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Dear Resident of Craig-Y-Nos:

I wanted to provide an update regarding the sewer project as we move forward. First, thank you for your patience. We have been communicating with DEP to get our plan moved forward.

DEP is requiring the Township to hold a new public comment period, which will begin on Friday, September 1, 2023 and continue for a period of 30 days. An advertisement will appear in the newspaper on Friday, outlining the public notice. The purpose of the comment period is to ensure that the estimated costs of the project are clearly communicated to residents within the project area and to provide the DEP with any updated public comments prior to a plan approval. As such, I would like to provide some details relevant to the project, its distribution of costs, and some other matters that will be discussed.

First, the aggregate costs of the project have not changed. However, there is some additional detail I can provide. First, the project itself has several components:

1. The engineering expense for the design, building, and inspection of the project itself. This was authorized at May 9, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
2. The infrastructure itself and how and where it will be laid out in the project area.
3. The laterals and grinder pumps that will be included in the project.

The current discussion will be to bid this all out as one project, including the laterals and grinder pumps. The sewer pipe layout (#2 above) will be split equally among the properties determined to be in the project area.

The private property laterals (#3 above) themselves will vary in cost and will be property specific. The cost of the laterals will be broken out by property. More specifically, we would likely get a quote for laterals by linear foot. Someone with a shorter lateral will pay less than someone with a longer lateral. The grinder pumps will be a quote for each grinder pump, which would be an equal charge for every property that would need one. DEP has agreed that if a lateral can connect to this new system, by gravity, DEP would not require a property to have a grinder pump. This will be determined through the surveying of the project area and properties that will occur in the project design phase and we will keep everyone updated regarding their status.

Many of you have also asked about vacant lots. I understand the concern surrounding this question. We are still finalizing the details for how those vacant lots will be counted. However, if you own 2 vacant lots, does that automatically mean you will have to pay twice? No, it doesn't necessarily mean that will happen. We will be finalizing details of lot sizes, how they are counted, and we will be notifying each vacant property owner of these details very soon. I understand how financially impactful this could be and I assure you that we do not take lightly having this resolved very soon.

At our September 12, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting, we will be authorizing application for the Pennsylvania Local Share Account Grant Program. I will be asking Commissioners for approval to apply for \$500,000, which would be applied to the overall cost of the system (it would fall under #2 above) and be applied equally as a credit to every lot that would be in the final project area. That item will appear on our September 12th meeting, which will be at 7 P.M. at the Upper Dublin Library at 520 Virginia Drive. If you would like to attend and speak at public comment, you are encouraged to do so.

As a reminder, the Township is offering to front all costs and create 0% interest with reasonable payment plans for affected residents in the project area. This was outlined in our March correspondence and remains unchanged.

If you have any questions regarding the project, the information in this notification, or other matters concerning the sewer project, please email any questions or comments to kferguson@upperdublin.net.

Sincerely,



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