Monthly Manager's Report March 4, 2024

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 10am, we met with Robert Tankard and his team with DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality), Division of Water Resources. We talked about where we are on the SOC. We went over the whole SOC. He said that we were close to getting out from under the Moratorium. It may not be today, tomorrow, next week or next month, we will have to see.

We have been meeting with the team from DEQ, Office of Viable Utilities. This was our 3rd meeting with them. They are helping us with reporting and other things to get off the Moratorium.

We are still working on our Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project funded by CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). We are also still working on improvements to the drainage infrastructure in Maple and Nelson Street areas, through the NC Department of Public Safety.

Last month I also spoke about the grants we received from the NC Division of Water Infrastructure for \$8,000,000 for I&I and \$6,000,000 for Wastewater Treatment are still in the engineering stage.

Regarding our projects, Wastewater contracts I & II, we have turned this matter over to our Attorney and are not allowed to discuss it with the public. We have finally received the sign machine. I have had to reschedule training due to my surgery. Currently, I am rescheduling it.

I have been working with ITSS on our internet and cameras. We are making progress. We are visiting every pole and making sure all the connections are good.