

BETHEL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
PO BOX 24  
BETHEL, PA 19507

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**DATE: APRIL 21, 2008**

**TO: ALL BETHEL AND FRYSTOWN RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE SEWER PROJECT**

**RE: SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF LOGISTICS AND POLICIES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE BETHEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SEWERS**

To whom it may concern,

If you are receiving this letter then you (your property) is within and/or adjacent to the current Sanitary Sewer Project. If you are not aware of the project this letter may help provide some cursory information about the project. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Municipal Authority or otherwise their designated representatives (listed below).

**CONNECTING YOUR PROPERTY TO THE SEWER**

The Bethel Township Municipal Authority has established some of the following principles and guidelines with regards to sewer connections into the new collection system as follows:

1. Every occupied building with sewage needs (and in the service area) shall have a separate connection to the sewer system.
2. Every undeveloped lot in the service area shall have a lateral constructed. Although the Authority is providing the laterals for future development, this is being done in order to preserve the integrity of the collection system. The provision of a lateral on a vacant lot does not in any way guarantee sewer service to the site, nor does it give any implicit approvals to develop the subject property. Any and all appropriate permits and approvals from the Township will need to be obtained prior to building and connection of such properties.
3. All existing (as of 2/28/08) residential use buildings shall receive a full credit for one (1) EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) per individual lot towards the actual "tap-in-fee".
4. All existing (as of 2/28/08) businesses shall receive a partial (50%) credit for one (1) EDU per individual lot towards the actual "tap-in-fee", so that business owners will be required to pay a total of \$3,000.00 prior to the time of connection, unless such payment would result in hardship, in which case the Authority can agree, in its discretion, to allow installment payments
5. The "Tap-in-Fee" has been established at a rate of \$6,000.00 per EDU.
6. All institutional users (churches, civic & community centers, etc.) shall have the option to connect to the system.

As the contractor is placing the mainline sewer in the vicinity of **your** property, the contractor will also place a partial sewer lateral from the mainline sewer to the point of **your** service connection (for actual connection by your contractor to your house plumbing later in time).

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This partial sewer lateral will be extended approximately ten (10) feet from the Main Sewer onto your property and will be capped for future extension (by your contractor). This lateral should be located on your property to best serve your house sewer connection or future development as may be the case. Please carefully consider the lateral location due to your internal house plumbing, current location of various other facilities as well as any other structures (garages, sheds, landscaping, etc) that may impact the lateral location.

**PLEASE NOTE:** that your failure to act in providing the sewer lateral stake on your designated property by the required date will force the contractor to select the most reasonable location. Any additional costs or problems associated with the selected location will be the responsibility of the individual owner and not the Authority or it's designated agents.

Any questions concerning the placement of your lateral stake may be directed to Vision Engineering. You can contact Vision Engineering by phone at 717-625-1930 or e-mail: [jim@visionengineeringinc.net](mailto:jim@visionengineeringinc.net).

#### **GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

To help pay the costs associated with connecting your sewer to the system, some area residents may possibly be eligible (income dependent) for various grant programs. Some General information has been made available to interested residents (please either contact the Authority or visit the below listed website for details).

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Hopefully, this information is helpful to you. However, if you should have any questions or require any additional information please contact us or our representatives listed above.

Sincerely,

**Bethel Township Municipal Authority**

David Younker, Chairman