KEATING TOWNSHIP

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To: All Keating Township Sewer Line Users

From: All Keating Township Supervisors

The Keating Township Supervisors wish to provide information on the Phase II, Sanitary Sewer Project which is currently under construction. At the Keating Township Meeting held on September 22nd, 2014 the Supervisors accepted the lowest, qualified bids below.

Contract No. 1A – Wastewater Treatment Plant - Konzel Construction, Inc. (Erie, PA) - $2,725,000

Contract No. 2A – Wastewater Collection System - C&R Directional Boring, LLC (Clearfield, PA) - $2,052,045

Contract No. 3 – Grinder Pump Supply - Environmental One Corporation (Niskayuna, NY) - $788,065

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) awarded a $4,827,000 grant and a $6,556,000 loan (2½% interest for a 38 year term) to finance Phase II and Phase III Wastewater Sewer Projects.

All property owners within the sewer line project area are required by Ordinance No. 87 to connect to the system, with a TAP-IN fee of not less than $500. It will be the responsibility of the property owner to install the connecting line from his/her house/dwelling to the grinder pump then to the mainline. The greatest length of connecting sewer line which a property owner will be financially responsible for is one hundred fifty feet (150 feet). Written notice to connect to the sewer line will be sent to property owners giving a period of not less than sixty (60) days to pay the TAP-IN fee and to connect.

Any homeowner or contractor who is installing a grinder pump is to have mandatory training and it will be announced at a later date. It will be posted at Keating Township Municipal Building, on our webpage and advertised in the Bradford Era.

Any Low to Moderate Income Homeowner in the Sewer Project Area may be eligible for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist with the cost of physically connecting their home to the new sewer service. If eligible, the grant will pay for the sewer lateral installation, grinder pump installation, any electrical work/upgrade necessary to connect the grinder pump, any plumbing work necessary to tie all sewer lines together into one sanitary line and pumping and filling the septic tank. It is anticipated that in May 2015, the McKean County Redevelopment Authority will send out a notice to all homeowners in the sewer project area regarding the program requirements & details of how to apply. This grant will not cover the cost of the Tap-In Fee.

Also available from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development is the Section 504 Home Repair Loans and Grants. Eligibility for this program is based on income and household size. Please contact USDA Rural Development, Don Mulson at (814) 336-6155, Ext 117 or email him at Donald.Mulson@pa.usda.gov. This information is also obtainable at the Keating Township Building.

The Engineering Firm responsible for this project is Stiffler McGraw Northwest of Tidioute PA. Project Inspector is Mr. Steven G. Fletcher. Mr. Anthony J. Alfieri is the Township solicitor. Lynch and Lynch of Pittsburgh is the bond counsel.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call us at the above number. Thank you.