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Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Monthly Report for June '05

Village of Frystown:

1. The written report (Draft version) of the Phase 1 Archaeological Survey was reviewed by this office and forward on to the PA Historical Museum Commission. As reported previously, no significant findings were found that would warrant additional studies in this area.
2. The final documents (ACT 537 plan revisions) are currently being reviewed by PADEP for approval.
3. Our office met with PADEP staff (Jack Hill) out on the site to discuss the permitting requirements (stream crossings, small project permits, etc.). As a result of follow up conversations and correspondence the PADEP has waived permit requirements for the various stream crossings and work adjacent to the floodplain (pump station). We have prepared General permits for this work which need to be signed by the Board as well as a permit fee (check required) for review by the Berks County Conservation District.
4. Our office is continuing the permit applications and should have them ready for submission to PADOT shortly.
5. Regarding additional lands for the Frystown Treatment Plant site this office has previously made our recommendations in this matter we are therefore, waiting for further guidance and direction in this regard before finalizing the layout of the Treatment Plant facilities until this is resolved.

Village of Bethel:

6. The 537 Plan revisions have been favorably recommended by the Bethel Township Planning commission (no comments) Comments should be received within the next few weeks from the Berks County Planning commission. The plan is currently scheduled to be adopted at the June 20, 2005 Township meeting.
7. As requested, this office has been working on the Boundary Survey of the Zeiset property (Treatment Plant site). The boundary survey should be completed by the end of this week. .
8. As previously authorized, this office has been working with Berks County in processing the PENN WORKS applications (grant funding source). A meeting was held on May 5, 2005 to discuss the logistics with the County. Tom McKeon is trying to setup another meeting with PENNWORKS as the next step in the process.
9. In order to finalize the design, as a result of the Sewer Extensions, we will require additional field survey (topographical). We have issued a separate letter evaluating this work as requested last month. .
10. The PHMC is requiring preliminary archaeological study and information for their further evaluation of the Bethel project. It is our recommendation that the Authority utilize the services of Richard Grubb and Associates (prepared Frytown study) for the necessary work to expedite the process. .

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

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