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TO ALL WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CUSTOMERS: A RATE REDUCTION

Effective December 1, 2010, your quarterly Water and Sewer Bill will be reduced to \$253.00 from \$310.00 per billing unit. Your February 2011 water-sewer bill will reflect this rate reduction.

The Borough will also begin paying the water-sewer utility for water usage by municipal facilities, potentially providing \$50,000 additional revenue for the utility. In addition, the "Excess Use" charge (for ratepayers exceeding the 18,000 gallon per quarter minimum) will be adjusted from \$10.30 to \$14.05 per one thousand gallons. Using current data, changing the excess water rate will add approximately \$60,000 to the utility's revenue.

The Borough's consistent objective has been a modern water-sewer system that efficiently processes the water and sewerage we put into the system. We are currently losing water along its journey from the well head to our faucets. In addition our sewerage system processes rain and bay water that leak into sewerage pipes designed solely to carry sewerage from our homes and businesses. The following statistics were taken from the Borough's current master plan:

- 1- In 2007, the Borough pumped 189,671,000 gallons of water from its wells but only recorded 111,093,000 at the meters. Approximately 79 million gallons of a precious resource lost due to failures in our water infrastructure.
- 2- Ocean County Utilities Authority (OCUA) billed the borough for 245,439,000 gallons of waste water or 55 million more gallons than the Borough pumped from its wells and 134 million more gallons than were metered. At OCUA's billing rate of \$3,588 per million gallons, the Borough could be incurring as much as \$480,792 in extra costs for its waste treatment.

Although the Borough cannot expect to eliminate all of these costs, we do think Phase 2 of the water-sewer infrastructure project will address a large percentage of the system flaws creating the problem. Rest assured that as these anticipated savings are realized there will be further reduction in your water charges.

Sincerely,

Councilman Mike Tierney
Chairman, Finance Committee