

MINUTES
HEALTH & SANITATION COMMITTEE
May 11, 2005

The Penn Township Health & Sanitation Committee met in public session on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Commissioners Stauffer, Johnson, Manager Garvick, Superintendent Mahone and Environmental Director Hejmanowski.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Johnson reported that an executive session of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Township Building on Monday, May 9, 2005 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of Police Sergeant.

PLUM CREEK INTERCEPTOR: Mahone reported that the contractor has completed approximately 2300' of the 4350' project. The contractor also agreed to raise the top section of manhole 8-79 to be 3 feet above finished grade.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Mahone reported that the plan was submitted on March 18, 2005 and DEP requested a few more revisions. CET and Staff made the revisions and the Plan will be resubmitted on May 13, 2005.

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRIBUTARY STRATEGY: Mahone reported that DEP is trying to implement new nutrient limits to regulate the amount of the Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus that can be discharged in the effluent of the wastewater plant. The limits as proposed would require an upgrade in treatment at the sewer plant. Early estimates for such an upgrade were between 5 and 10 million dollars. The Committee instructed Staff to write letters of concern to all members of the State Legislature to ask for relief from the limits or financial assistance to comply.

SEWER RATES: The Committee decided they would review the four different sewer rate proposals and discuss them at the next Health & Sanitation meeting.

RECYCLING BIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Gene informed the Committee that the bins were received and procedures are in place and that he has located a firm in Nazareth, PA that will recycle the bins. Gene estimated bin replacement somewhere between 1,200 and 1,400 bins.

902 GRANT PROGRAM: The Environmental Director apprized the Committee that this will be the last 902 Grant application, unless additional funding is provided by DEP. The reason that the recycling fund is being depleted is because the monies are being given to the Growing Greener projects as requested by Governor. The deadline for this grant application is June 17, 2005.

UPCOMING RECYCLING PROJECTS: Gene requested approval from the Committee for two future recycling projects which are:

Textile Recycling: A one day project scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2005 at the Township Municipal building. This will be a joint undertaking with Dumont Textiles of Philadelphia. Dumont has requested a minimum of 10 tons which would entitle Penn Township to \$100 per ton and prepaid transportation.

Tire Recycling: We have been approached by the York County West Nile Virus Coordinator, Marty Hyatt, to see if Penn Township would be willing to have another tire recycling drive at our Wastewater facility sometime in late August of 2005.

Upon discussion of both projects the Committee gave approval and advised the Environmental Director to pursue both projects.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mr. Hejmanowski informed the Committee that a new recycling shed was delivered to the Recycling Drop-off and the two old sheds were taken away. One shed was given to the Recreation Board for Kid's Kingdom and the other one was give to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. With this new shed some items that were previously taken to the trailers can now be put in the new shed, eliminating double handling and making it easier for residents. The items that were diverted to the shed are plastic bags, eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones and ink cartridges.

There was discussion regarding the recycling newsletter, Partners in Progress. It was the consensus of the Committee that the newsletter should be amended in the future to reflect that no more cardboard boxes should be set curbside containing trash or bulk items. An alternative approach using stickers were discussed. Mr. Hejmanowski was instructed to contact our current refuse bag retail outlets and get their feedback on selling stickers for bulk item curbside pickup. The cost of the stickers would be the same as the refuse units. This feed back should be available for the Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting in July.

Respectfully Submitted
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Environmental Director