

WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 23, 2020

DASHBOARD REPORTS

SEPTAGE HAULER REVENUE

Revenue in August remained relatively flat from July and down slightly (6%) as compared to a 7 year average for August. That said, with one month of revenue yet to be reported for fiscal year 2020 we have already exceeded our anticipated budget level by more than \$50K. At the current trajectory it appears that, at fiscal year end on September, we will have exceeded our anticipated budget by more than \$120K.

SLUDGE DISPOSAL

Sludge production in August dropped precipitously (33%) from July as a result of continued work to raise dissolved oxygen levels. Year to date sludge levels remain higher than last year (18%) but appear to be on a positive trajectory.

PLANT FLOW

Average daily flow in August at 1.18 mgd rose for the second consecutive month exceeding July levels by 13.5%. While August is the fourth consecutive month of flows less than 95% of plant capacity (August average flow was 94.7%) of plant capacity, the 2020 average flow to date exceeds the average 8-year flows by more than 18%.

ELECTRIC EXPENSES

Electricity costs with one month remaining in the fiscal year are almost \$68K lower than for the same period in FY 2019. Average monthly costs at approximately \$19K are more than 20% lower than the average monthly cost last fiscal year. At the current trajectory year end electric costs are projected at \$40K to \$50K under the FY 2020 budget of \$275K.

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BANK RECONCILIATION/CASH

Cash levels at the close of August dropped \$541K (15%) but remain largely consistent with cash levels at the close of August in the prior four years.

FY 2020 S&W

Staff payroll costs through 25 of 26 payrolls continue to run well within budget for the fiscal year. (WVRS staff payroll is more than \$25K under budget year to date). As a reminder, however, when the FY2020 budget was adopted in September 2019 it was not yet clear whether we would be replacing the retiring Superintendent of Operations with a salaried staff person or with a contract consultant. \$50K was included in the budget to cover the post retirement period of April through September 2020. Ultimately the decision was made to hire a contract consultant to serve as the Authority's licensed plant operator. With that consulting costs have had to be charged to the S&W budget line (the budget location will be corrected with the FY2021 budget) as no other funding (beyond the \$50K referenced above) was included in the budget to cover this costs. With consulting costs included in this line, we are now projecting a \$22K deficit in the S&W line (down from the \$110K deficit projected in April, the \$67K deficit projected in May, the \$34K deficit projected in June and the \$30K deficit projected in July).

OVERTIME & SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

Overtime pay through 25 of 26 payrolls is tracking approximately \$9K over the \$55K budgeted within the S&W account. The higher figure is largely related to overtime expended earlier in the year to storms, covid and staffing shortages. . Shift differential through the same period is tracking 1% (\$357) under budget.

INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR

A total of hours has been worked through September 18, 2020 (close of FY 2020 for billing purposes). A total of \$48,568.75 was expended amounting to an over expenditure of \$1,568.75 (3.3%) over the FY 2020 budget of \$47,000.