

## **WEST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY RECEIVES GRANT FUNDS FROM THE PA SMALL WATER & SEWER GRANT PROGRAM**

At their October 11, 2018 public meeting, the West Brandywine Township Municipal Authority (WBTMA) Chairman executed an Agreement to receive \$309,217.00 in funding from Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Program.

In February 2018, with the assistance from Carroll Engineering Corporation, WBTMA's Engineer, WBTMA submitted a Grant Application for the reconstruction of an existing sewage pump station and force main at its Ashberry location, and in September 2018 the Authority received notification that the funding was approved.

The Ashberry Pump Station was constructed in 2002 and at the time, sized to serve more than double the number of connections in its service area. Because of the vast difference between the pump station capacity and actual flow rates, the pumps and equipment have experienced accelerated wear to the point where major components are failing and require constant repairs. Of the Authority's five pump stations, the Ashberry Pump Station represents the Authority's single biggest annual maintenance cost.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant funding will allow the Authority to reconstruct the pump station with more modern and appropriately sized equipment without the need to secure additional debt financing.

Both Representative Becky Corbin and State Senator John Rafferty advocated for the funding through the state's Commonwealth Financing Authority's Small Water and Sewer Program, a program which can be used to assist with the construction, improvement, expansion, or rehabilitation or repair of a water supply or sanitary sewer system. WBTMA is excited to be a recipient of funds from this highly competitive grant program and we are pleased to use these funds to improve the infrastructure for our public sewer system.