

Executive Director's Report – August 10, 2021

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – July / August 2021

- 1. Pandemic Issues** – We have advertised the fact that the August meeting will be in person and reserved the room.
- 2. Two Rivers Bill** – We finally received our bill for 2021 from TRWRA - \$1,738,145: an increase of \$5,623 or 0.32%. Mike Gianforte called to explain that a review of their records revealed that they failed to apply credits in years 2018 and 2020 (the credits are from fees paid by FMERA); those credits, added to this year's credit (\$96,660) reduce our bill by \$289,980.
- 3. Member Absences** – Per the request at the last meeting John Bonello researched the issue of members missing meetings; the statute is NJSA 40A:9-12.1g. The statute seems to indicate that a member with 4 consecutive unexcused absences can be removed by the Borough Council. It allows for local standards, but I could not find anything in the Borough's ordinances.
- 4. Fort Monmouth Easement** – We have finally received (on July 29) the executed easement from the Army. The easement is for 10 years not 50 as in the past but the Army should be out of the area by 2031.
- 5. Borough Take Over** – I have not had any word from the Borough on the matter.
- 6. Vaccinations** – The JIF sent out a question to members asking if they were requiring their employees to be vaccinated – they received 40 responses, and all indicated that vaccinations were not mandatory.
- 7. Asset Management** – I am scheduled to meet with Ryan Kraus of South Monmouth SA on August 5 (John Bonello suggested last month) – too late for this report but I will report at the meeting. I also downloaded the material referenced by the Chairman but could not find a generic model.
- 8. Old Orchard Pump Station** – The Treatment Works Approval (TWA) application has been submitted to the state and we are waiting for approval at which point we will move forward with bidding.
- 9. Sun Eagles Area** – Work is proceeding but we have not heard anything new regarding an agreement with Tinton Falls as to how Suneagles should be billed for flow until the meter is installed.
- 10. JCP&L Damage Tinton Ave.** – we received interrogatories from JCP&L, and Herb and I are coordinating our response with John Bonello. Depositions are scheduled for later in August.