

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RESOURCES INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric R. Evans, President of Council

FROM: David L. Brong, Director

RE: Application for Financial Assistance ("Application") in the amount of \$9,988,000 from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority ("Authority") to the City of Bethlehem ("Applicant") for the establishment or improvement for collection and treatment of sewage system in Bethlehem City, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Project").

DATE: August 15, 2013

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As part of the City's Act 537 Plan we are currently in the process of several major improvement initiatives at our wastewater treatment plant.

The first phase of the upgrades was the aerator replacement project which was completed in 2011. The second phase is the digester system and waste activated sludge thickening improvements project, which is currently under construction and funded through PennVest.

Our third major upgrade is included in the approved 2013 Sewer Capital Budget as the "New Dewatering Facility". We are in the process of approaching PennVest for funding approval and as is typical with PennVest applications, City Council is being asked to provide two (2) resolutions (attached) in support of the application, and also a Letter of Responsibility (attached) which details the obligations of the city if our application is approved.

If approved, debt is not incurred until Council takes further action and settlement is completed.

We respectfully request Council's adoption of these Resolutions at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2013.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

### Enclosures

Copies to: Mayor  
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