

Phase 3 of Roseann Avenue project set to begin

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NORTH CAPE MAY — Phases 1 and 2 of the Roseann Avenue project are essentially complete as Phase 3 gets under way with the beginning of rebuilding the street and infrastructure to Bayshore Road.

Engineer Shawn Carr, of Mott MacDonald, said the contractor for Phases 1 and 2 of the Roseann Avenue storm sewer and paving project was addressing site and pump station punch list items. He said trees and sod would be installed in the fall.

Most of the shop drawings for Phase 3 of the project are complete. Well points are scheduled to be installed this week as well as delivery of pipes. Work for pipe installation will begin next week, according



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A pump station and generator have been installed as part of Phase 1 and 2 of the Roseann Avenue infrastructure improvement project.

to Carr.

Lower Township Manager Jim Ridgway said he received a conceptual draw-

ing of the end of Roseann

Avenue at Bayshore Road. "What I saw I really liked," he said.

Ridgway said Public Works Superintendent Gary Douglass would meet with residents of Roseann Avenue. Trees should be planted along Roseann Avenue Phases 1 and 2 by the end of October, Ridgway said.

He said Douglass had a crew checking generators at the pump station at Roseann Avenue and Clearwater Drive prior to the passage of Hurricane Dorian.

Councilman David Perry said street lighting had not been restored in the 300 block of Roseann Avenue. He said Ridgway contacted Atlantic City Electric on the matter.

Other engineering projects include additional beach access paths on the bayfront. Carr said the township has received a state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit for the work.

"We worked with Public Works on Shadeland Avenue to construct that beach access path," he said. "It's been cleared but Public Works needs to back-drag it and install the stairs."

Carr said the Shadeland Avenue path is closed to the public and will remain so until stairs are installed. Perry said he received phone calls from residents complaining about the slow progress of the path.

He said the path is a construction area, closed off with yellow tape. Perry asked "no trespassing" signs be posted at the site.

Renovations to Mulligan Field are planned. Carr said 95 percent of the plans were submitted to the township

two weeks ago. They will be reviewed by the Recreation Department.

Mott McDonald was authorized to assist consultant Marc Blauer with a Small Cities Grant application for renovations to Rotary Park on Bayshore Road.

Perry said the county would repave Bayshore Road from Town Bank Road to Charles Street, with a request for bids being advertised in the fall. He said he hoped the road would be paved in the early part of 2020.

"The rest of Bayshore Road area is under design and that should be completed by the end of this year and that will end up going out to bid," Perry said.

LTMUA plans sanitary sewer project

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VILLAS — The Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) is evaluating sanitary sewer pipes on Schellenger's Landing, some of which are being infiltrated with saltwater during high tides.

The MUA awarded a contract to Alaimo Group Engineering for sanitary sewer improvements at Schellenger's Landing during a meeting Sept. 4.

"Our crews finished classifying pipes in Schellenger's Landing and another group in East Villas," Executive Director Mike Chapman said. "The videos have been reviewed and the rough scope of work is prepared. It's time to figure out if the remainder of the pipes in the landing need to be replaced."

Chapman said the pipes need to be replaced instead of relined because they are too far gone. The MUA crews finished classifying the pipes in February.

"We have two more pipes we have to seriously consider," Chapman said. "A pipe that crosses [Route] 109 has a bow in it and it can't be videoed. We can't drain the pipe and the trick is there is only one way in, that will be done in the middle of the winter in the middle of the night, one lane at a time."

Every high tide, the MUA has higher than average water in the pumping station at Schellenger's Landing, according to Chapman.

"We are paying to treat a lot of water that is not sewer," Chapman said. "When that project is done, we will be able to quantify if we don't see that anymore."

Another ongoing project at

the MUA includes electrical improvements and backup generator installation at the plant. A video on ltmua.org shows the placement of the generator.

"Take a look at the generator being set, it's pretty cool," Chapman said.

The MUA increased the contracted amount for the Lincoln Boulevard and Leaming Avenue sanitary pump station by \$15,664.

"Surprisingly there were things under the ground which nobody knew about when we started," Chapman said. "There were pipes where they weren't supposed to be and the DRBA (Delaware River and Bay Authority) didn't know about them."

Adjustments to elevations were made by the contractor.

"It was justified," Chapman said. "A lot of water was

there so I'm really pleased that's all we're talking about on this project. They held off over the summer because we still have to demolish the old pump station. That will be a couple days' work."

Board Solicitor William Kaufmann reported Middle Township submitted its application for the MUA to provide water services for a section of Del Haven. He said he would inquire how long it would be for the turnaround time.

Engineer Craig Remington said the water system master permit submission was made.

"We are following up with the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) so we can proceed with the review and issue the permit," Remington said. "Electrical improvements to the treatment plant are ongoing and the emergency generator is set, but not bolted down yet."

The MUA accepted an audit completed by Bowman and Co.

"Everyone here does a good job watching the pennies," Chapman said. "We don't waste money here, everyone spends money like it's their own and it's a culture that has been here a long time. We have good financial results but we have to watch it because it could disappear with one calamity."

The audit found no significant deficiencies and no adjustments needed to be made.

"We made money on a budgetary basis and on a gap basis," finance professional Stephen Testa said. "We continue to update infrastructure and spend money on capital as needed, to expand into other areas. Money is reinvested into projects and all that is done without rate increases for a couple of years."

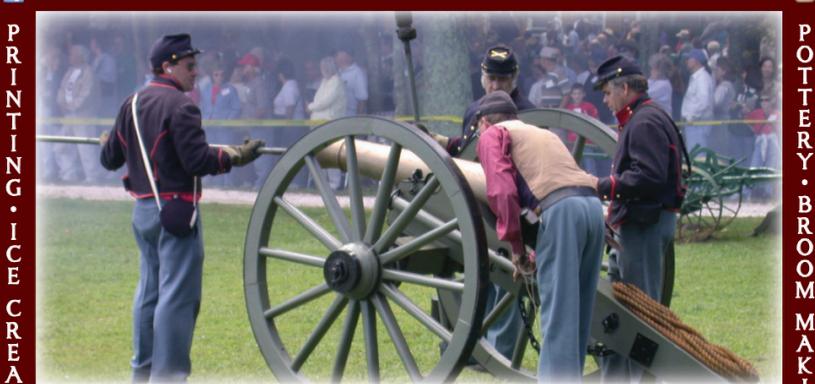
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