

WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For the meeting of

May 25, 2016

WEBSITE/TRANSPARENCY

Website

You may have noticed that the most recent WVRSA meeting minutes do not appear on the Authority's website. Unfortunately this is due to the fact that we have no further capacity with our current web provider Optimum Online. In an effort to correct this we contacted Optimum and were informed that they were discontinuing their "free" web service and phasing out their fee based web service. In order to maintain an active web presence and to update the Authority's website we have signed an agreement with GovOffice (also Wanaque Borough's web provider) for three years of service (with a 3 year renewal option) at \$750 per year (copy attached). We will be working with our webmaster Kim Devore on implementation over the next several weeks.

Transparency

I am pleased to report that the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government has found that the information provided through the WVRSA website meets 10 of the 11 transparency criteria established by the organization (I believe we are actually 11 of 11 but they indicate we do not provide minutes and resolutions of the current year). The report (WVRSA findings are on page 10 of 13) can be found using the link below.

<http://njfog.org/files/2016/03/3.31.2016-NJFOG-Independent-Authorities-Report.pdf>

OXIDATION DITCH CLEANING

Three price quotes were solicited as per the Board's direction (see summary attached). Based upon the proposals submitted, we will be moving forward with the low quote provided by Residual Management Services (dba EarthCare). The RMS price combined with the budget cap of the \$30,000 we will result in the removal of approximately 87 cubic yards of material. We expect work to commence during the first week of June.

PURCHASE OF TEMPORARY AERATION SYSTEM

As of this writing, Coppola Services has not reduced the \$45K proposal to sell the temporary aeration system to the Authority. Boswell Engineering continues to work with Coppola but at this juncture it seems the focus is on Coppola providing the rationale for their price proposal (including an apparent manufacturer's guarantee of sell back at a set price). If there is movement within the next few days we will share report of same at next Wednesday's meeting.

DASHBOARD REPORTS

ODOR COMPLAINTS

As of this writing there have been no odor complaints since the last meeting of the Board. Complaints received between now and the May 25 meeting will be forwarded under separate cover.

SEPTAGE HAULER MONTHLY REPORT

Revenue for April was up slightly (2.3%) over March but down significantly (31.9%) compared to revenue generated in April 2015. Overall year to date revenues are down 1.3% over the same period last year.

Revenue from our largest hauler (Zuidema) is still down considerably (-20%) as compared to the same period last year. A conversation with the owner indicates there are a couple of concerns including the higher greywater threshold available at other nearby facilities (the greywater classification results in a lower disposal cost than a septage classification).

Revenues from Coppola have improved to the point where we are now only down 4.3% from the same period last year.

Year over year revenue from All County continue to show a large increase (85% or \$874K) however April 2016 revenue is almost 40% lower than April 2015 revenue.

UTILITY TRACK MONTHLY REPORT

On a positive note, electric costs for the main plant facility were down 13.5% (\$2,594) from March to April. Unfortunately costs remain significantly higher (31.9% or approximately \$35K) over the same period last year.

BANK RECONCILIATION MONTHLY REPORT

Cash at the end of April is down approximately \$260K from the close of March largely due to bill paying (including back monies owed to Boswell Engineering) from the Valley National revolving fund. We are expecting a payment of approximately \$800K from the Borough of Wanaque in the next several days which will help to rebuilding cash levels.

CANNING REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKING

I have highlighted a few areas of progress in yellow and bold italics.

OVERTIME MONTHLY REPORT

Year to date overtime costs remain under control at 15% (\$5,501) less than the same period last year.

PLANT FLOW MONTHLY REPORT

Plant flows for the month of April are down 7.5% from March and 13.1% from April 2015. Year to date overall flow is down 1.2% from the same period last year.