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MEMO

TO: Planning Commission
CC: Mayor Tom Morphet
DATE: April 11, 2024
RE: Mathias Ave.

As the Mathias Ave. project is on your agenda at the request of resident Pete Dohrn, here is some background on the project.

Mr. Dohrn, in 2022 or early 2023, brought to my attention that he had concerns about Borough water and sewer lines on his private property. After reviewing some of the history of how our utility lines came to be on his property and efforts undertaken to address the situation, I included \$25,000 in the FY24 capital budget for design work to re-align the road and establish the water and sewer lines in our right-of-way. There is \$385,000 in my proposed FY25 Capital Improvement Program.

The 35% design was approved by the Planning Commission at its April 13, 2023 meeting after a great deal of discussion at the meeting. Any design to re-align the road is complicated by the land ownership which constricts the road. All involved in the discussion at the April 2023 meeting agreed that the 35% design is not a perfect solution. We will move to 65% design if the Assembly ultimately approves the budget request.

If you have thoughts about the 35% design, I welcome hearing them.