

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MAY 10, 2006

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Klunk, Stauffer, and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Mr. Gunter Erich Jurgeleit, 3255 Grandview Road addressed the committee regarding a lot at 9 Melodie Lane, located to the rear of his property. This parcel contains an abandoned mobile/trailer home constructed over a block foundation. The property, in disrepair, has been vacant for several years and is owned by Spring Grove residents Laverne & Betty Bange. The parcel was served by an on-site septic system located on an adjoining property owned by John & Dorothy Nickerson. Apparently, Mr. Nickerson no longer wishes to allow his property to be used for the sewer system for the trailer home. Mr. Jurgeleit wishes to have the trailer removed and is willing to purchase the lot in order to do so. To recover his costs he planned to construct a small rental home in its place. His problem is that he needs to get the sanitary sewer to Grandview Road and is proposing a 7' easement alongside his house in order to lay the lateral for the lot. He was informed that a 20' easement is required but he contends that since it is his house he won't have a problem with a smaller easement. Mr. Jurgeleit was informed that it will not always be his house and if a problem occurs after he vacates the property then future property owners could be saddled with an insufficient easement. He understands but still wants to have the trailer removed. The Manager suggested that the Township investigate the possibility of condemning the trailer and having it removed for public safety reasons. This would be at the expense of the Banges and this seemed to satisfy Mr. Jurgeleit.

JOINT VENTURE UPDATE: Mahone informed the committee that township staff met with members of Joint Venture and their engineer, Vaughan Leer of HRG, on April 11, 2006. Items discussed were the possible replacement and rerouting of the force main from the Industrial Park Pumping Station. Staff informed Joint Venture of the Township's preference on the force main location and indicated the station should be sufficient to handle the capacity of the existing 12" gravity sewer line. HRG said they would have plans for the York Street and existing main interceptors for the Township to review within 30 days.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Mahone reported that we are close to completing our second round of flow monitoring in the collection system. The flow meters will probably remain in the system for another 2 weeks before CET removes them. CET will then compile a flow report using the data from December 2005 thru May 2006. This information will direct us where to look for areas of infiltration. Also reported was that we have submitted our 4th quarter update report for our Corrective Action Plan to DEP.

CENTRIFUGE PROJECT: Mahone reported that the centrifuge was working great even though Andritz, the equipment supplier, could not meet the minimum percent solids concentration during the performance testing. The specifications require a minimum

concentration of 24% solids at a loading rate of 1200 pounds per hour. During the performance testing Andritz averaged a concentration of 22.5% solids. It was suggested that the reason may be due to an increase in the percent of volatile solids in the feed sludge. Andritz will continue to investigate the cause and keep us informed.

LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM: Mahone informed the committee that the State has passed new regulations that will require the laboratory at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to become accredited. The application must be submitted by July 28, 2006. We have requested CET to assist us in complying with these new regulations.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING: The Environmental Director informed the committee that the project was very successful. There were fewer vehicles than the previous year but overall the residents appreciated the opportunity to recycle their electronics.

HAULER REFUSE & RECYCLING BID: Mr. Hejmanowksi requested approval from the committee to prepare and mail out bid specifications to haulers. By submitting bids now it will give us more time to scrutinize them and make corrections and, if necessary, submit new bids. A discussion followed and approval was granted.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF FACILITY UPDATE: Gene updated the committee on the help situation at our recycling drop-off. We have had less manhours being provided by our ARD program than in past years. In addition, our full time employee is also spending less time at the facility due to an increase in trips being made to our recycling vendors, inspection of overweight bags and non-recyclables being left behind by the hauler. This means less time being spent at the recycling drop-off and less assistance for the residents. The possibility of hiring more part time help was discussed and tabled for now.

LEGISLATIVE BILL #1902 RECYCLING FEE: Mr. Hejmanowski gave each committee member a copy of House Bill 1902. This bill is to reauthorize the state recycling fees of \$2 per ton on waste disposed at landfills or incinerators. The Bill passed 191-9. However, our own Representative, Steve Nickol was one of the 9 no votes. The reason, according to Steve, was that Hanover Borough would be forced by DEP to have curbside recycling for all households.

EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT: The Environmental Director advised the Committee that there has been little to no enforcement action regarding curbside refuse and recycling, which has resulted in two notable changes: (1) refuse bags are starting to increase in weight by several pounds a bag, with more bags exceeding the 40 pound limit, and (2) an increase in the amount of non-recyclables placed in recycling bins. This results in the hauler leaving the contaminated materials along the curb and we then get more calls from residents. Following short discussion it was decided to proceed with enforcement being done by current employees and any ARD that might be available.

Respectfully submitted,

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