

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION**  
***Public Works Committee***

**Issue Briefing**

**Topic:** Mt. Moro Road Sewer Extension Project Ordinance

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**I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:**

Adoption of an ordinance to provide for the construction of an extension to the Township Sanitary Sewer System so as to provide sanitary sewer service for certain properties with frontage on Mt. Moro Road in the Township specifically as follows: 726, 727, 731, 736, 738, 742, 746, 750, 753, 754, 758, 761, 764, 768, 769 and 775 Mt. Moro Road and 732 and 733 Mustin Lane; to require the properties served and having buildings within 200 feet thereof to connect thereto; and to provide for an assessment against the properties benefited, improved or accommodated by such sanitary sewer extension and construction.

**II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:**

The Board of Commissioners must approve an ordinance authorizing this project to proceed.

**III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):**

The Township generally supports the orderly expansion of public sewers in the Township.

**IV. Other Relevant Background Information:**

This sewer extension project will provide an opportunity for up to 18 homes on Mt. Moro Road, including two properties on the corners of Mt. Moro Road and Mustin Lane to connect to the public sewer system. Two of these properties have principal buildings located more than 200' from the Mt. Moro Road right of way and our code does not require these properties to connect to the public sewer system, however they are permitted to do so. The sewers are being constructed by agreement of 13 of the 18 benefitted property owners, each of whom will pay their proportionate share of the cost. Stubs to three of the benefitted properties (the ones whose principal building is less than 200 feet from the sewer) will be constructed at the Township's cost. This ordinance will enable the Township to assess for the cost of the stubs. These three properties will be required to connect, but will be offered a deferral agreement until their on-lot systems fail.

**V. Impact On Township Finances:**

This application has no impact on Township finances.

**VI. Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the ordinance be authorized for advertisement.