committee will take this suggestion under advisement.

MISCELLANEOUS: There were several small miscellaneous projects Gene thought the Committee should be aware of:

- 1) April 22nd was Earth Day and we had 2 citizen groups which helped to clean up roadways and stream banks.
- 2) New 14 and 18 gallon recycling bins were received on May 7th. Grant money was received to pay for these bins.
- 3) The state of Pennsylvania is proposing a \$5.00 per ton increase in tipping fees for the next budget. Since \$4.00 per ton was just recently approved, Gene suggested that the Township write a letter to our State Representative and the Governors' office opposing the increase.
- 4) Gene informed the Committee of his presentation on recycling to the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes at the Calvary Bible School.
- 5) Mr. Hejmanowski requested approval from the Committee to have a tire recycling event at the Penn Township Wastewater facility in June if the project would be completely funded by the County with exception of manpower. Approval was granted.

Respectfully Submitted
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