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Cc: Vita Mekovetz <admin@clintontwpnj.org>; Darin Shaffer <dshaffer@njwsa.org>; Julie Shelley <jshelley@njwsa.org>

Subject: RE: County Road 629

Mayor Mullay:

Just an FYI. Darin and I have received calls from three Clinton Township residents with inquiries as follows:

1. Gentleman who lives on Old Mountain Road was asking if Clinton was going to discuss the road closing in a public forum. I believe he was going to reach out to the Township. He was disappointed that the road might be closed. I failed to get his name.
2. Individual just really confirming the news to be true
3. Individual who actually lives on the opposite side of the reservoir and just really seemed curious.

I am just forwarding the information for your benefit. I was also wondering if you could share the schedule and process or approach you are taking with our request and if it is OK to share with future people who may call.

Thank you,
Marc

From: Marc Brooks

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 12:49 PM

To: 'Brian Mullay'

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Good morning Mayor Mullay:

Thank you for taking the time along with Ms. Mekovetz on April 7 to discuss closing the portion of County Road 629 over and near the Round Valley embankment structures. As discussed, the Authority has asked Hunterdon County's Engineering Division to consider permanently closing County Road 629 for security reasons. The proposed closure would be similar to the current construction closure - from the intersection of Cherry Street and Old Mountain Road to the location of the existing gate just east of the driveway to the NJDEP "fishlabs" building. If approved by the Hunterdon County Commissioners, closing of the road would take the form of the County vacating the roadway right-of-way and ceding it to the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. The road would remain intact but gates would limit motor vehicle access to Authority vehicles as well as municipal and county emergency vehicles. The Authority also plans to make the road accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Hunterdon County's Engineering Division is prepared to make the recommendation to the County Commissioners **but has asked that the Authority provide a formal request. With that request, they have asked that we include resolutions, or letters of support from the mayors of both Clinton Township and Lebanon Borough. The County has suggested that the municipalities publicly discuss this matter on the record to minimize potential for complaints in the future if the closure becomes permanent.**

Be advised that when the NJWSA's contractor working at Round Valley is contractually allowed to reopen the road after dam reconstruction, they will be asked to leave the existing gates in place and remove all detour signs. The Authority is committed to opening the road to pedestrians and bicyclists, but that will be delayed until the Authority makes more permanent improvements to the gates and the dam construction is closer to 100% complete.

Please advise by email of your expected schedule for this request. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you,
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