

APOLLO BOROUGH

Engineer's Monthly Report

September 2024

A. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Storm Sewers

- Replacement of 24" culvert under Kiski Avenue @ South 5th Street:
 - A. PA Small Water and Sewer CFA Grant funding approval received for \$96,604.
 - B. **Test dig completed for location and depth of existing stone box culvert in South 5th Street.**
 - C. **PennDOT wants culvert replacement ASAP. HOP permit application is approximately 90% complete with an October submission to PennDOT is anticipated.**
 - D. Coordinating with Peoples Gas to design around existing gas lines, and to have LP gas line relocated as needed (Peoples Gas engineer working on relocation).
 - E. Coordinating with DEP on type of Chapter 105 permit that will be needed.

2. Roadwork

- PNG gas line relocation in plaza – checklist of procedure to be established. – on hold until PNG submits formal application.
 - A. Curb to curb ordinance – solicitor consultation for borings.
 - B. Developers must submit a formal application.

3. Funding

- 2023 LSA Grant Program – Application submitted and under CFA review process.
 - A. 4th, 7th, 9th Street Improvements Project: GTE awaiting funding determination.
- 2024 LSA Statewide Grant Program is open September 1st and runs through November 30th, 2024. Funding guidelines provided to Borough for consideration.

4. Borough MS4 Permit

- **GTE met with Borough staff on Monday, August 19, 2024, to review MS4 annual progress report and Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) final report and discuss action items for the next reporting period. The progress report and PRP final report are due to DEP by September 30th.**
- A clean river reminder to residents: Soaps used for vehicle washing can contain nitrates and phosphates that can contribute to algae blooms in the river if these soaps are washed into the storm sewers. If washing your vehicle, it is best to do so at a commercial car wash where the wash water is captured, pretreated and discharged to the sanitary system. Otherwise, look for and use detergents that are phosphate- and nitrate-free.

5. Miscellaneous work to be considered:

- Recreation
 - A. Boat launch, River Trail, Mapping
- Solar Panel Investigative Work – TBD

6. Projects:

A. Owens Grove Park Walking Trail Improvements

Project completed. GTE processed and provided required DCNR Close Out Items to Apollo Borough including Fully Executed Payment Estimates 1 and 2, our Consultant Certification Letter, the Post-Construction Photos of Completed Scope of Work, As-Built Drawing, the original Maintenance Bond and proof of Paid Engineering Invoice. GTE recommends that the Borough continue to work with DCNR Division Chief, Mark Hansford on the 3rd Quarter Progress Report which is due on or before 9/30/2024 as well as any other items needed on the Project Close-out Checklist.

B. Kiski Avenue Culvert Replacement

Refer to Item 1 above.

Please note that, at the request of Apollo Borough and in order to save on Engineering costs, a Gibson-Thomas Engineering representative will not be in attendance at regular monthly meetings unless otherwise requested by the Borough.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted September 20, 2024



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