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TO: Chairperson Vered Meltzer and Members of the Utilities Committee

FROM: Kelli Rindt, Enterprise Fund Accounting Manager

Chris Shaw, Utilities Director

DATE: June 18, 2021

RE: Approve wastewater rate adjustment for Holding Tank waste as

prepared by Trilogy Consulting LLC.

BACKGROUND:

A Wastewater Rate Study was completed in 2020 by Trilogy Consulting LLC that resulted in an overall rate increase of 20% in rates for wastewater services. By State Statues the Wastewater Utility is required to accept and treat hauled sanitary waste. In the past the utility charged the same fee to treat both septage and holding tank waste, however the characteristics of these waste types are much different and the septage waste costs more to process.

Trilogy Consulting has updated the study with rates to better reflect the treatment costs of the different waste types. See attached information from Trilogy Consulting LLC.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Wastewater rates modification, effective as of April 1, 2021, of septage waste charged at \$10.20/ton and holding tank waste charged at \$1.75/ton both were previously charged as sanitary waste at \$4.40/ton. Should you have any questions regarding this project please contact me at phone: 832-6316.