

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Public Works Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Resolution - Revision of Official Sewage Facilities Plan – Mt Moro Road Sewer Extension Project

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I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Adoption of a resolution revising the Official Sewage Facilities Plan by accepting a Sewage Facilities Planning Module submitted by the Mount Moro Sewer, LLC for the installation of a new common low-pressure force main system and authorizing the submission of the revised Official Sewage Facilities Plan to the Department of Environmental Resources for approval.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

The Board of Commissioners must review and render decisions on any revision to the Official Sewage Facilities Plan.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

N/A

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

The Board of Commissioners recently approved the agreement to install a force main sewer extension project on the 700 block of Mt. Moro Road, Villanova. The properties are shown to be connected to the public sewer via individual grinder pumps and a low-pressure force main extension along Mt. Moro Road.

For extensions to the sanitary sewer network such as this, The Department of Environmental Resources requires sewer planning in the form of a planning module. A planning module is the process by which a modification of the existing Official Sewage Facilities Plan (Act 537 Plan) for the Township takes place. The sewage plan and design must also take into account surrounding areas if/as required so that any needed future connection is properly included in the plan. The plan design and module for this development includes the 18 properties eligible to connect to this sewer force main.

An administrative requirement of the module is that public notice of the proposed plan be made, and then following 30 days for public comment, the municipality adopt the sewage plan by resolution. The 30-day public comment period ended on September 13, 2020.

The Township Engineer has reviewed the proposed design and plan and found it consistent with the Township's design standards and procedures. The Township Engineer has recommended that the Board adopt the resolution.

V. Impact On Township Finances:

This application has no impact on Township finances.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that resolution be adopted.