

Executive Director's Report – September 10, 2019

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – August / September 2019

1. Insurance Changes – On Friday 8/23 Michelle and I met with Mary Beth of Connor Strong to discuss health insurance changes. As of next January 1, our current provider “Qualcare” will no longer be available – Mary Beth is recommending Aetna as our new provider. After reviewing the Aetna package, it appears to be as good and maybe even better than the one we have now. We discussed the vision plans available and came to the conclusion that our best option would be to continue to use the reimbursement system we have. The dental plan would be unchanged since it is not with Qualcare.

2. Sun Eagles Area – Following up on the discussion at the last meeting, we set up another conference with FMERA and Tinton Falls on August 22 regarding this property (Brian and Ben represented the Board along with our Attorney, Engineer and myself). Mr. Bonello presented the meter pit scenario, in which we would compensate TF for flow and accept responsibility for a percentage of the interceptor line; this was rejected by their lawyer. Tinton Falls wanted all connection fees (at \$3,900 each) and they wanted all the annual fees leaving us with nothing to support the maintenance of the collection system. Eventually the FMERA attorney suggested a plan in which the developer would pay connection fees to both towns and we would share in the annual fees; a formal plan is being developed as of this writing.

3. Staff Changes – New employee Chris Muccie seems to be working out very well. Chris is in contact with a previous employer (Princeton) to get verification of his time of employment there; this would enable him to take his C-1 certification exam since he has already completed the classwork. Kevin took the C-1 exam in August and we just learned that he was unsuccessful – he was just 3 points short of passing. We will encourage him to retake the exam in March.

4. Fort Monmouth / Army Engineers – The contractor doing the work was scheduled to begin in late August – I have not been on site (although Herb and a representative of T&M were). The engineer will report on the status of the project at our meeting

6. Premise Number / Billing Issue – The last property with a balance – 5 Star Aquatics on Industrial Way West – has agreed to a payment plan involving 12 monthly payments. With this agreement all the properties that owed us due to the Water Company error have been resolved

7. JCP&L Damage Tinton Ave. – I do not have anything new on this matter

8. Old Orchard Pump Station – Mr. Bonello continues to try to set up negotiations with the ownership of Old Orchard

9. DCH Easement – I have no new information on this issue.