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March 22, 2013

Ms. Coleen Labow
Council President
Township of Mount Olive
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Re: Township Council Workshop Meeting - March 19, 2013
Old Flanders Triangle Area Sanitary Sewer Project Discussion

Dear Ms. Labow:

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Township Council for arranging the above referenced Workshop Session and for providing the Township professionals the opportunity to provide additional background, details and facts regarding the proposed Township sanitary sewer project. The engineering, health department, tax assessment, and County / State procedural issues discussed by each individual were very informative and effective in identifying what all affected property owners should be aware of when making a decision to support or not support the project.

We were somewhat concerned when Mr. Steve Ratner presented several inaccurate points of information during his testimony. We therefore felt compelled to state, for the record, the following clarifying points:

1. **Statement # 1: "St. Elizabeth has offered to pay for a portion of the proposed Township sewer project."**; St. Elizabeth never committed to fund any portion of the Township's proposed sewer installation. St. Elizabeth partnered with the Township Engineer and Township Administrator during the preparation of the original sewer project feasibility study, permitting the Township to illustrate on concept design plans the installation of a pump station and sewer main piping system on our property via a "to be negotiated" easement. These facilities were to be maintained and operated by the Township.
2. **Statement # 2: "The cost for St. Elizabeth to install their proposed sewer service is much cheaper than the cost to install a new septic system."**; As a private property owner, the cost to install the required new sewer service and pump station far exceed the cost of expanding and/or replacing the existing septic system.
3. **Statement #3: "The water table on St. Elizabeth's property is very high"**; The water table on our property is below 13 feet as corroborated during testimony by both the Township Engineering and Health Professionals, and as documented by recent soil borings taken on our property.

4. **Statement #4: "The St. Elizabeth parking lot always floods"**; Since the Church's existence, there has not been an issue with "standing water" in the front area of our property. It should also be noted that after the two most recent severe storm events (Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy) the parking lot area did not retain any standing water.

We would also like to take this opportunity to state for the record that St. Elizabeth is in favor of supporting the Township's proposed sewer project. We will continue to work with the Township's professionals to further identify any possible solutions that involve the utilization of St. Elizabeth property.

Please include this letter as an amendment to your Township Council Workshop meeting minute records to ensure our position has been documented.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further clarification regarding our position.

Sincerely,

Rev Stanley C Barron

Rev. Stanley C. Barron
Pastor – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

cc: Mayor - Robert Greenbaum
Business Administrator – Sean Canning
Township Engineer - Gene Buczynski, P.E., P.P.
Township Health Officer – Frank Wilpert Sr.