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This summary of water main, service connections and fire hydrant specifications is provided to answer the contractors most frequent questions. This is a summary only and does not include all Authority requirements. We encourage all contractors to meet with Authority personnel prior to starting any project.

Section 1

MATERIAL

Ductile Iron Pipe

1. Ductile iron pipe shall be Class 52 (minimum) and must be manufactured in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C150 & C151 standards for ductile iron pipe, centrifugally cast and manufactured in the U.S.A..
2. Joints for ductile iron pipe shall be of a restrained joint type, such as Field-Lok Restrained Joint Gaskets or equal and are required at each joint and shall comply with ANSI/AWWA C111/A2.11 standards.
3. All ductile iron pipe shall be cement lined and coated inside and outside with a bituminous seal coat in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C104 standards. The thickness of the lining shall NOT be less than one-eighth (1/8") inch for four (4") inch thru twelve (12") inch diameter pipe and shall NOT be less than three-sixteenths (3/16") inches for fourteen (14") inch thru twenty-four (24") inch diameter pipe.

Fittings

1. Fittings four (4") thru sixteen (16) inches in diameter shall have a minimum rating of 350 psi and shall be Ductile Iron compact mechanical joint fittings, in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C153/A21.53-88 standards, with mechanical joints conforming to ANSI/AWWA C111 complete with bolts, nuts. All sleeves shall be of the Solid Sleeve Type with accessories and manufactured in the U.S.A.
2. All fittings are to have Ebaa Iron Sales, Inc., Mega-Lug Glands or equal manufactured to ASTM A536, 60-42-10 ductile iron standards.
3. All nuts/bolts shall be installed with the proper torque according to the manufactures' instructions.

Valves

1. Valves twelve (12") inches and less, shall be of the iron body, non-rising bronze stem, resilient seated wedge type equal to or exceeding the requirements of AWWA Specification C-509, with a working pressure of 250 psi. All valves shall open "LEFT", and have a two (2") inch square wrench nut for buried service. End connections shall be mechanical joint, conforming to ANSI/AWWA C111 with all necessary accessories. All interior and exterior metal surfaces shall be fully coated with 4 mils, two-part epoxy coating and manufactured in the U.S.A.

2. All valves are to have Ebaa Iron Sales, Inc., Mega-Lug Glands or equal manufactured to ASTM A536, 60-42-10 ductile iron standards.

Valve Boxes

Valve boxes shall be provided and installed for all buried valves. Valve boxes shall be cast iron, two piece, screw type, five and three-quarter (5-3/4") inch shaft, with locking cover for valves located within the pavement, regular lids are to be used in other areas, both types are to be marked "WATER". The lengths of the valve boxes shall be as required to meet the actual field conditions encountered. Valve boxes shall be hot bituminous coated, inside and outside, with a coal tar or asphaltic compound and manufactured in the U.S.A. All Valve boxes located on designated fire lines, the covers must be marked "FIRE".

Underground Marking Tape

It shall be bright blue in color, continuously printed ribbon tape of not less than two (2") inches wide X four (4) mil thick for all service lines and six (6") inches wide for all lines six (6") inches or greater in diameter.

Water Service Connections

1. Corporation stops shall have inlet threads which conform to AWWA/CC taper thread and compression joint outlet. Corporation stops shall be ball valve style, Type FB1000, by Ford Meter Co. or Type 300, by Mueller Co. or approved equal and manufactured in the U.S.A.
2. Curb stops shall have compression joints on both the inlet and outlet side. Curb stops shall be ball valve style, Type B44, by Ford Meter Co. or Type 300 by Mueller Co. or approved equal and manufactured in the U.S.A.
3. For all service connections larger than two (2") inches, gate valves are required. Valves twelve (12") inches and less, shall be of the iron body, non-rising bronze stem, resilient seated wedge type equal to or exceeding the requirements of AWWA Specification C-509, with a working pressure of 250 psi. All valves shall open "LEFT", and shall be provided with a two (2") square wrench nut for buried service and manufactured in the U.S.A.
4. All valves larger than two (2") inches are to have Ebaa Iron Sales, Inc., Mega-Lug Glands or equal manufactured to ASTM A536, 60-42-10 ductile iron standards and manufactured in the U.S.A.
5. End connections shall be mechanical joint, conforming to ANSI/AWWA C111 with all necessary accessories. Valves shall have a full opening flow way of equal diameter to the connecting pipe. Valve body, bonnet, stuffing box and disk castings shall be manufactured of ASTM A-126 Class B Gray Iron. All interior and exterior metal surfaces shall be fully coated with 4 mils, two-part epoxy coating and manufactured in the U.S.A.

Copper Tubing

1. Shall be Seamless Type "K" copper, soft temper, for underground service, conforming to ASTM B-88 and B-251 for lines two (2") inches and less in diameter and manufactured in the U.S.A.

2. For connections of existing copper to copper service lines use Ford Meter Co. coupling C44 or approved equal for compression connections.

