

## **Executive Director's Report – January 09, 2024**

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – November / December / January 2024

- 1. Employment Issues** – Chris is settling into the acting superintendent position – he is reviewing our safety procedures and reports that we may need to secure additional confined space equipment. Dan Edgeworth is on the job as our new maintenance #2 employee.
- 2. State Legislation** – The AEA, as well as Mike Willis, advised about proposed legislation (S-4118) that would exempt any “redevelopment projects” from paying any additional connection fees if they have been in operation for at least 20 years. It appears that this proposal would enable the Mall to avoid paying any additional connection fees for the 1,000 apartments they plan to add. I contacted the office of our state senator (Vin Gopal) to object to the proposal. It was scheduled for a committee hearing on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> - as of this writing I have not heard of the results.
- 3. Borough Recognition** – On Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> the Mayor and Council will be recognizing Brian and Herb for their many years of service to the residents of Eatontown.
- 4. Liberty Point (Howard Commons)** – The Treatment Works Application has been signed and submitted for approval; the engineer has reviewed and worked out most of the details with the applicant. One aspect of the work will be repairs to existing sewer lines in the area – the applicant has asked if the Authority would share the costs of those repairs (via a credit applied to connection fees) – I advised them that the Board would have to discuss the matter.
- 5. Capital Improvements** – One of the two replacement generators (diesel to natural gas) from last year's package has been delivered and the engineer is prepared to bid out the phase 1 construction work that had to be delayed.
- 6. Old Orchard Development** – During the hearing on the easement we argued that the material did not qualify as a “plan” since it did not show at least 20 acres – despite that the commissioners “split the difference” between the two offers. The developer has now submitted a scheme to the Planning Board that does not use any of the easement area for housing.
- 7. Netflix / FMERA** – Nothing new on this issue.