

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 9, 2005

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Stauffer, Klunk, Johnson, Felix, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Johnson reported that an executive session was held following the Finance Committee meeting on March 7, 2005 for the purpose of discussing firefighter personnel issues.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Mahone informed the Committee that staff and CET had met with PADEP on January 14, 2005 to discuss the structure and content of the Corrective Action Plan. Basically the plan will be in 3 phases. The 1st phase will deal with collecting survey data, the installation of flow meters on the interceptor and lines tributary to the interceptor, and hydraulic modeling of the interceptor. The 2nd phase will be to look for and eliminate infiltration from the existing sewer lines and design a new interceptor using the data collected in phase 1. The 3rd phase will be to construct the new line. CET is working on the plan and anticipates completion the 2nd week of March.

MAIN INTERCEPTOR: Mahone reported that all of the manhole surveying of the interceptor has been completed. Nine flow meters have been installed in the collection system to determine the actual loading on the interceptor. Four weeks worth of data has been collected so far.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE: Gene informed the Committee that all preparations have been finalized for the Electronics Recycling Drive. It will be held on April 2, 2005 at the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wilson Avenue. This event is open to residents of Adams and York Counties only.

CELL PHONE & INK JET RECYCLING: Gene advised the Committee that beginning in April we will begin accepting cell phones and empty ink jet cartridges at our recycling drop-off. A short discussion followed and Commissioner Stauffer offered some suggestions on the program and will follow up with Gene.

REPLACEMENT OF RECYCLING VEHICLE R-2: Gene discussed the possible replacement of the current R-2 vehicle. He advised that this was approved previously and that money for the purchase of this vehicle (10% General Fund; 90% grant) is in the 2005 Budget. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Committee that the vehicle should be replaced only if a 902 Grant is approved for the replacement. A brief discussion followed on the future of 902 Grants being available by DEP as a result of recycling revenue being channelled by Gov. Rendell to the Growing Green Projects. Mr. Hejmanowski gave the Committee a brief update on DEP Grant programs, whereby he indicated 902 Grants for recycling equipment will be very limited with only 35% to 50% of the cost being reimbursed to the municipalities. Also,

new criteria will be released for 904 Performance Grants.

CURBSIDE BULK ITEM PICKUP: The Committee was apprized that the weekly bulk item program is continuing to work according to our plan and within the weight and cost projected.

SPRING NEWSLETTER: Gene informed the Committee that the newsletter is at the printers and scheduled for mailing prior to Easter weekend.

HAZARDOUS WASTE PROJECT: Gene informed the Committee that the York County Solid Waste Authority approved the Penn Township Wastewater Facility for having the Hazardous Waste Collection, on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Gregg Pearson of York County Solid Waste would like to have a confirming letter from the Township Board of Commissioners that the Facility could be used for the collection of hazardous waste.

RECYCLING BIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: Mr. Hejmanowski gave each Committee member a handout on the procedure, place and time for this project. Upon review by the Committee they were all in agreement. Detailed information will be in our newsletter.

REFUSE UNIT INVENTORY & BID: The Environmental Director updated the Committee on the current problems with our refuse unit vendor, who has gone on record stating that he cannot honor the terms of the contract he signed in 2004. Following discussion on the different ways we might want to handle the matter it was recommended that we contact the vendor to get a price on bags and, if unreasonable, we should go out for a new bid. This request will be explored and Gene will advise Mr. Garvick of the outcome. At this point, Gene informed the Committee of a meeting he had with Penn Waste Contract Manager, Ed Ward, whereby they addressed the bulk item pickup, curbside pickup of newsprint and cardboard and our current refuse bag pricing. Mr. Ward informed Gene that, with the increase in labor and other related costs, they were only breaking even with Penn Township's program. Mr. Ward addressed the cost of future pricing of curbside pickup and indicated that if operational costs continues to escalate we could find ourselves with an increase of 50% over the current price. A brief discussion by the Committee followed, with Commissioner Johnson suggesting that consideration be given to changing the bulk item pickup, by instructing Residents to put a Penn Township refuse unit out with each bulk item for pickup, otherwise it will not be picked up. Discussion followed but there was no action taken or recommendation provided.

Respectfully Submitted
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