

Executive Director's Report – October 8, 2019

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – September / October 2019

- 1. Sun Eagles Area** – Following the meeting of August 22, in which the issue of connection fees was apparently resolved, the Tinton Falls attorney submitted a revised proposed agreement which dealt with annual service fees. His proposal would result in ESA losing over \$11,000 a year which Mr. Bonello advised him was unacceptable. On October 1 I met with the Mayor and Administrator prior to a meeting they were having FMERA officials. I was also in contact with the FMERA attorney who indicated TF wants to change law to allow us to charge their rate (and then send all the money to them). Mr. Bonello and I will provide an update on any progress at the meeting.
- 2. CDL Testing** – Drivers holding a commercial license are required to undergo random periodic drug testing (25% of staff each year). Since we have such a small group (3) some years ago we proposed that our guys be included with the Borough employees. Herb reports that it appears this may have fallen through the cracks, since none of our staff have been tested recently. I spoke with the Borough Administrator who will check if we can join their group. If few are unable to join the Borough, we have the name of a testing company and will proceed on our own.
- 3. Vac Con Truck** – Our Vac Con truck is back in service, at least for now. Herb has been working to develop plans and a budget for a new truck and we met with a representative who laid out a truck that meets Herb's need and will cost slightly under \$500,000. It appears we would be able to purchase the unit from the state contract and finance it over 10 years through the Monmouth County Improvement Authority, if the board so wishes.
- 4. 2018 Audit** – On October 3 we had a telephone conference with Bob Oliwa's office regarding the draft audit for 2018. Steve Colvell will be at our meeting to review the audit with the Board.
- 5. 2020 Budget** – Michelle and I have begun to work on the budget for 2020.
- 6. Old Orchard Pump Station** – Christine and I are scheduled to meet with one of the owners on October 3 – I will report on the results at our meeting.
- 7. DCH Easement** – Herb and I met with the contractor on the site and we are trying to work out a plan that will not require the removal of the existing trees (which would cause problems with the neighbors).