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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

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

DATE: September 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Community Update – September 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE

We had a positive case in September and had some staff in quarantine. The Authority is instituting a very limited remote work schedule in the main office to curb the potential transmission of COVID 19 and its variants. The office remains closed to bill paying customers. The Board continues to meet in person with the option to be remote.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Portable Pump Purchase

The Authority purchased a 2013 10-inch Godwin pump from the Borough of Bradley Beach that was maintained but not used since it was purchased by the Borough after Hurricane Sandy. The pump has already paid for itself in avoided rental costs on regional pump station projects and in the Treatment Plant.

Regional Pump Station Channel Grinder Installation

The project consists of the installation of four (4) channel mounted grinders within the influent channels of Pump stations 3, 5, 12 and 13 to replace the existing coarse bar screens and circumvent routine staff entry of hazardous confined spaces.

Pump Station 12 Infrastructure Upgrades

This project consists of major electrical, ventilation and life safety system upgrades as well as interior and exterior rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation & Cleaning of Major Interceptors

The Authority has rehabilitated approximately 2,050LF of gravity sewers ranging in size from 18-36 inch, with a Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP) method. Additionally, approximately 8,175LF of previously unreachable sanitary sewer mains ranging in size from 18-36 inch was cleaned inspected.

Contract #200 Easements

The Authority has secured most required easements for the proposed Pleasure Bay Crossing and the Main Pump Station. The Authority continues to attempt to negotiate with the property owners but is preparing for alternative action to secure the required easements.

LOIC License Exemption

The Interim Authority Licensed operator has passed the S4 exam.

Update to the Authority Policy Manual

The Authority adopted a revised policy manual in accordance with the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) Model Manual to address recent court decisions and current issues.

Member Town Connection Fee Hearing

The Authority conducted a hearing to revise the fee from \$5,500 to \$5,750.00 in accordance with the Statute.

FEMA BRIC Funding for New Main Pump Station and Tunnel

FEMA determined that the Authority, and many other New Jersey entities, are ineligible for the program because FEMA incorrectly does not recognize the States Hazard Mitigation Plan. The State of New Jersey has begun a group appeal on our behalf. There is little hope for funding through the 2021 BRIC, even if we win the appeal since all the BRIC money has been committed after they found us, and other New Jersey entities, ineligible.

The Authority is working with the State OEM on an alternative Grant Program.

2022 Budget

The Approved Authority Budget reflects a modest surplus and does not warrant a Member Town rate increase.

Appropriations net of debt and R&R decreased by \$500,000 the majority of which is contractually obligated.

There is a substantial increase in the capital budget and a substantial decrease in debt service which resulted from the retirement of the PE&U Debt. The increase and decrease will net, and not create a significant change with regards to the Customer Town Bill.

Fort Monmouth

Due to recent developments and progression of existing contract purchasers, the sewer improvements on the Former Fort Property are being expedited. Funding for the improvements will not come from the Authority or its Customer Towns.

1. The existing MOU with FMERA does not satisfy federal requirements for the use of the additional federal funds FMERA expects to receive. The Attorney General's office is preparing an agreement to satisfy the federal requirements and allow federal grant money to be utilized for Fort Sewer improvements.