

BETHEL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
PO BOX 24  
BETHEL, PA 19507

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**DATE: MARCH 14, 2008**

**TO: ALL BETHEL AND FRYSTOWN RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE SEWER PROJECT**

**RE: NOTICE OF PENDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE BETHEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SEWERS**

To whom it may concern,

If you are receiving this letter then you (your property) is within and/or adjacent to the current Sanitary Sewer Project. If you are not aware of the project this letter may help provide some cursory information about the project. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Municipal Authority or otherwise their designated representatives (listed below). Furthermore, the Authority has scheduled a Community (public information) Meeting in order to disseminate the information and to answer any questions residents may have in this regard. The community meeting is scheduled for Monday March 24, 2008 at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Bethel Community Center (located behind the Bethel Library – at 8601 Lancaster Avenue, Bethel, PA 19507). Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting. The Community Center/Library is located on Route 501 immediately north of Route 78 (first driveway on the right past the 78 ramps).

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

As previously mandated by the PADEP, construction of sewage collection and wastewater treatment facilities will begin approximately in late March to early April 2008. It is currently estimated that the project will be substantially complete by approximately December of 2008. The sewer line construction involves installation of sewer pipe and manholes that are placed between 6 and 20 foot below the ground. Installation of the sewer pipe will involve trench excavation on a daily basis. The trenches will be backfilled or protected at the end of each work day. Access to the driveways will be provided on a daily basis although there may be times where access may not be possible for 1 to 2 hour increments. The actual day to day activities of the contractor will be described in more detail at the aforementioned Public Information (community) Meeting.

**CONNECTING YOUR PROPERTY TO THE SEWER**

As the contractor is placing the mainline sewer in the vicinity of **your** property, the contractor will also place a partial sewer lateral from the mainline sewer to the point of **your** service connection (for actual connection by your contractor to your house plumbing later in time). This partial sewer lateral will be extended approximately ten (10) feet from the Main Sewer onto your property and will be capped for future extension (by your contractor). This lateral should be located on your property to best serve your house sewer connection. Please carefully consider the lateral location due to your internal house plumbing, current location of

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various other facilities as well as any other structures (garages, sheds, landscaping, etc) that may impact the lateral location.

In order to effectively mark the best location for your lateral, Vision Engineering (Authority's Engineer) will provide you with a "green" flagged stake. These stakes will be delivered to your properties directly in the near future. The stake must be placed by you, your plumber or other authorized representative to mark the best location for your sewer connection. As a matter of protocol the flags will be distributed directly to the specific affected buildings (owners and/or occupants at the time) approximately ten (10) days in advance of when the actual work will commence. This should give the owners and/or their representative's adequate time to evaluate the location and stake it prior to the contractor installing the lateral connection on the main. If for some reason you do not reside at your property and you would like to make other arrangements for receiving the stakes personally, it is your responsibility to contact the Authority and/or their representatives. If no contact is made to the contrary the stakes will be distributed to the occupant of the property at that time. Furthermore, if stakes are not installed prior to the date they are needed by the contractor; the contractor will be forced to install the lateral connection in a location perceived by him to be reasonable to serve your property.

Any questions concerning the placement of your lateral stake may be directed to Vision Engineering. You can contact Vision Engineering by phone at 717-625-1930 or e-mail: [jim@visionengineeringinc.net](mailto:jim@visionengineeringinc.net). This contact information will be posted at the Post Office and the Township Building. Normal business hours are Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM. Any calls made after these hours will be routed to a voice mail system.

#### **WHEN WILL I BE REQUIRED TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER?**

The Construction of the public sewerage system will customarily be completed before the Treatment Facilities. When the Treatment Facilities are substantially complete, a written "Notice to Connect" will be sent to all residents. Substantial completion is expected in December 2008. Within 60 days (depending upon the weather and time of year) of receiving this notice, each improved property (adjoining and adjacent to the sewer system) is required to be connected to the sewer, all as required under the Mandatory Connection Ordinance, adopted previously by the Bethel Township Board of Supervisors.

Your first step (after receiving the aforementioned "Notice to Connect") will be to secure a Connection Permit. Instructions for obtaining your Connection Permit and making payment of any associated fees (inspection or otherwise) will be provided in the Connection Notice. The Connection Permit will be dated when you pay any associated connection Fees and a copy of the 4 part permit will be provided as your receipt for payment of any associated connection fees.

The remaining three (3) copies of the Connection Permit will remain with the Authority until signed and dated by the Authority Inspector following installation and testing of the house connection. You will be given a copy of the signed and dated approved permit for your records.

### **GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

To help pay the costs associated with connecting your sewer to the system, some area residents may possibly be eligible (income dependent) for various grant programs. More information will be made available to interested residents (please contact the Authority for details) in the coming months. Additionally, a representative from the United States Department of Agriculture (Rural Development office) will be making a presentation at the aforementioned community (public informational) meeting on March 24, 2008. Again, the residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

As mentioned above, the Authority is holding a Public Information meeting in order to make a presentation of the project to the public while making available sewer plans, authority members and associated representatives in order to provide the community with information about the project and to hopefully answer any questions they may have regarding the project. The meeting is again going to be held as follows:

Date: Monday, March 24, 2008  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Bethel Community Center (adjacent to Bethel Tulpehocken Library)  
8601 Lancaster Avenue  
Bethel, Pennsylvania 19507

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Hopefully, this information is helpful to you. However, if you should have any questions or require any additional information please contact us or our representatives listed above.

Sincerely,  
**Bethel Township Municipal Authority**

David Younker, Chairman