

Executive Director's Report – April 9, 2019

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – March / April 2019

- 1. Two Rivers Annual Bill** – On March 22 we received the annual bill covering the period from 11/2018 to 10/2019 (six months late as usual). Our base bill for the year is \$1,905,570 – down \$149,580 (or 7.28%) from last year's bill. We also receive a credit for units on Fort Monmouth (split with Two Rivers) that amounts to \$96,660 resulting in our final bill of \$1,808,910. The total budget for the Two Rivers Authority is up 3.75%; the "customer towns" fees were down 2.62%.
- 2. Lining Project** – The contractor's schedule of work indicates that the cleaning and video work will begin on April 8 and all the work will be complete by June 24.
- 3. Richard's Retirement Plans** – Richard's announcement that he planned to retire on April first did not consider all the vacation time he has on the books. Richard's official retirement date will be June 1st but he will be using vacation days from April 15 until June 1. The personnel committee met on March 15 to discuss plans for the future (I will explain further during a personnel session at our meeting).
- 4. Emergency Response Plans** – There was no activity on this item during the month.
- 5. Sun Eagles Agreement** – I have not heard anything new on this issue.
- 6. Old Orchard Pump Station** – We are waiting for additional information from the engineer on the easement location.
- 7. Fort Monmouth / Army Engineers** – We sent the information regarding our easement through Fort Monmouth per the suggestion of Bruce Steadman of FMERA (he suggested he would work with the army corps to extend the easement). Steadman immediately responded by saying the Army Corps would not do anything unless they were given written assurance that they would not have to post the \$5,000 escrow for the remediation work (basically the same extortion we heard before). On April 3 Steadman reiterated by email that the *"Army will not begin the review of your request to extend the easement unless/until you have confirmed that your Authority will not request payment by Army of any monitoring costs from the Authority's engineer"*
- 8. GIS System** – Our field personal continue to use the rented GPS antenna to locate manholes – as of this writing they have pinpointed.
- 9. County RIM Program** – Peter and Gloria have been researching scanning equipment and a software representative is scheduled to be in the office on April 10th.
- 10. Office Network Upgrade** – We are still holding off on the conversion due to other commitments.
- 11. Premise Number / Billing Issue** – Mr. Bonello has sent another letter explaining the possibility that they could be included in a tax sale; we are waiting for a reply.