

## **Executive Director's Report – December 10, 2019**

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – November / December 2019

- 1. Sun Eagles Area** – Kara Kopach FMERA laid out an interpretation of the proposed agreement with Tinton Falls that would be much more favorable toward ESA. The Mayor is working with TF officials to see if they agree with her interpretation of the proposal.
- 2. Rules and Regulations Revision** – We sent the revisions (regarding “electronic” as built) to the attorney for his review. The changes were adopted contingent on his approval
- 3. Two Rivers Main Pump Station Project** – We received notice that Two Rivers has begun the process to bond for an estimated 75-million-dollar project to replace their main pump station and pipe crossing Pleasure Bay. M. Gianforte explained that the project will be bonded over 30 years and that the existing bonds from the plant expansion of the late 1990's are being retired so basically the new bonds will replace the old ones and there should not be any impact on our annual fee. Planning, design, permitting and bidding should be finished by September 2021 and they anticipate construction being complete in December 2023.
- 4. Connection Fee Hearing** – The Auditor has submitted his calculation for the connection fee (in 2020 it will be \$1,934, an increase of \$38 over 2019 [2%]). We will have the hearing to adopt the new fee at our meeting.
- 5. Vac Con Truck** – The M.C.I.A. bonds were sold at a very favorable rate and we are now working on the paperwork with our bond counsel and auditor.
- 6. 2020 Budget** – The state reviewed and approved our 2020 budget on November 25. We can now adopt the budget at our meeting.
- 7. Old Orchard Pump Station** – I most recently spoke to Craig Kiely on 12/6 and he promised to try to get back to me by our meeting. I explained the project was urgent and if we could not work out a mutually agreeable plan our only other option would be the eminent domain route.