

## **Key Points – Possible Sale of Warrington Sewer and Water System(s)**

- **Initial Impact**
  - Average water bills to be reduced to \$66/quarter.
  - Water quantity to meet all future needs.
  - Township staff to be reduced by 13 persons.
  
- **Why Now?**
  - Increase in resident complaints concerning rising water and sewer bills.
  - Warrington does not own drinking water capacity to meet current or future Township needs.
  - Infrastructure will be in need of costly repairs and maintenance.
  - Sewage Treatment Plant and collection system will need expansion and upgrades.
  - Reasonable offers from North Wales Water Authority (NWWA) and Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) require timely response.
  
- **Water Quality?**
  - Warrington residents deserve water that exceeds EPA standards.
  - NWWA supplies high-quality drinking water that is treated by the state-of-the-art Forest Park Water Treatment Plant (FPWTP).
  - NWWA water is soft and free of minerals that create scale that ages water and sewer infrastructure.
  
- **Water Quantity-Present?**
  - Warrington is only able to meet current water needs due to the purchase of bulk water from NWWA.
  - Western part of Township on NWWA water since 1996.
  - To service customers impacted by PFAS contamination, additional water is being purchased from NWWA.
  - Contract provides up to 2 million gallons per day purchased at standard NWWA bulk customer rates.
  - This contract is valid for seven more years (2025) and any extension may require negotiations.
  
- **Water Ownership and Control – Future?**
  - Warrington Township owns 900,000 gallons per day capacity at the FPWTP via multiple agreements with NWWA.
  - This would meet less than half of township needs if we relied upon that capacity ownership alone.
  - NWWA will furnish additional water via a renewed or separate Water Supply Agreement if capacity is available.
  - If unavailable, Warrington would not have enough water to meet current or future requirements.

- **Financial Impacts – Present?**
  - NWWA retail water customer bills are approximately half the cost of current Warrington water bills.
  - BCWSA sewer bills are currently higher than Warrington’s sewer bills, but there would hypothetically be a three to four year rate-lock.
  - Warrington’s infrastructure is aging and will need maintenance/replacement as deemed necessary.
  - Warrington bills will have to increase over time to maintain system and create a capital reserve fund for future repairs and upgrades.
  
- **Financial Impacts-Future?**
  - NWWA has history of no rate increases over past 24 years and has significant capital reserves.
  - BCWSA will pay off 75% of their existing debt within 3 years which may reduce the probability of future rate increases.
  - Warrington proposes future major capital investments due to deteriorating infrastructure and historical policy of deferred maintenance.
  - New permit for Tradesville Sewage Treatment Plant expected to generate need for hydraulic expansion and likely treatment criteria upgrades.
  
- **Sewer Ownership and Control?**
  - Greater than 60% of Warrington wastewater is conveyed to and treated at the Log College Wastewater Treatment Plant which is owned and operated by Warminster Municipal Authority (WMA).
  - Therefore, WMA is ultimately in control of costs.
  - Plant operations, discharge criteria and any modifications under control of USEPA and PADEP.
  - Warrington pays for treatment of wastewater.
  
- **Impact of possible sale on Employees?**
  - Remaining employees to be hired by NWWA and BCSWA.
  - Lost benefits and seniority to be negotiated with the goal of making them whole.
  
- **Proposed Sale of Systems?**
  - Discussions have begun with experienced legal consultants to understand details needed if BOS decides to sell systems.
  - These consultants are attorneys that specialize in Asset Purchase Agreements.

**Board of Supervisors will discuss at two separate Township Meetings on June 11 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM in Township Building. Please either attend, call Township at 215-343-9350 or email questions that you would like answered to [cjones@warringtontownship.org](mailto:cjones@warringtontownship.org)**