

## **Executive Director's Report – May 11, 2021**

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – April / May 2021

- 1. Herb's Certification** – The best news of the month is that on April 20 Herb took and passed the test for his C-2 certification – so we now have an officially certified C-2 operator to manage our C-2 system and will no longer have to hassle with the bureaucrats in Trenton! Per our discussions I authorized Gloria to adjust Herb's salary to reflect his new status, but I would like the Board to officially endorse the action at the meeting.
- 2. Borough Take Over** – As I reported in my email, on April 14 I received a call from the Mayor indicating that the Borough was talking about eliminating the Sewerage Authority and making the service part of the municipality. Other than saying “no one will lose their jobs” he provided no other rationalizations claiming there would be “efficiencies”. (of course, the Board members, attorney and I would be out). I spoke to the acting administrator and I received the same vague “efficiencies” line. The Administrator suggested that members of the Board could meet with the Mayor and Borough Attorney, but I told him I would prefer to meet with the entire governing body. In an effort to provide some perspective I did some research in my records and found that since 1983 my cost for sewer service has increased by 280% - but the municipal portion of my tax bill has increased by 662%. I think the difference shows the Sewerage Authority has done a great job of controlling costs.
- 3. Old Orchard Pump Station** – The Cleary firm reported that they filed the escrow for the easement with the court on April 19. This should enable us to move forward with the rebuilding of the pump station. I will ask Mr. Bonello to report further at our meeting.
- 4. Sun Eagles Area** – It appears that work is under way on the project, but we have not received any indication that the state approval for sewer work has been approved.
- 5. JCP&L Damage Tinton Ave.** – I have nothing new to report on this matter.
- 6. Emergency repair contracts** – T&M plans to have an in person bid opening on June 1 at the municipal building so that they can review and make a recommendation for our June meeting.
- 7. Safety Award** – Herb and his crew received another annual safety award from our insurance carrier,
- 8. Computer System Upgrade** – Gloria has been working on the installation of the new computers as time allows.
- 9. By law update** – I have reached out to other authorities to try to ask if they have by-laws and if so, what they cover.