

Executive Director's Report – October 13, 2020

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – September / October 2020

- 1. Pandemic Conditions** – There has been no change in our operations since last month. The Borough Hall is still closed to the public; I recently spoke to the Mayor who could not say when the building would be back to normal. He also conceded that there was no chance that the Authority would be getting any additional space. Given that reality a Board member suggested the possibility of renting space on White Street for an annex office; I would be interested in the opinions of the other Board members.
- 2. 263 Wyckoff Road** – On September 15, our crew responded to a blockage and spent all day trying to clear it. They were able to punch a small hole in it, but this was a temporary solution at best, and we had to call in our contractor (North American Pipe). On the 24th NAP excavated the road and made the repair – the cost was \$15,750.
- 3. Proposed Brewery** – A developer is proposing a micro-brewery on Hope Road; our rules prohibit breweries (Exhibit A, Section 2, #5). I spoke to our attorney who felt that the rule does not recognize the difference between micro-breweries and massive industrial facilities. The developer submitted technical data which I forwarded to T&M and Two Rivers for their comments.
- 4. Insurance Dividend** – The Central Jersey Health JIF has issued a dividend – in our case it amounted to \$ 36,765.
- 5. 12 Pearce Avenue** – Our crew responded to a reported blockage and were unable to locate the clean out, so the owner had to call a plumber to clear the blockage. The owner complained about the cost and pointed out that a neighbor had a blockage that was cleared at no cost to the owner (in that case our crew was able to locate the clean out and clear the blockage in the lateral). I advised her that she could appeal to the Board - as of this writing we have not received any letter.
- 6. Sun Eagles Area** – After we received the check to replenish the escrow T&M issued a review letter for the most recent submission by the developer.
- 7. Audit / Budget / Fee Structure** – The Auditor advised that a draft of the audit should be ready for our meeting. Peter, Michelle, and I have been working on the 2021 budget. In the past our work on the budget has focused on expenses, but this year we will also have issues with income – the closure of large retail and commercial facilities due to the virus will reduce our income due to a reduction in flow (Gloria is working to try to quantify the amount of reduction we can expect). As a result, I think the Board should consider an increase in fees for 2021. I have attached information on past increases.

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8. Document Scanning – On September 17, a representative from Alternative Micro visited the shop to examine the documents we want to have scanned and took 30 boxes of material to begin the process.

9. Old Orchard Pump Station – John Bonello advised that the owners may be interested in working out an arrangement allowing us to proceed, but I have not heard anything directly from the Cleary firm or the owners.

10. New Vac Con Truck - The day after our meeting the new truck had a problem and had to be sent back to the dealer. It was repaired and returned but on October 2 it malfunctioned again and as of this writing is going back to the dealer again. As a result, we have postponed the sale of the old truck.

11. Rainfall / Infiltration – In response to the question regarding the rainfall study, Herb advised that our rain gauge at the shop has been out of service for years. Herb gets rain data from the weather service website. I received some monthly flow statistics from Two Rivers and will try to compare the rain data with the flow numbers

12. FMERA Bowling Alley – I have nothing new to report on this item this month

13. Mall Development – I have nothing new since last month.

14. JCP&L Damage Tinton Ave. – I have no new information on the status of the suit that has been filed.