3. For connections of existing copper to iron service lines use Ford Meter Co. coupling C45 or approved equal.

Curb Boxes

1. Curb boxes for three-quarter (3/4") & one (1") inch diameter service connections shall be cast iron, two piece, screw type, two and one half (2 1/2") inch shaft with cover marked "WATER". The length of the curb box shall be as required for the actual field conditions encountered. Curb boxes shall be hot bituminous coated, inside and outside with coal tar or asphalt compound. Curb boxes shall be Catalog No. 94-E by Bingham and Taylor, or equal and manufactured in the U.S.A.

2. A 33" Stationary Rod (#110046) for a 2.5" curb box as manufactured by Amor Access Boxes for the curb box specified above shall be installed on all curb stops 1" and smaller.

2. For service connections of one and one-half (1-1/2") inches and larger, a valve box will be required (See Valve Boxes, Page 1 - 2).

Fire Hydrants

1. Fire hydrants, auxiliary valves and valve box shall be in compliance with AWWA C-502. All valves and piping shall be designed for 200 psi working pressure and manufactured in the U.S.A.

2. Hydrant shall be "American Darling" fire hydrants, Model B-62-B, Traffic Model as manufactured by "American Darling Valve", a division of "American Cast Iron Pipe Company". National Standard threads are required on all nozzle connections.

Section 2

INSTALLATION

All water mains, water service connections and fire hydrants will only be installed per Authority approval and inspection. The Authority project inspector is authorized to require changes during the installation of water mains, service connections, fire hydrants and their appurtenances if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority.

Water Mains

1. **Cover** - Water lines must be installed to a minimum depth of four (4') feet and a maximum depth of six (6') feet below finished grade.

2. **Horizontal Location** - Water mains will be installed approximately nine (9.0') feet off of the property line within the public right-of-way on all streets having fifty (50') foot rights-of-way. On streets having rights-of-way greater than fifty (50') feet, the water main will be installed approximately ten (10') feet off of the property line.

3. **Trenching** - Trenches shall provide solid and continuous bearing for all pipe installed. Over excavation shall be backfilled to the proper grade with compacted earth, sand fine gravel or similar material. Piping may not be supported by rocks or blocks at any point. Rocky soil shall be over excavated to a depth equal to one (1) times the pipe diameter or six (6") inches whichever is greater and backfilled to the proper grade with compacted granular material.

4. **Backfill/Bedding** - No rocks, broken concrete, frozen chunks or other rubble can be deposited within the trench. The pipe is to be covered by at least twelve (12") inches of 2RC stone. Remaining trench depth can be backfilled with approved material in layers of eight (8") inches and compacted in place.

a. Ductile Iron pipe - When acceptable to the Authority, native material may be used for bedding and/or backfill. 2RC stone shall be placed and compacted in six (6") inch layers within the trench to a minimum depth of twelve (12") inches over the top of the pipe. When the trench conditions are unsuitable, select bedding and backfill materials may be required.

b. Copper - Bedding shall be clean topsoil, non-limestone select granular material or sand, conforming to PennDot Publication 408, Section 703.1, 703.2 or 703.3 respectively. Bedding shall be placed twelve (12") above and six (6") inches below the water line.

c. Where applicable, backfill must meet all local municipal and/or state requirements.

d. Backfilling can not be completed until Authority personnel have inspected, tested and approved the installation including depth. All joints, fittings and fire hydrant connections must be visible to the inspector.

e. Underground Marking Tape as listed on Page 1 - 2 of these specifications is to be placed a minimum of one (1') foot above the installed water line.

5. Utility Separation - A minimum of twelve (12") inches of vertical separation must be maintained between the water main and any sanitary/storm sewer crossing with each pipe being installed on a solid ledge. A minimum of five (5') feet horizontal separation must be maintained between the water main and sanitary/storm sewer if they are the same elevation. The horizontal separation between water lines and all other utilities is a minimum of five (5') feet.

6. Installation Layout - Control stakes for general layout and control lines and grades for construction work shall be provided by the Contractor at one hundred (100') foot intervals or as directed by the Authority.

7. Dead End Installations - All water main extensions shall end with a gate/butterfly valve of the same diameter as the installed water main.

8. Blow-off-Assemblies - Shall be required on all dead end lines and shall be as follows:

a. Six (6") inch and smaller mains - Two (2") inch curb stop and blow-off, with a two (2") inch BRASS NIPPLE between the two inch curb stop and cap/plug.

b. Eight (8") inch mains - Four (4") inch valve and blow-off.

c. Twelve (12") inch and larger mains - Six (6") inch valve and blow-off.

9. Minimum Pipe Length - No ductile iron pipe shall be installed less than two (2') feet in length without prior approval of the Authority.

10. Valves/Fittings - All valves and fittings are to have Mega-Lug Glands or equal manufactured to ASTM A536, 60-42-10 ductile iron standards.

a. All nuts/bolts shall be installed with the proper torque according to the manufactures' instructions.

b. The valve box shall be installed in a manner approved by the Authority.

