

# **SALFORD TOWNSHIP**

## **SEWER & WATER ADVISORY BOARD**

**January 23, 2009**

1. Participants: Members: Cal Freed, Dave Linder, Tom Neff, Barb Lynch, Steve Wagner, Curt Klingerman, George Witmayer, Jim Styer, Vince O'Domski.
2. Location: Tylersport Fire House
3. Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes were reviewed and approved. Note: All minutes are reviewed by Barb Lynch prior to distribution and are sent to Karen Landis, Salford Township for distribution to the Supervisors.
4. Recommendations To Date: (from previous meetings)
  - a. Extend coverage area in the County Line Road area.
  - b. Install the sewer system to the "curb" or border of the public right-of-way, instead of to each residents' house.
  - c. Utilize Del Val Region Financing Authority for the project.
  - d. Proceed with sewer construction on Allentown Road section (McClain Property to Clump Road) before PennDOT paving project begins in June 2009.
  - e. Develop a "hook-up" price that provides a financial incentive to homeowners that connect within an initial time frame.
5. Recommendation: Authorize the installation of the sewer line along Allentown Road, from McClain Road to Clump Road to occur simultaneously with the installation of the NPWA lines. Construction project to be managed by NPWA. Salford Township to reimburse the NPWA as contractor submits bills for sewer work. Rationale:
  - a. Doing the work concurrently with NPWA will reduce overall installation costs.
  - b. Minimizes the amount of time Allentown Road will be closed.
  - c. Avoids costs of additional re-paving if completed prior to PennDOT's repaving which is scheduled to start June 2009.
6. Recommendation: Salford Township work with Franconia Township to develop a combined application for State financial grants to reduce the costs to the residents. Cooperation with Franconia Township (a multi-municipality benefit) will increase the probability of success for the grant application. Application deadline: February 13, 2009. Barb/George to pursue and utilize other board members as necessary to meet filing deadline.

Note: Application for \$400,000 of Federal funding (Appropriations request) was submitted in 2008. Application is still active and prioritized as high with Congressman Dent. Additional appropriation application opportunities are anticipated for FY2010.
7. Cost Estimates: NPWA put out for bid Salford Township's portion of sewer line (McClain property to Clump Road). There will be issues related to the amount of cost allocated to the water and sewer portions of the project, Barb to work with NPWA to resolve. The final cost estimate will be submitted to the Salford Township supervisors for approval prior to NPWA given authority to aware the Salford Township portion of the bid. More research needs to be done on the contractors proposed by the NPWA. Mr. O'Domski suggested contacting Jim Fry, East Greenville, PA where a similar project has been recently completed. (Tel: 215-679-5194/Cell: 267-718-2987)

8. Financing: Long term financing for the McCalin Rd to Clump Rd project will not be available immediately, since Salford Township is not yet in a position to submit applications. Since Allentown Rd work is a small subset of the entire Tylersport Village Sewer Project, a viable short-term solution is to have Salford Township increase its current line of credit with Uninvest from \$250,000 to \$500,000 to meet the immediate and short term costs with the intention being to obtain long term financing when the remainder of the project begins. Preliminary contact has been made with the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority regarding long term financing. See "c" above regarding the previous recommendations.
  
9. Proposed rates for Salford Township users: The current cost model calls for all residents, including the new residents living in the WB Homes development, to pay the same fees. However, WB Homes has raised concern with Salford Township re: spreading Tylersport Villages's capital construction costs over the 180 new homes, given that the construction costs of the sewer within the development is already included in the price of the new homes. It is suggested that the user rates be divided into a basic usage and capital investment portion and that the WB Homes residents only be charged the basic usage rates, with the other Salford Township users be charged both the basic usage rate and a rate to defray the capital investment for the portion of the system owned by the Salford Township. This position has been supported by Salford Township Solicitor and can be handled thru the establishment of two different sewer districts for the two different rates.
  
10. T-Connectors: It is suggested that Salford Township survey all property owners along Allentown Road from McClain property (the edge of the WB development) to the township southern border to determine the level of interest in connecting to the system. For those interested, a "T" connector could be added for their property, to provide access to the system at a later date, when WB's force main is installed. The cost of this addition would be the responsibility of the property owner, and the estimated cost for this would be \$2400. This cost appears to be high and requires further investigation as to feasibility before proceeding.
  
11. Next Meeting: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00 PM at the Tylersport Fire Hall. Please note the change of day from Friday to Thursday.
  
12. Prepared by: Jim Styer, Reviewed by Barb Lynch prior to distribution.