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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Christian R. Jones, Director of Water and Sewer/Assistant to the Manager

Date: May 19, 2017

RE: Update on Water Situation

Public Water Connections

As of May 19, 2017:

- 14 properties have been connected to public water
- 20 properties have been authorized for connection
- 11 private wells have been abandoned
- We will receive an updated construction schedule for remaining connection work the week of May 22

Costner Filtration Project

Foundation pouring continues and under slab piping is in progress.

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

Water and Sewer staff attended the RAB meeting on May 10th. The Navy and the Air National Guard (ANG) provided updates on site remediation as well as contamination related projects impacting Warrington and Horsham Townships.

PENNVEST (PV) Grant Meeting

On May 11th, representatives of CKS and I met with a representative from PENNVEST and the PA DEP to discuss additional funding for GAC Filtration systems on wells below the Health Advisory Limit.

- PV/PADEP representatives noted that the annual PENNVEST budget is \$500 million dollars, which includes \$65 million in grants.
- Warrington Township representatives inquired as to the process of obtaining a PENNVEST Grant to fund the GAC Treatment System Installation Project, similar to that which was recently obtained by Horsham Township.

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- PV/PADEP representatives noted that the grant received by Horsham was obtained through the Commonwealth budgeting process. The grant funds were approved by the Legislature during the budgeting process before a PENNVEST Application was filed by Horsham, which is not the “normal” process.
- PV/PADEP representatives noted it would be highly unlikely that Warrington Township would qualify for a grant using the normal PENNVEST application process due to the relatively high median income of the Township. Warrington could potentially qualify for a low-interest loan under the normal PENNVEST application process.
- PV/PADEP representatives reviewed the PENNVEST application requirements which include, but are not limited to the following:
 - The Project must be shovel ready;
 - All regulatory agency permits/approvals must be “in-hand” for the Project;
 - A Cost-Effective Analysis and Environmental review of the Project will be required;
 - Operation and Maintenance Costs must be excluded from overall Project Costs.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the feasibility of proceeding with the PENNVEST Application was discussed by Township Staff. The consensus was that the Township should coordinate with State Representative Watson’s office to attempt to obtain a grant through the legislative process utilized by Horsham, rather than filing the “standard” PENNVEST application.

I will be sure to provide additional updates as there are updates to provide.

Thank you!