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MAYOR HORNİK ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF \$420K FEMA GRANT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (July 17, 2019) – The Township is in receipt of \$420,236 in funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant program for the “Streambank Stabilization at Pleasant Valley Road” project. The award was announced by the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety in a letter dated July 2, 2019. At its meeting held on July 11, 2019, the Marlboro Township Council voted unanimously to appropriate the funds for the project. The second reading, public hearing and vote will take place at the Council meeting to be held on August 15, 2019.

“Our Office of Emergency Management strives to be prepared for all types of weather emergencies,” said Mayor Hornik. “We understand that the key to preparation is long term planning identifying vulnerabilities in advance of extreme weather events. This project was identified as a critical need and it clearly fit FEMA’s objective of ‘Pre-Disaster Mitigation’.”

The Pleasant Valley Road project was identified in the Township’s multi-year capital plan, and the Township had sought funding through FEMA in order to complete the project. Mayor Hornik also announced a Road Repair Initiative encompassing other capital projects earlier in 2019, the components of which include:

- Five (\$5) million dollars for local road repair and reconstruction as a part of the 2019 capital plan.
- On-going communication with the County and State to address the roads not under local jurisdiction.
- Launch of a Road Repair website section to update and inform residents on road repair process and status.
- A redesigned on-line Pothole Portal which facilitates for more efficient response to resident reports of roads in need of repair.

The Township also appropriated \$5 million for road improvements as part of its 2018 capital program, totaling \$10 million over 2 years. This amount represents more than twice the historical average for road improvements.

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) stated, “This announcement is great news for my district and Marlboro. My constituents remember all too well the effects of destruction that major weather events, like Superstorm Sandy, can have on our transportation system,” Congressman Frank Pallone said. “This funding will go a long way to make sure

that we reduce the risk of flooding and erosion for New Jerseyans who depend on safe roads and fend off future storm damage that is costly to repair.”

“Extreme weather continues to take a significant toll on our roads and infrastructure, and we need to be prepared for whatever Mother Nature delivers,” said Mayor Hornik. “That said, maintaining infrastructure is an expensive proposition and we must carefully balance our needs with the price tag. With this in mind, we will continue to leverage our AAA bond rating to obtain funding at the lowest rates possible, and aggressively pursue outside sources of funding for critical projects.”

Federal monies through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant program are distributed through the New Jersey State Police. The Township has previously received several grants through the FEMA program including \$250,000.00 for an emergency generator at the Recreation Center and \$250,000 for emergency soil stabilization at Big Brook.

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