

## **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

### **MAIN STREET (ROUTE 29) WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**MAY 23, 2018**

The purpose of this notice is to provide information to the public from the Schwenksville Borough Authority (Authority) concerning the upcoming water main replacement project in Main Street in Schwenksville Borough and invite all members of the public to an information meeting on Thursday May 31, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Schwenksville Fire Company. The following is the background and information concerning the project. This project and its impacts to the residents will be farther explained at the public meeting and updates will be available on the Authority's website [www.sbawspa.org](http://www.sbawspa.org).

#### **PURPOSE OF PROJECT**

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing water main and water service connections in Main Street in Schwenksville Borough that are over seventy five years old. The replacement of the existing water main has been part of the long term capital improvement plans of the Authority. The water main is at the end of its design life and needs to be replaced to minimize the long term costs associated with repairs caused by water main breaks and provide the highest quality water service to our customers.

The timing of the project is being driven by the fact that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn DOT) intends to resurface Main Street from the Skippack Pike Bridge to Just north of Park Avenue in either the fall of 2018 or the spring of 2019. It is the industry standard to replace any infrastructure that is near the end of its design life prior to a major paving project by Penn Dot.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

The project is the replacement of the water main and service connections of the existing water main in Main Street in Schwenksville Borough. The water main will be replaced in two sections. The first section is from Maple Street south towards the Skippack Pike Bridge on the east side of Main Street. The second section of water main that will be replaced is from Centennial Street north to approximately 300 feet north of the intersection of Park Avenue and Main Street. There will also be a small section of the existing sanitary sewer main replaced near the intersection of Game Farm Road and Main Street. See attached plan for the locations of the proposed construction.

As part of this project new water services will be provided to the existing public water customers along Main Street in the project area. This will be from the water main to the

existing curb box located in front of each property. The Authority will be providing individual water service connections to each property.

As part of the construction process a temporary water main will be installed along the curb line of the roadway to provide water service to all existing customers located along Main Street. This will include temporary above ground water service connections to your existing curb box located in front of your property. This is required in order to maintain water service to each customer and will be removed once the new water main has been installed, disinfected and tested.

The Authority has recieved a Penn VEST low interest loan to fund the construction of this project.

## **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The project was publically bid and the construction contract was awarded to Trio Siteworks, LLC. The contractor has provided the below initial construction schedule. The schedule is subject to change based upon weather conditions and other factors that they may encounter during the course of construction. Updated construction schedules will be posted on the Authority's website as they are recieved by the contractor.

- Mobilization on the Site and Temporary Water Main June 11 -15, 2018
- Installation of Temporary Water Service Connections June 18 - 29, 2018
- Installation of New Water Main July 2- 13, 2018
- Installation of New Water Services (Main to Curb Stop) July 16 - 27, 2018
- Restoration of Sidewalks and Paving Restoration August 1 - 3, 2018

During this period of time the contractor will be working during the hours of 9 am to 3 pm. There will be a significant impact on traffic as the contractor will need to close one lane of traffic to allow for a safe working environment. During certain periods of time, the ability to park cars along Main Street will be prohibited to allow for the construction. There will also be portions of the side walk removed for the installation of new water services. While there will be temporary restoration of the sidewalks, it will take until the middle of August (based upon the current schedule) until the sidewalks and on street parking will be restored.

The Authority will provide updates to the above schedule on its website so that residents can be informed of any changes to the schedule. The schedule will change based upon the weather and the rate that work is completed.

## **IMPACT TO RESIDENTS ON MAIN STREET IN PROJECT AREA**

This construction project will have a short term impact to all persons utilizing Main Street. There will be additional impacts to the residents and businesses along Main Street. These impacts include the follow:

- There will be at least two periods when the water service will be shut off to the property. The first will occur when the temporary water connection is established from the temporary water main to the existing curb stop. The second will occur when the permanent water service is installed from the new water main to the curb stop. A new curb stop will be installed at this time. The private water service is from the curb stop near the curb or sidewalk to the dwelling. Given the age and condition it is possible that damage to the private water service could occur and the property owner will be notified but the repair will be completed at no cost to the property owner.
- Property owners will be given a minimum of 24 hours notice prior to the water being temporarily shut off. It is anticipated that these planned shutdowns will take up to a half a day each at which time your water will be turned back on. Although the Authority will try to notify prior about any water service shutdowns, water service shutdowns may happen without notification if difficulties are encountered.
- If there is a reason that a resident needs to have continuous source of water for a medical condition the resident needs to contact the Authority to discuss the situation so that arrangements can be made to accommodate the situation.
- During the time that water is being provided through the temporary above ground water main, the water temperature may increase due to the sun and customers may need to allow the water to run for a short period of time until it is cold.
- During construction there will be a temporary water main located above ground that will cross any driveway that exits onto Main Street. There will be short period of time when the driveway will not be able to be utilized while the contractor is installing the water main or service across the driveway. The contractor will try and inform the resident of the duration when the driveway will not be able to be utilized. It is expected that closure of your driveway should not take more than half a day and once the contractor completes the installation of the temporary water main across your driveway, a temporary driveway surface will be provided.
- The ability to utilize the sidewalks will be reduced due to the installation of the temporary water service. While the contractor will attempt to maintain the sidewalks there will be areas due to the location of the curb stop where sections

of the sidewalk access will be restricted. There will also be a temporary restoration of the sidewalks from the time of the temporary water service installation to the connection of the permanent water service. Once the construction is completed the contractor will be restoring the sidewalks to condition that they exist today.

- Parking along Main Street will be restricted during the period of time that the temporary water main is in use and prohibited during the period of time when the actual construction is taking place. This will be a twenty four hour prohibition to ensure that the contractor does not experience any delays associated with a parked vehicle. During this period of time the residents can utilize the Authority's parking lot for parking. The residents that utilize the on street parking areas along Main Street are encouraged to find additional parking locations prior to the construction starting. The Authority will also post on their website any other locations where off street parking may be available during the construction period.

## **IMPACTS TO ALL RESIDENTS**

- There will be significant traffic delays during the week from the hours of 9 am to 3 pm. The contractor will be closing one lane of traffic and utilizing both traffic signs and flag persons to control traffic.
- There will be increased traffic on other roads within Schwenksville Borough and the surrounding Townships during this period of construction as motorists will attempt to find alternate routes to avoid the construction delays.
- On street parking along Main Street will be restricted and prohibited during certain periods of construction.
- There will be a temporary water main installed along the curb and temporary water services into the existing sidewalk that will restrict access along the road and sidewalk. There will also be sections of the sidewalk that will be removed for construction and may be only temporarily restored during construction. All sidewalks will be restored to the original condition prior to the completion of the project.
- The flushing and testing of the new water main could potentially cause a discoloration of all of the water through the water distribution system. This is normal and should quickly go away. This is a normal result of the flushing of a water system and does not indicate a construction issue.

## **PUBLIC MEETING AND UPDATES**

- There will be a public town hall style meeting on Thursday May 31, 2018 at 7 pm at the Schwenksville Fire Company and all members of the public are invited to attend.
- Updates will be provided on the Authority website and the electronic sign in front of the Fire house will notify the public when new updates are posted.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. The office telephone number is (610) 287 - 7772.

We realize construction may be an inconvenience to residents and motorists; however these repairs are essential to maintaining the integrity of the Authority's water system.

Thank you for your patience during construction.