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PRESS RELEASE

HIGHRIDGE WATER COMPLETES EXTENSION PROJECT

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Forty-seven residents in Burrell Township along Route 217 North, will now have public water and fire protection announced the Highridge Water Authority. The recently completed thirteen-thousand-foot waterline extension project is the result of concerted efforts by area residents experiencing water quality issues and the township supervisors.

The township designated \$400,000 in federal COVID relief funds and Highridge received an \$850,000 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority through the efforts of State Senator Joe Pittman. Homeowners on Pleasant Valley Road, Lear Road, Olive Street, and Daisy Street have begun connecting into the new water system. Subcontractors included Ligonier Construction, James Excavating Company, and Harvey Paving.

Meanwhile, residents in neighboring Blacklick Township with similar water concerns have informed both their supervisors and Highridge of their desire for public water further along Route 217 North. Preliminary engineering indications have identified eighty properties and involves 22,000 feet of pipe at a cost of \$2.5 million. Petitions are currently being circulated by residents requesting that township officials seek state funding assistance for the project.