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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 2:02 PM  
**To:** Mike Gebhart  
**Subject:** Fw: Water and Sewer Commitment Letter

6/30/09 Cliff Wray  
Said the letter  
was merely  
"symbolism"

fyi - my response. Beth

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 2:01:19 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Water and Sewer Commitment Letter

Hi Pat - thanks for doing the research on this. I would appreciate copies of the documentation you found, when you get a chance. By the same token, Mike and I will look through old files @ Bethel and see what we can dig out as well.

I think alot of the misunderstanding about both these issues comes from lots of different people having bits and pieces of information, but no one group or person having been in on all discussions or decisions from the start (or at least remembering that they did!). My brain is getting worse - unless I have the note in front of me, I will totally forget. Thanks again for all your help and patience on both these projects. See you Saturday @ 7:30 @ Ross.

Beth

**From:** Patrick Turnbull <pturnbull@co.miami.oh.us>  
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**Subject:** Water and Sewer Commitment Letter

Mike,

I found some of the old correspondence (5+ years ago from before either of us worked for our current employers) regarding what the County needs from the Township prior to moving forward. However rather than sending you copies of everything, I think I'll just paraphrase the highlights of those letters and our discussion yesterday over lunch.

The County is moving forward with sewer projects in both Brandt and Phoneton to deal with existing sewerage problems caused by inadequate, antiquated, and failing septic systems. From our previous discussions it's become apparent to me that the Township would like our sewerage plans for both areas to include provisions for future development, with central sewers in those areas.

\* The Commissioners need a formal commitment from the Township stating that they would like a sewer system constructed that will allow for future development. As a part of that commitment, we need to know the density that the Township is planning for, the total area we need to serve now, and in the next 20 years. Furthermore the Township needs to reassure the County formally, that they will participate and stand behind the County once we get to the point of meeting with the public to explain the sewer projects and the desire by the Township for us to be able to serve a future service area. Finally, in the future, once it becomes clear how much the upsizing of the systems will cost, the Commissioners will be looking for a formal financial commitment to pay for the upsizing necessary for future development. Should the financial commitment consist in whole (or in part) of supporting the County as we go through an assessment process, the Township will need to stand ready to explain in public at meetings as to why the Township made provisions for serving a future area instead of just fixing the existing problem.

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instead of explaining the truth th...

fabricating the EPA made no story.



Please don't look at this request as me being an obstructionist. This is just a step necessary prior to the further investment of the County in infrastructure in Bethel Township that will satisfy the Township's desire to be able to serve future development with these projects. It's important to the County that the commitment from the Township be formally documented and explained in the form of letter(s) and work sessions between the elected officials. Obviously you and I will need to work together to help draft those letters and be a part of elected official work sessions, but ultimately the formal commitment(s) need to come from the elected officials.

Once again it was good meeting with you yesterday and I look forward to our continued involvement together in putting public water and sewer systems in Bethel Township that will facilitate the growth of the Township in the manner that the Township sees fit.

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