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Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Monthly Report for March '07

Financing Items Status:

1. The PENNVEST loan application and supporting documents have been submitted in advance of the targeted submission deadline (February 20, 2007). We have recently (this past week) provided PENNVEST with additional information and/or clarifications to the original application package. The entire package is current being reviewed by PENNVEST staff and consultants.
2. This office attended several meetings (Berks County Planning Commission & Berks County Agricultural Preservation Board) along with Dave Younker to gain the required approvals and concurrence for the PENNVEST application.
3. PENNWORKS has requested a revised draw down schedule. We have provided the Board with a draft copy for their review and input in this regard prior to sending on to DCED.

Village of Frystown:

4. We were requested to review a general feasibility of connecting a new truck center (Werner Trucking) into the proposed sewer (via gravity). We have completed this study and have a plan to present to the Authority this evening with our findings in this regard.
5. The Detailed Boundary Survey work (Frystown and Bethel) has been delayed slightly with the occurrence of some boundary discrepancies that are being worked on. With the completion of these surveys we will forward the easements of these properties to the Solicitor for his further review and processing in this regard.
6. The Highway Occupancy permit package has been completed and will be submitted this week.

Village of Bethel:

7. This office continues addressing the review comments of the **E&SPC Report** and Plan together with the various General Permit and NPDES applications as issued by the Berks County Conservation District. This work has been delayed due to the processing of Land Development Plans with the Township for the various sites (Sewage treatment plants) for consistency between documents (Land Development plans & E/SC).
8. The right-of-way widths (PADOT) have been finalized by our surveyor and just received last week. We will finalize the Highway Occupancy permit package for submission to PADOT this month.

General System Information & Logistics:

9. As the Authority is aware, the Income Survey results came in (achieved the 80% response rate) thanks to the extra efforts of the Authority members. We have forwarded these result along with the other supporting documents for PENNVEST in their review of the funding application.
10. As authorized last month we have executed a contract with Arris Engineering for the Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing (MEP) facilities. We did have an initial meeting with Arris Engineering regarding the project scope and schedule. At some point in the near future they may be requesting further input from the board for their design services.
11. We will proceed over the next month in preparing Land Development Plans and submitting them to the Township for review as well as any driveway permits as necessary. The board may want to discuss logistics with regards to the plan submission and review by the Township as well as the presentation to the Township boards (PC & BOS).
12. We will continue our coordination efforts with the architect in completing some architectural layouts (and building designs) for the various sites (Treatment plants and pump stations). Currently the plans are proceeding with adequate room for equipment and testing (small lab at Bethel only). However, if the Authority has any additional input for the Architect to work with, please advise accordingly.

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

Sincerely,
Fisher Engineering, Inc.

John K. Roche, P.E.