Bethel Township Municipal Authority Monthly Report for May '06

## **Village of Frystown:**

- 1. As authorized last month we have revised the sewer layout in order to proceed with the deeper excavations and to eliminate the pump station. This revision in layout has created additional easements as well as revised the study limits for the Archaeological work. As a result we are working on the new easements and we have contacted the Archaeologist for additional study requirements.
- 2. As a result of the recent sewer line revisions and the Final Sewer Layout we are working on all the various easements with Terry Parish's office. In concurrence with Terry Parish, we have not completed actual property surveys of the properties requiring easements but have kept our descriptions very general (no metes and bounds). Terry Parish has reviewed our sample descriptions and exhibits we intend on using and has approved these for the use of the remaining easements.
- 3. We have copies of a revised Archaeological study Proposal required by the recent revised sewer line layout. We are submitting this for the Authority's further review and action in this regard. Please note that the increased costs are higher than the previous revision due partly to the location of an historic structure in the study area as well as it's proximity to the wetlands area.

## **Village of Bethel:**

- 4. This office met with Authority members, PENNVEST and PADEP regarding potential funding sources for the remainder of the project. One of the items Vickie Johnson pointed out to the Authority at the meeting was that the previous income survey was no longer valid (more than one year old). As a result we have contacted RCAP Solutions who completed the previous survey. RCAP Solutions explained that due to a loss of funding (Federal) they are now charging for their services. The cost of the Revised Income Survey depends upon whether it is strictly PENNVEST Only or CDBG as well. The approximated costs for PENNVEST Only study is approximately \$7,700 (fixed fee) plus an additional \$ 1,200 for expenses (variable costs). To add the CDBG survey will require an additional \$ 2,000. Regarding the schedule, although they are busy, if the Authority would authorize the study be completed they can have it completed by August 31, 2006.
- 5. With the finalization of the sewer layout in Bethel this office has authorized the final wetlands work to be completed for the new sewer lines. This office contacted authority members regarding formally contacting property owners prior to entering the private properties to complete the study. Now that the owners have been notified we will continue our work in this regard.
- 6. With the final sewer layouts in Bethel (as decided last month) this office has received a cost estimate from the Archaeologist who completed the Frystown surveys (Richard Grubb

Associates). We have provided copies of this estimate for the Authority's further consideration in this matter.

## **General System Information & Logistics:**

7. This office will present the Authority members with two remaining items the Authority may want to consider in the Treatment process. These items include types of disinfection (short term/immediate decision) and Solids Management. We would recommend that the disinfection be decided this evening and the Solids Management can be further evaluated and discussed by the Board over the next several months. . .

Should there be any questions, please feel free to contact me. John K. Roche, P.E.