

Consultant helps Cape May get all four wells online

CAPE MAY — The city received approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to put Well #6 back in operation.

“I want to thank our Water Department for all their hard work. When we first came into office in January of this year, two of our four wells were not functioning,” Mayor Zack Mullock said. “Over the previous two summers, the city was forced to purchase water from Lower Township because we were unable to meet the needs of our residents and visitors. Water is one of government’s most basic functions; we moved

this issue to the top of the new City Council’s list of priorities.”

According to a news release, after a couple of months of finger-pointing between the engineer, the installer and the manufacturer, the city engaged an independent consultant, Dennis Gaughan.

“We called in an experienced well driller. Dennis immediately began working through the problems, potentially saving the city millions,” Mullock said. “This is the first time in years that the city of Cape May is fully operational with all four wells up and running.”

Mullock thanked the city’s water department, in particular Rob Cumiskey and Joe Mendo for doing a wonderful job.

“We owe them a debt of gratitude, the mayor said.

Cape May recently received a \$400,000 grant for the installation of a dedicated 12-inch raw water main from Well No. 8 to the desalination facility to provide greater operational flexibility and improved resiliency on the raw water supply system. The city also recently completed a \$1 million project bringing a water transmission line directly from the water plant, across the tidal

marsh and into the center of town.

“Fixing the wells was the first step. At the same time we have begun planning for the future to make sure we provide the finest water possible to our citizens,” Mullock said.

He added that the city has hired an engineer to prepare a conceptual site and integration plan showing alternatives for the expansion identified in a previous needs assessment. Preliminary cost estimates for each conceptual site plan alternative will be a part of the report.

“We have already made the necessary changes to

fund the project and have applied for multiple grants. When the desalination plant was first completed it was

the envy of every municipality. We look forward to returning it to that position,” Mullock said.

CMPD gets new police cruiser: Electric bike

CAPE MAY — The Cape May Police Department has a new cruiser after Cape Island Bikes donated an electric bicycle to the department.

Owner Tom Roth has been a longtime resident of Cape May with lineage dating back for well more than 100 years.

“The Cape May Police Department, the Fire Department, the government, the administrators, all of Cape May have been great to us,” Roth said, noting that’s why he and his wife, Anita, chose to donate the bike. “They have been very helpful to us in dozens of circumstances, so me being in the business, not only in the electric bike rental business, but I’m also in the wholesale end of the business, it made sense for me to give back a little bit to the town that I love so much.”

Roth donated a Haven Power Flow Step Over with a max speed of 20 MPH and a range of 40+ miles depending on the

terrain, riding conditions and size of rider.

Joe Volpe, manager at Cape Island Bikes, was available to provide a riding lesson to Chief Dekon Fashaw and the Cape May City Bike Patrol.

“Tom has been gracious enough to give us that bike this year and we appreciate all of that,” Fashaw said. “Tom is a Cape May hero. This will go greatly against our fight to learn about the electric bikes and to help enforce elec-

tric bike use in Cape May.”

The use of electric bikes and electric vehicles continues to grow in Cape May, and with that has come more awareness for the safety of visitors.

“I’d like this new electric bicycle to be used for our Police Safety Patrol to help share with other electric rides the importance of safety and to comply with traffic regulations as far as stop signs, traffic lights, and the safety not to interfere with regular

motor vehicle traffic,” City Manager Mike Voll said.

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