

The following summarizes our recent activities performed on behalf of the Howe Township Municipal Authority from June 19 to July 17, 2017:

Howe Township Sanitary Sewer Extension Project

In correspondence dated May 24, 2017, Sippel Development has agreed to extend their bid for Contract 16-1: General Construction through August 20, 2017. Contract 16-2: Electrical Construction was not extended and therefore will need rebid. Based on recent correspondence with the Newport Borough Municipal Authority, it is highly unlikely that the WWTP Upgrade Project will be bid prior to September 2017. As a result, Contract 16-1 will be requested to continue to extend their bid and Contract 16-2 will not be rebid until NBMA is ready to bid their Project.


Project financing through PENNWORKS and PENNVEST is in place; however, closing cannot proceed until NBMA's WWTP Upgrade Project is bid. We are currently working on completing additional rate structure alternatives using debt service payments to NBMA in lieu of an upfront capital contribution. We are also working on receiving quotes for year 1 operation of the system to help eliminate current assumptions in the projected rate calculations.

At this time, the current rate projections don't meet the initial guidelines established by the Township and Authority.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this report or other items.

Respectfully submitted,

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