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August 28, 2020

Re: Public Sewer Extension Project - 537 Plan Revision

Dear Resident:

I am pleased to inform you that the Upper Crum Creek Watershed Project is partially completed and ready to accept the connection of your home or business. By state law and Newtown Township Ordinance No. 2014-03 you have sixty (60) days from the date of this notice to complete your connection to the new sewer system or to defer your connection. Regardless of the choice you make regarding connection, you are still required to pay the Tapping Fee of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,950.00) within that timeframe. An invoice for that payment is enclosed herewith. The Tapping Fee was established at a public hearing by Newtown Township, Delaware County, Municipal Authority Resolution 2018-07.

Prior to connection to the new sewer system, a Public Sewer Connection Permit (PSCP) will need to be obtained. A cover letter with a PSCP application is enclosed with this letter for your convenience. The PSCP application may also be obtained at the Township Building at the above address or by downloading it from the Newtown Township's website at <https://www.newtowntownship.org/322/Public-Sewer-Extension-Project---537-Pla>. As you will note, in addition to the Tapping Fee, a fee will need to accompany the PSCP application. If the application and fee are submitted within sixty (60) days from the date of this notice, the fee amount will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which represents a significant savings from the current fee. If the application and fee are submitted beyond sixty (60) days, the amount will be Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).

A portion of your lateral (the line connecting the sewer main in the street to your home or business) was already constructed as part of the project and was "stubbed" off at approximately the road right-of-way or easement line. The design of the connection to the lateral stub and construction of the lateral will need to be inspected by the Authority Engineer. The Township

Code also requires that the Plumbing Inspector approve the sewer connection to your home prior to backfilling the trench. The PSCP fee will cover those costs.

Pennsylvania law requires that your existing on-lot septic system be retired when your sewer connection is completed. Septic tanks, pump tanks, cesspools, and/or holding tanks shall be pumped completely empty of any sewage and liquid, hauled away by a licensed wastewater hauler, and disposed of at a permitted facility such as a Wastewater Treatment Facility. The tanks and/or cesspools shall be filled with suitable material (No. 57 Clean Stone, Pea Gravel, Sand, Soil, lean concrete, etc.). The tops shall be removed or crushed in place. Any risers shall be removed or crushed in place. Disturbed areas shall be graded consistent with surrounding grades and elevations ensuring drainage away from the tank location. Top soil shall be placed to a minimum of 4-inch depth, raked, and permanent seeding or sod placed. Seeded areas shall be protected with straw mulch.

Disposal fields (beds, trenches, sand mounds, drip irrigation, etc.) may be abandoned in place. The property owner may desire to have any risers or cleanouts removed or cut to below grade with surface top soiled, seeded, and straw mulched.

Low interest financing may be available to you for the connection of the lateral to the sewer main and/or to for the retirement of your existing on-lot septic system. For more details log on to <https://www.newtowntownship.org/322/Public-Sewer-Extension-Project---537-Pla>.

Some properties within the service area of the new sewer system may possibly have “gray water” discharges (for example, washing machines, dishwasher, bath tubs, etc.) that bypass the existing on-lot septic systems. All of these are considered illegal discharges by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and must be reconnected into the main house drain when the sewer connection is made. None of these discharges will be allowed to remain. Also, no basement sump pumps or downspouts are permitted to be connected to the sewer system. The Township plumbing inspector will inspect each house or business to ensure any of these situations have been corrected. This will require that he be granted access to the inside of your house to complete the inspection. It will be your contractor’s responsibility to coordinate that inspection.

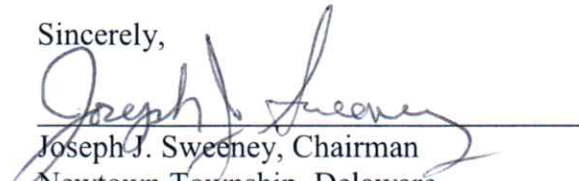
Alternatively, you may elect to defer your connection to the new sewer system consistent with the terms and conditions of Newtown Township Ordinance No. 2014-03. That Ordinance requires that you, at your own expense, obtain an inspection and written certification from a registered professional engineer or other professional certified or licensed by the Commonwealth with expertise in on-lot sewage systems stating the on-lot system was found to be in satisfactory working condition. That certification needs to be provided to the Township and Authority within the thirty (30) days of this notice and, thereafter, annual inspections and written certifications are required to be obtained and provided to the Township and Authority on or before each of the anniversary dates of this notice. Failure to comply with these conditions of connection deferment will result in your mandatory connection to the new sewer system within sixty (60) days of notice to do so by the Township and/or the Authority.

In addition, a deferment under Newtown Township Ordinance No. 2014-03 will also cease upon either the sale or transfer of the property to a third person, including non-spousal family members, or within ten (10) years from the date of this notice upon written demand of the Township and/or Authority, whichever event or date occurs first.

As you likely know, this Project has been many years in the making. The final step in this process is up to you, the property owner. With your cooperation, we can look forward to improved property values as well as a healthier environment for everyone in your neighborhood. If you should have any questions about the technical aspects of the connection or the permit procedure, please contact David Porter, P.E., the Authority's engineer, at (610) 356-9550. For any other questions, please feel free to attend a meeting of the Authority on the first Monday of each month, unless a holiday, then the first Tuesday, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building.

Thank you for your kind attention. Your anticipated cooperation and compliance is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Sweeney, Chairman
Newtown Township, Delaware
County, Municipal Authority

Encls. (Tapping Fee invoice; Cover Letter with PSCP Application)

cc: (w/encls.) J. Michael Sheridan, Esquire, Authority Solicitor (via email)
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