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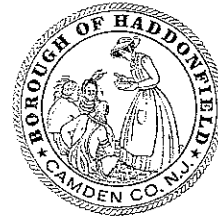
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Borough of Haddonfield

Camden County, New Jersey

July 21, 2009

To: Properties abutting Woodland Avenue (from Avondale Ave to Westmont Ave)

Re: Planned Paving and Concrete Project

As you may be aware the Borough Commissioners had designated the complete reconstruction of Woodland Avenue as their 2009 road program. The project includes installing a new sanitary sewer main along a portion of Woodland Avenue from Avondale Avenue to Peyton Avenue. As part of the new sanitary sewer installation, each house lateral will be replaced from the new sanitary sewer main to approximately the curb line, where a new "clean-out" will be installed. Additionally all of the older sewer laterals will also be replaced before the new asphalt roadway is constructed.

The project will also include the removal and replacement of the water main along the entire length of the project. The older individual water services will each be replaced from the main to approximately the curb line where the outside house shut-off valve is located.

The project will also include the installation of new storm sewer and sump pump collector piping along portions of the roadway, new concrete curbing, new concrete driveway aprons, and the complete reconstruction of the asphalt pavement.

We would like to remind each homeowner in the project area that they are still responsible for the water service and sewer lateral from their house to the newly installed house shut-off and cleanout; however, a construction project such as this one is always a good time to consider having your plumber (or other qualified contractor) replace the remaining older piping.

The estimated cost for all of the work detailed above is approximately \$1.4 million dollars. Normally we would have been out to bid for this project by now. Construction plans are complete and all permits have been applied for. However there will be a small delay before we can move forward with this project.

Earlier this year we were made aware of a program through the Environmental Infrastructure Trust (Trust), in conjunction with the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that could provide a significant savings to the Borough. The Trust was offering a no-interest loan for all applicants that received an approval letter prior to July 1, 2009. Applications were due by the end of March. Over 600 applications were received. The Borough submitted an application for the entire Tanner Street project, the utility portion of Woodland Ave, and three other small utility projects. Once our application was submitted we learned that the State had received stimulus funds for the Trust program. A number of applications would receive a 50% grant and a 50% no-interest loan. We were very hopeful that we would be approved for the stimulus funds since our projects were "shovel ready". After a very long wait a list finally came out in May which detailed those applications which would receive stimulus funds and which applications had been deemed acceptable for participation in the full no-interest loan program. Although we did not receive the grant, we were accepted into the program.

The next step in the process was for a DEP review of the complete application. Once the review had been completed an approval letter would be sent out. A municipality must receive this letter prior to bidding any of the projects included in the application in order to participate. We were told that all approved letters should be issued in June. Through persistent checking we finally learned that DEP could not begin to review and approve loan program applications until all of the stimulus grants had been reviewed and funded. I was informed directly by an engineer in DEP that due to staff shortages they did not expect to complete the stimulus projects until sometime around the end of August. They expected to have approval letters out for the loan programs sometime between the end of September through October.

At various times throughout this process we have questioned whether or not we should continue to participate or if we should withdraw and move forward on our own for the sake of expediency. The Borough is expected to save between \$800,000 and \$900,000 in interest and other bonding cost over the life of the bond by participating in the program. This represents a significant savings for our Water and Sewer Utility.

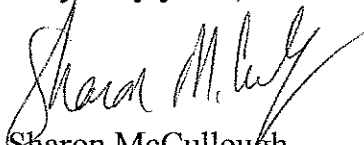
The Commissioners are still fully committed to moving forward with the complete project mentioned above. However they cannot overlook the savings by participating in this project. If we receive our approval letter in early October we

would be able to go out to bid for this project by late October, receive bids and potentially award the contract in late November. It generally takes a month for contracts to be signed and approved once the contract is awarded, therefore; it is likely that work would not begin until January. The good news is that utility work can be conducted in winter meaning there should not be an additional weather delay in the project.

Based on this schedule the Commissioners have decided to place out to bid the reconstruction of Station Ave from Chews Landing to Hinchman and Pennbroke Drive from Greenmount Road to Concord Drive. Both of these roads were being looked at for construction in 2010 and neither of them include any utility work. This will ensure that we do not lose a year in our road replacement program. I would like to stress that placing these two streets out to bid will **NOT** affect the construction of Woodland Avenue. Funding will be available to move forward with this project once the approval letter is received from DEP.

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the details of the project and the new anticipated timeframe. I will update everyone once I have further information. Should you have any questions I can be reached by email at smccullough@haddonfield-nj.gov or by phone at 429-4700 ext 215.

Very truly yours,



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Borough Administrator

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