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Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Monthly Report for December '07

Village of Bethel:

1. This past month we had a request for plans and information from Spotts, Stevens & Mc Coy (consultant) for the Berks County IDA property. We distributed the information for their further use in tying into the project (Old 22 Western Extension)..
2. As indicated previously, we will work on revising some of the sewer line locations as directed after the bids are received.

Village of Frystown:

3. This office has received various phone calls and requests from developers discussing potential capacity of the plant and reservations. We have been directing them to send a letter to the Authority and/or attend the Authority meeting in order to begin the process. However, the board may want to (after bids are received) consider discussing this item with regards to financial commitments, ACT 537 planning, reservation agreements & plant expansions (as necessary) to further guide these requests.

Coordination of Bidding Documents:

4. This office has been distributing bid documents (plans and project manuals) to the various bidders for the eight (8) contracts. We have previously distributed a list of plan holders to date which totals approximately 117 plan holders for the eight contracts (20, 20, 18, 17, 18, 8, 5, and 11).
5. We are remitting various checks from bidders this evening to the Treasurer for the reimbursement of printing costs.
6. This office has received (and continues receiving) requests for information. So far we have received approximately one hundred eleven (111) requests for information (RFI) which we have responded to most of them (29 pages). There are a few outstanding questions which we have been waiting input from others (pump manufacturers, electrical engineer, etc.). The RFI period (for bidder's questions) has been closed as of Friday. As soon as we receive the final input we will issue the final completed RFI.

7. Two (2) separate addendums were issued for Contracts # 1 & # 2 and distributed to the various bidders (40 plan holders). We may issue a second addendum for these two (2) contracts (the paving of the alleys) depending upon the board's direction in this regard.
8. Addendums for the remaining contracts (#3-#8) should be issued by the end of this week pending the resolution and answers to our outstanding questions (pump manufacturer & electrical engineer).
9. As the board members may be aware, the bids will be received next week (Friday December 14, 2007).

Construction Management and Logistics:

10. An item has come up with regards to the alley restoration work which we would like to discuss with the board. Currently, the plans show the contractor restoring a trench in the alleys. Some of the bidders expressed concerns of paving the trench (within the alleys) since it appears the existing condition of the alleys may not support the paving work. The Township is evaluating this work and how to best handle it. We have recommended obtaining a cost estimate (alternate bid item) from the bidders (contracts # 1 & 2) to pave the alleys (full width) in order to provide this board and the Supervisors with more information as they evaluate this decision.

Status of Easements:

11. This office forwarded a revised easement for the Seigrist property to Terry Parish for his further processing. This easement was required to accommodate revisions necessitated by the electrical engineer layout (generator location) which required moving the sewer line.

Status of Permits:

12. There are a few remaining Highway Occupancy Permits which need to be re-filed with additional information for PENNDOT'S final review. Furthermore, the NPDES permit for Bethel needs to be resubmitted for the Berks County Conservation District's final review.

Financing Status:

13. This office had a conversation with Frank Leber in regards to the ongoing schedule (bid phase) and continues contact with Frank's office in this regard.

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

Sincerely,
Vision Engineering, Inc.

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