The following summarizes our recent activities performed on behalf of the Pottstown Borough Authority (Authority) from April 16 through May 14, 2021:

**Capital Projects**

**Water Treatment Plant Improvements – Air Scour System (R007010.0433)**

HRG has provided an updated set of electrical drawings for the Staff’s use in April. We expect that the blower assemblies will be shipped soon allowing the Borough Staff to continue work on the Project.

**LT2 Enhanced Surface Water Rule: UV Installation Project**

HRG is working with the WTP Staff to continue to move both the UV project and the Turbidity option forward as a means to achieve compliance with the LT2 requirements to meet both the short-term compliance goals and long-term sustained goals. HRG has scheduled a site visit at the WTP next week to coordinate some final design items.

With respect to PADEP’s proposed screen requirements for the UV system, HRG is finalizing supporting documentation to challenge this new requirement. This information includes mercury concentration calculations (reflecting the addition of mercury from a cracked UV lamp) and an SOP indicating how the Staff would isolate the clearwell in the event of a UV lamp failure.

**2021 Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project**

The Project was publicly advertised, and documents were made available on PennBid. HRG conducted a pre-bid conference via Zoom on May 12 with the assistance of Mr. Yerger and at least 4 contractors have indicated their intent to bid. The Bid Opening is scheduled for May 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM.

**Miscellaneous Projects**

**Spring Valley Farms Development – Phase 3**

HRG conducted a final walkthrough with Allan Myers on April 6, 2021. We confirmed that the outstanding punch list items were addressed. At this time we have no objection to Allan Myers’ request for the release of Escrow funds and establishment of a 15% maintenance bond for Phase 3.

No update in April 2021

**NPDES Permit Renewal Application**

The WWTP Staff is conducting the final Priority Pollutant sampling and once the data is acquired from the lab, the Application will be updated and finalized. We are still on track to complete and submit the permit application prior to the June 3, 2021 deadline. The submission will also require an Authority signature and check in the amount of $2,500.00 payable to “Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”
Water Valve Exercising Program Bidding Documents

HRG has prepared bidding documents in order to solicit bids for the Water Valve Exercising Program. We respectfully request the authorization to advertise the Valve Exercising Program for public bidding once the Documents are reviewed and approved by the Solicitor and Mr. Keszczyk.

AWIA Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan

HRG has been developing the draft Risk and Resilience Checklist utilizing EPA’s templates and guidance. Once the draft is complete and updated with all available information, HRG will schedule a meeting with Borough Staff to review the checklist and incorporate any comments and additional information, as necessary. We remain on schedule to complete this so that the Certification can be submitted to the EPA prior to the June 30, 2021 deadline.

Funding Opportunities

Lead Line Replacement Initiative

Under this program, PENNVEST and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) offer principal forgiveness loans, when available and applicable, and low interest loans to public and private entities undertaking lead line replacement projects within their drinking water systems. Funding consideration for the Lead Line Replacement Initiative is based on only the customers impacted by the proposed project. Applications are accepted electronically and are reviewed by PENNVEST Board members. Applications are not being accepted at this time, but may reopen to distribute American Rescue Plan or Federal Infrastructure Plan funding.

As requested by the Authority Manager, HRG has prepared a professional services proposal to prepare and submit an application for grant financing to PENNVEST for the Lead Line Replacement Initiative. While the proposal includes seven (7) distinct phases of applying for, closing, reimbursement requests, and closeout, these are all contingent upon receiving financing and would be included in the grant application as applicable costs. Additionally, we are only seeking approval for Phase A: PENNVEST Application. The application is due August 4 as the next cut-off date.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this report or any other items.

Respectfully Submitted,

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