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The Popodickon Dam Spillway Project is very near completion; and other projects either have begun or will begin within a few weeks.

You may recall discussion from a previous newsletter about the Popodickon Dam Spillway Widening Project, which began in concept in 2001, and was required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to ensure that the Popodickon Dam could withstand a Probable Maximum Flood Event.

Construction began in August of 2008 and was suspended on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 due to cold temperatures. Work on the project resumed in early April and is now very near completion with only minor site work remaining to be completed. During the project construction the level of water in the dam was maintained well below the normal level. With the construction nearly complete, the water level may once again be maintained at capacity level, and the dam is currently recharging.

Other construction projects to be undertaken by the borough this summer include the Philadelphia Avenue and Madison Street Storm Sewer Rehabilitation, the ADA Curb Ramp Phase IV, reconstruction of South Chestnut Street, and Sanitary Sewerage System Rehabilitation Phase VII.

Borough Council awarded the Philadelphia Avenue and Madison Street Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Gateway Project Management in the amount of \$140,695. The existing storm sewer system at the intersection is undersized and has experienced structural failure which required emergency repairs on several occasions. The existing system will be replaced with reinforced concrete pipe ranging in size from 12" to 22" in diameter.

It is anticipated that construction will begin in July and will require three to four weeks for completion. The PennDot Highway Occupancy Permit limits the hours of work on the project between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily. In addition, the permit requires that one lane of traffic be open at all times during the construction. Given the daily volume of traffic at this intersection, you should anticipate traffic delays during the construction.

The construction of ADA Curb Ramps Phase IV is funded through a grant in the amount of \$45,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Program. The contract was awarded to Drumheller Construction in the amount of \$55,252. A total of thirty nine curb ramps will be installed in the south east portion of the borough. The project also includes the replacement of portions of the public sidewalk at the Franklin Street Mini Park.

Reconstruction of South Chestnut Street from Philadelphia Avenue to Second Street was awarded to EJB Paving and Materials Company in the amount of \$103,596.50. At this time we do not know when construction work will begin. The contractor will notify residents of the construction schedule when it has been determined.

The Sanitary Sewerage System Rehabilitation Phase VII project has been undertaken to reduce the amount of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system. This project is being funded through a grant from the Berks County Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$150,000. The project involves the installation of a cured in place liner and manhole inserts in thirty four manholes.

Although these construction projects will create some inconvenience, the completion of these projects will result in a long term benefit to the community.

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