

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Stauffer, Klunk, Felix, Johnson, Heilman, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Scott Barnhart and Andy Richardson from West Manheim Township addressed the Committee. According to Mr. Barnhart there are developers in West Manheim that will help construct an interceptor for West Manheim Township if they could purchase capacity of 112,000 gallons per day for future development. Mr. Barnhart also indicated that the same developers would participate in the construction of the York Street interceptor in Penn Township. Mr. Barnhart said that they met with officials from DEP and asked them if they would allow Penn to sell the extra capacity to West Manheim. Mr. Barnhart indicated DEP was very happy to hear about a renewed interest in construction of the York Street interceptor and that DEP would allow this concept to develop for a short time frame to see if the two Townships can come to some agreement. DEP has requested weekly progress reports from West Manheim Township. The Committee members all agreed that if the developers make all of the necessary improvements to the collection system and construct the York Street interceptor and DEP approves everything, they would sell the additional capacity to West Manheim. It was understood that Penn and West Manheim will amend the intermunicipal agreement to reflect the increased flow as well as spell out what West Manheim's financial obligation would be regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion capital costs. Manager Garvick will send correspondence to West Manheim disclosing the intentions of Penn Township regarding this matter.

WHISPERING RUN COLLECTION SEWER: Mahone reported to the Committee that a walk through inspection was completed on September 10, 2007 and that there are several problems that need to be corrected before the interceptor line would meet the satisfaction of the Township. The Committee indicated they would seek the advice of legal counsel prior to making any decision on pending plan approvals for developments that would drain into this collector sewer.

GREEN CLOUD EXERCISE: Mahone informed the Committee that on September 14, 2007 a full-scale chlorine leak response drill would be conducted at the Wastewater Treatment facility. Participants would be Hanover Hospital, Penn Township Emergency Services, Penn Township Police, Hanover Fire and Police and York County Emergency Management Agency.

2008 BUDGET DRAFT: Mahone presented the Committee with the first draft of the 2008 Budget. The Committee felt the proposed budget was a good draft with no major problems.

EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT: Hejmanowski advised the Committee that, with the help of our part-time employee, we have been able to do a more extensive education program with our residents. The results are not fantastic but the fact that we are out there should result in some improvement. Currently our noncompliance of curbside recycling is more than 12.5%. In the past our noncompliance rate was 7% and 8%. Gene attributes the noncompliance to two factors. The first is price increases in refuse bags. Residents are putting more into them causing overweight bags. The second reason is lack of education and enforcement for the first half of the year due to lack of manpower.

CHRISTMAS WRAP & RECYCLING PROGRAM: Gene informed the Committee that with their approval he would like the program to be held, December 26, 27, 28 and 29th, the location would be at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Approval was granted for the dates requested.

TEXTILE RECYCLING: The Committee was updated on our current textile recycling project being held the week of September 10th thru the 15th. Residents have delivered more than 1/3 of a truckload and are very grateful that we are doing the week long collection.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF CHANGES: Gene gave the Committee a short presentation on why he is requesting a modification to the recycling drop-off facility:

Due to the heavy activity at the facility the safety of the residents has become a concern. With our current set-up of trailers and other equipment, parking and unloading is an issue.

2. If we expand our facility, it will enable us to serve the residents more efficiently and safely, eliminating the vehicle back-up, which frequently extends out into Height Avenue.

The Committee gave Gene permission to go ahead and see what the cost of the project would be and what all would be involved as far as redesigning the layout.

RECYCLING EQUIPMENT: With the approval from the Committee at a previous meeting, Mr. Hejmanowski informed them that two additional trailers have been purchased and put into service immediately. Regarding the two trailers that were replaced, one was given to the Public Works Department and the other has been recycled. The eight wheels were sold to Mar Bar Tire and the rest of the trailer was sold to Staiman Recycling for scrap.

RECYCLING EQUIPMENT CONTINUED: Mr. Hejmanowski also requested authorization to purchase a new pick up truck. The current one is a 1998 and, with our part time help and some planned projects, another pick up truck would be helpful. Approval to get a price for a new truck was given.

MISCELLANEOUS: Gene notified the Committee members that during the past couple of months he has been negotiating with the recycling vendors on service and cost. After a personal visit with each vendor, Gene has been able to cut down on the numbers of trips to York by utilizing local vendors while increasing our revenue.

Some questions were raised by one of the Committee members in reference to the use of dumpsters versus refuse bags for developers and/or builders constructing multiple condos. After a short discussion by the Committee it was agreed that the developers and/or builders should contact the Environmental Director and get a letter of approval.

Respectfully Submitted
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