

Executive Director's Report – August 13, 2024

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – July / August 2024

1. **“Downstream” Issues** – T&M is working reviewing flow data regarding the Mall project – as previously reported we will absorb the Liberty Point share in exchange for them rebuilding the Eaton Crest Pump Station and upgrading the line under Grant Avenue.
2. **Two Rivers Bill** – On July 22 we received the formal bill from Two Rivers covering the period 11/1/23 to 10/31/24. Since this bill always arrives long after our budget has been adopted, we try to provide enough funding to cover any increase (last year our bill was \$1,900K so I budgeted \$2,100K - +10%). The actual bill turned out to be down almost \$250K! Mike Gianforte explained that the change was due to anticipated projects that came in under budget or were found to be unnecessary. He emphasized, however, that debt service for their huge Pleasure Bay tunnel project will kick in in 2028.
3. **New Member** – As of this writing I have not heard of a replacement for Stacey Fox – the mayor reports they have no letters of interest in their files.
4. **Old Orchard Pump Station** – I told Steve Schriber and Ruchit Patel that the Board was not happy with T&M's response to the drainage conditions at the location. They are working on a response.
5. **Liberty Point** – Lennar submitted a proposed “developer's agreement” for the rebuilding of the Eaton Crest PS (see item #1), which I sent to John Bonello and T&M for their review. John had no problems with it and T&M had some minor changes.
6. **Staff Issues** – Stephen Jones was dismissed during his probation period – the position was posted on “Indeed” which generated a large number of responses – Chris and the personnel committee are reviewing them.
7. **Capital Improvement Projects** – The Phase 1 lining work on Lewis Street, Pinebrook Road and South Street has been largely completed and they are working on manhole rehabilitation as of this writing. Ruchit submitted a proposal for Phase 2 design / administration \$52,400 which would be reduced but \$6,000 if we do the inspections (Chris advised he has no problem doing the inspections).
8. **Bonding** – Michelle is working on an application to the Monmouth County Improvement Authority to see if we can use them to secure a new camera truck/system and office improvements.