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It has been a while since I have provided a Waste Water Treatment Plant Project update to the residents, and with a growing number of concerned calls from the residents, I would like to take some time to address that today. There are two areas of the WWTP I would like to cover, the construction project and the Sludge Spill.

On March 12th, there was a Sludge Spill at the WWTP. One of the pumps did not have an automatic shut off feature, which lead to sludge, the waste matter at the plant, to overflow within the plant and into the parking lot. We were able to contain the spill to the plant location. Immediately following the spill, the Town contacted a company to come in and assist with clean-up and the disinfection process. One of the construction companies on site assisted with the containment and clean-up of the sludge that spilled outside. The Town's insurance company has been working with us since the spill occurred. They are actively reviewing every bill that we receive associated with the remediation of the spill and providing us with an ok, or they are actively investigating bills that are submitted. The building has been disinfected, and is currently awaiting repair work to be completed prior to resuming construction.

At the May Town Board Meeting a number of resolutions relating to the remediation and construction were presented to the Town Board for consideration, they were not voted on. These resolutions were all available at the pre-board meeting, which is held one week prior to the meeting. A couple of my fellow Board members wanted more information. I agree that everyone who is in the position to make decisions should have the ability to ask questions, however, I have serious concerns when these questions put a delay to the progress being made at the WWTP. With hopes that the Special Meeting that Councilperson Matters promised Town residents would occur within a week happens soon, we will be able to move forward.

These resolutions included proposals from construction companies for the work needed to be completed as a result of the damage from the sludge spill. This work must be completed before the construction companies will be able to proceed with the original contracted work – the WWTP upgrade. Also on the agenda were a few resolutions pertaining to the need for extensions. As a result of the spill and additional work added to the project by NYS, the companies have submitted a request for an additional 151 days to complete the project. This will push the completion date back to November 25th. As it stands right now, the current contracts the Town has with the companies is June 27

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. It is imperative that the Town Board votes on these resolutions in a timely fashion.

A concern that many people have right now, is the smell that is coming from the WWTP. There are two things driving the smell right now, the sludge spill remediation and the need to replace the clarifier drives. The replacement of the drives would allow the clarifiers to operate at full capacity, reducing the foul odor that is coming from the plant currently. There was also a resolution on the May agenda approving the drive replacement. This would be pending further NYS EFC approval- as do all amendments to the contract.

As we begin to have more information regarding the spill remediation and construction progress I will continue to bring it to your attention. As always, my doors are always open.

Be well.