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Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Monthly Report for January '06

Village of Frystown:

1. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has concurred with the findings of the Archaeologist (Richard Grubb Associates) for the extended study completed (Seigrist property) and therefore, no additional study or work is required (clearance obtained).
2. As we continue with preparations for the Part II permit we will be seeking the Authority's input on various pieces of equipment utilized in the Sewage collection, conveyance and treatment facilities. Previously the Authority was presented with various types of Treatment Plants (steel vs. concrete and Extended Aeration versus SBR's) as well as a comparison of Pumps and Headwork's facilities.
3. As requested last month we have prepared an overall layout of the system's lines and appurtenances for the purpose of identifying any easements and or property purchases necessary for the sewer lines, and pump stations. We will furnish copies to review with the Authority at this evening's meeting.

Village of Bethel:

4. This office has assisted Tom McKeon (Berks County Industrial Development Authority) in processing the PENN WORKS application for funding (Grant and Loan). The Board (Commonwealth Financing Authority) will officially meet to review the current funding requests (BTMA request included) at it's upcoming (rescheduled) meeting on Wednesday January 25, 2006. The meeting is a public meeting and will be held at the Dixon University Center, Richard's Recital Hall, 2986 North Second Street, Harrisburg. Tom McKeon will be attending to represent the IDA and it is suggested (not required) that the BTMA send a representative.
5. As requested, we have completed an analysis of the sewer lines for an evaluation by the Authority to determine the size of the new lines (collection) for future planning purposes. .

General Informational Questions (review of pump types):

6. In response to the Authority members questions last month on their review of the various "Head works" Processes presented last month we are obtaining the annual operating and maintenance costs associated with the various types. The Authority wanted to complete a present/worth analysis unfortunately this information is not available for tonight's meeting.

7. As requested last month we have prepared a draft Sewer Use Ordinance (as modeled by the EPA's standards). Additionally, we are submitting draft copies of Mandatory Connection Ordinances and Rules and Regulations (contained within the Sewer Use Ordinance). We will furnish copies to the Authority members as well as Attorney Parish for further review and processing.
8. As requested last month we will commence preparing standard specifications and details of the sewer system and will present our recommendations in the coming months.

Should there be any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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