

# Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority

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**TO:** The Mayors of Eatontown, Fair Haven, Little Silver, Monmouth Beach, Oceanport, Red Bank, Rumson, Sea Bright, Shrewsbury Borough, Shrewsbury Township, Tinton Falls, West Long Branch, Eatontown Sewerage Authority Chairman

**FROM:** Michael A. Gianforte, P.E., Executive Director

**DATE:** September 4, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Community Update – September 2019

In order to keep all towns served by Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority informed about the activities of the Authority, we hereby provide this periodic update. This is a summary of reports and action taken at the Authority's recent public meetings.

**1. Passing of Board Secretary and former Engineering Chairman William R. Baarck**

After a very successful engineering career and productive tenure at Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority, Secretary William R. Baarck passed away in April of this year.

**2. Main Pump Station Replacement**

The Authority retained the services of a tunneling expert Robert Goodfellow of Aldea Services Inc. to act as Special Consultant for the tunneling portion of the project.

The Authority also interviewed the firms that responded to the Request for Proposals for final design and construction services.

The Authority authorized execution of an agreement with Hazen and Sawyer Engineers for said services in August.

The project's current schedule is as follows:

Design Phase Services 30% Design	December 2019
Design Phase Services, 100% Design	September 2020
Permitting	July 2021
Bidding	September 2021
Construction	December 2023

The total cost of this major project is estimated to be 40 to 60 million dollars. This estimate will be more refined in early 2019.

The Authority would be pleased to discuss the impact and timing of this project with any member or customer town. Please contact me to discuss the project.



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3. **Member Town Connection Fee Hearing**

The annual connection fee hearing was cancelled because the calculation resulted in a fee that was essentially the same as last year and a hearing to change the fee was not required.

4. **FEMA Payments for Hurricane Sandy Damage**

The Authority received notification that another \$142,000 was approved by FEMA for small projects related to Hurricane Sandy damage. When the payments are received, the credit will appear in the next customer town bill.

5. **Fort Monmouth Sewer Replacement**

The Authority authorized execution of two Memorandum of Understandings (MOU). The first secured funding for the new regional pump station, force main and East Interceptor from FMERA property sales on the former military base. The second MOU continues the agreement to provide sewer services to the former military base.

6. **Annual Audit**

The Authority accepted the Annual Audit report prepared by Wiss and Company. The Audit reflects a decrease in general operating expenses over the prior year. It also reflects the new GASB 75 calculation which caused the Authority to realize a new 7.7-million-dollar liability in addition to the GASB 68 OPEB liability of 7.2-million-dollar. It also required a restatement of prior year's Audit for these liabilities. The total impact of these reporting regulations results in a 14.9 million dollar hit on the equity of the Authority and puts the Authority in a negative undesignated net position for the first time.

7. **Annual Budget**

The Annual Budget approved at the August meeting reflects a total increase in spending over the 2019 budget of 1.1%. The major impact to the long range budget is the retirement of the Plant Expansion debt service and the initiation of the Main Pump Station Replacement Project debt service.



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