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Newark Water & Sewer Advisory Board
Agenda for 3:00 pm Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Public Works Administration Building Conference Room
6113 Timmons Road, Snow Hill, MD

1. Review of FY 26 budget, year-to-date
2. Review of current project list status:
 - a. Household sediment filter status: 31 responses, 31 signed MOUs, 31 installed
 - b. Water Treatment Plant Upgrades:
 - i. USDA grant application status – submitted to USDA, initial review conducted, they asked for some additional data, we are assembling the information
 - ii. 1/12/26 - Congressman Harris's Office announced \$2.55 Million award to Newark for WTP (Project total - \$5,514,400)
 - iii. Applying to MDE for additional funding, due 1/31/26
 - c. Transite Water Main Replacement: Will apply to USDA for grant funding
 - d. Lead Water Service Line Replacement: Reapplying to MDE, due 1/31/26
 - e. Water Tower / Cell Antennae Maintenance – Verizon has started work updating their antennae equipment
3. System Maintenance (10/29/25 – 1/26/26):
 - a. Hydrant flushing – whole system: 10/22/25; end of lines: every 2 weeks
 - b. Water main leaks – 1
 - c. Sewer main leaks - 0
 - d. Water Treatment Plant repairs –new chemical feed tubing replaced as part of proactive maintenance; new / replacement heater installed; building painting complete; tank has primer coat, final coat install in Spring
 - e. Wastewater Treatment Plant – offline Dec. 15th – March 1st
 - f. Spray field – inactive during winter
 - g. New Service - 1 (water only)
4. FY 27 Proposed Budget
 - a. Departmental request is \$56K less than FY 26
 - b. No capital equipment or projects
 - c. WWTP lagoon soundings \$13K, paving \$1K, chemicals \$8K to \$10K, plant maint. \$1K to \$3K, electricity \$20K to \$25K,
5. Questions from the Board...

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