

# WEST MILFORD MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

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The MUA and its Board of Commissioners has had its challenges with Bald Eagle Village this year. We want you to know that we are at work for you.

## Water

First and foremost was to provide drinking water that not only passed testing, but tasted and appeared acceptable.

An Engineering professional was engaged to provide formal flushing procedures for the water pipes. The MUA Operator is now following these procedures.

The water filter media has been changed.

The water storage tank on the mountain was thoroughly drained, cleaned, inspected and refilled.

A tank level indicator was installed to prevent water overflows. The chemicals to treat the water are expensive. When the tank overflows, this is not only wasteful, but messy as well. The new indicator communicates with the well house controls which is much more efficient than going up the mountain to visually check for overflows.

## Wastewater

The disposal fields are in bad condition. They are on the list of capital improvements but the overall cost makes complete replacement of all the fields out of reach. While the MUA professionals study alternative replacement methods, the disposal bed that has been used for 2-1/2 years failed. The DEP deemed this an emergency. Our team worked along with the MUA Engineer and the DEP to replace one of the beds in the north field. It is expected that the new bed will last a significant amount of time, but there are other challenges as well.

The new field cannot be used until a new pump is installed. Our crew is working on this today, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The denitrification filters in the sewer treatment plant are an integral part of the proper functioning of the system. It was further determined that they need to be replaced immediately so the effluent going to the fields is properly reduced to a substance that can be absorbed at the field. A discussion about the filters will be had at the MUA meeting tomorrow night.

All this takes money. The 2012 – 2013 Audited Statements show that the MUA is “in the black,” for the first time in many years. The MUA has improved financial controls, allowing the MUA to act fast when this emergency occurred.

We thank you for your patience and look for your continued support and encouragement though the tough road ahead.

Sincerely,

Carol Hardy, Chairperson