11. Trenchless Installation - Will be acceptable provided that it is done so no settlement above the pipeline or voids around and below the pipeline occur.

12. Customer Notification - At least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the scheduled work, all affected property owners shall be notified by the contractor that they will be without water service. In the event that water service to any property must be interrupted for longer than eight (8) hours, it is the contractor's responsibility to provide temporary water service to that property.

At least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the scheduled work, all affected property owners shall be notified by the contractor that access to their property will be interrupted or limited. In the event that access must be interrupted for longer than eight (8) hours, it is the contractor's responsibility to provide temporary access to that property.

13. Pressure Testing - shall be in accordance with AWWA C600. Hours for beginning a pressure test are between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

14. Disinfection - shall be in accordance with AWWA C651-92.

15. Bacteriological Test - When the water in the treated main shall have been proven comparable to that of the source, the main will be charged with source water and allowed to stand for a period of twenty-four (24) hours. After this period a water sample will be collected for a bacteriological test. Bacteriological analysis will be run by a commercial or other laboratory approved by the Authority and paid by the owner/contractor.

Water Service Lines

1. **Depth** - All service connections must be installed to a minimum depth of four (4') feet and a maximum depth of seven (7') feet below finished grade.

2. **Trenching** - Trenches shall provide solid and continuous bearing for all pipe installed. Over excavation shall be backfilled to the proper grade with compacted earth, sand fine gravel or similar material. Piping may not be supported by rocks or blocks at any point. Rocky soil shall be over excavated to a depth equal to one times the pipe diameter or six (6") inches whichever is greater and backfilled to the proper grade with compacted granular material.

3. **Backfill/Bedding** - All services requiring copper tubing shall be bedded with a minimum of six (6") inches on the bottom and sides, with twelve (12") inches on the top of clay or sand (no limestone sand permitted).

a. Ductile Iron pipe - When acceptable to the Authority, native material may be used for bedding and/or backfill. When the trench conditions are unsuitable, select bedding and backfill materials may be required.

b. Copper - Bedding shall be clean topsoil, non-limestone select granular material or sand, conforming to PennDot Publication 408, Section 703.1, 703.2 or 703.3 respectively. Bedding shall be placed twelve (12") above and six (6") inches below the water line.

c. Prior to the backfilling of an service connection trench, Authority personnel must inspect the installation with the service line under operating pressure. All joints, fittings and valves must be visible to the inspector.

d. All service connections requiring ductile iron pipe shall be bedded in conformance with the specifications listed in Section 3, Paragraph A3 of these specifications.

e. Underground Marking Tape conforming to Section 1, Paragraph G of these specifications is to be placed a minimum of one (1') foot above the installed water line.

4. **Horizontal Location** - All service valves will be installed approximately six (6') feet from the property line within the public right-of-way and marked with a stake painted blue. On service connections larger than two (2") inches a Foster Adapter must be installed to allow the direct connection of the gate valve to the tee if necessary to keep the valve within the public right-of-way. No service valves can be installed under sidewalks or pavement. Service connections crossing roadways require the installation of a gate valve on the end of the pipe.

5. **Utility Separation** - A minimum of twelve (12") inches of vertical separation must be maintained between the water main and any sanitary/storm sewer crossing with each pipe being installed on a solid ledge. A minimum of five (5') feet horizontal separation must be maintained between the water main and sanitary/storm sewer if at the same elevation. The horizontal separation between water lines and all other utilities is a minimum of five (5') feet.

6. **Trenchless Installation** - Will be acceptable provided that it is done so no settlement above the pipeline or voids around and below the pipeline occur. There must also be no joints in copper service connections within the bored distance.

7. **Existing Service Connections** - It shall be the Contractors responsibility to physically verify the location and size of all service lines prior to starting excavation. It is also the Contractors responsibility to determine the location of all other utilities within the work area.

8. Customer Notification - At least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the scheduled work, all affected property owners shall be notified by the contractor that they will be without water service. In the event that water service to any property must be interrupted for longer than eight (8) hours, it is the contractor's responsibility to provide temporary water service to that property.

At least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the scheduled work, all affected property owners shall be notified by the contractor that access to their property will be interrupted or limited. In the event that access must be interrupted for longer than eight (8) hours, it is the contractor's responsibility to provide temporary access to that property.

Fire Hydrants

1. All fire hydrants shall be installed with a six (6")inch gate valve between the fire hydrant and the distribution line.
2. Fire hydrants of the proper length are to be installed to meet proposed grade.
3. In situations where an extension is necessary to meet proposed grade, only base extensions may be used after receiving Authority approval.

Violations

The Authority reserves the right to have any developer/contractor correct any violations concerning the installation of water mains, services or fire hydrants at the developers expense discovered during or after the Authority inspection(s) have been completed. The Authority will not provide water service or take possession of the water main until said corrections have been completed and comply with Authority specifications.