

## **Executive Director's Report – May 9, 2023**

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – April / May 2023

1. **Vacation** – I will miss next month's meeting due to a long-planned vacation – I will try to get a monthly report in before I leave.
2. **Capital Improvements Revisions** – Due to the costs involved in the Old Orchard P.S. easement it will be necessary to revise our plans for capital improvements in the 2023 budget and put off the infrastructure project until next year (we can do the engineering work this year).
3. **Wilson Avenue Sewers** – The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) finally arrived from FMERA and will be on the agenda at our meeting. Their proposal is to have FMERA cover all the costs of the work (the MOU amount seems to be the construction cost estimate prepared by Colliers and the bidding / inspection fees quoted by T&M; there is a question regarding the Treatment Works application fee). The system will be the same as that for the pump station work – T&M bills us and we are reimbursed by FMERA.
4. **Safety** – As you may have read in the papers, the NJ POSHA levied a fine of \$168,000 against the Middletown Township Sewer Authority following the death last spring of one of their employees. I met with Herb to review our safety procedures.
5. **Officials Seminar** – Due to problems with their web site the MEL extended the cutoff date until May 31.
6. **Old Orchard Pump Station** – Neighbors have expressed concern regarding screening for the new pump station – the problem seems to be that the station occupies all the area of the easement – I will be working with the engineer and attorney to try and develop a solution.
7. **Old Orchard Easement** – The law requires us to pay interest on the difference between the funds we posted and the amount of the final award. The difference is \$119,000 and the rate is 5% for the 2 years the process was going on – I would estimate about \$11,900.
8. **Sun Eagles** – John Bonello sent the letter per our last meeting and we actually received a check for the escrow (39k+)! Still nothing new on the Parshall Flume.
9. **Police Storage Building** – The Traffic Safety officer is coordinating with Herb regarding the proposed location of their storage building.