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# $240G OK'd for DPW site cleanup

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Dumont officials have passed a bond ordinance introduced in May that will cover the cost of remediation at the Department of Public Works site on Aladdin Place.

The $240,000 bond ordinance was passed unanimously by the borough council, and will cover the cost of drilling, testing and repairs at the site.

Borough officials approved the work at the site, proposed by T&M Associates, in February.

The services will aid in determining the current contamination levels at the complex, as well as how best to determine what is needed for remediation.

According to Bill Matulewicz, the hydrogeologist leading the contamination testing at the site, the work includes drilling wells at the site, as well as locating the remaining groundwater monitoring wells.

The engineering firm will also conduct soil and groundwater testing.

Once the results of the tests are in, T&M Associates will prepare a proposed clean-up plan, based upon the findings.

Officials expect the drilling, monitoring and testing to begin soon and take about six to nine months to complete.

The borough was notified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection last September that there was environmental contamination at the site.

The citation received ordered officials to clean up both the groundwater and soil contamination at the DPW yard.

The citation was issued following a series of inspections to the facility in July and September 2010, during which the DEP found there are still "potential

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areas of concern" that need to be addressed.

The contamination dates back to the 1980s when two underground gasoline storage tanks, which have since been removed, were found to be leaking.

The first tank was removed in 1987, and the second was removed in 1990.

Shortly after, the borough entered into an agreement with the DEP to commence testing at the site and determine a remediation plan.

But, by 1995, all testing was halted and nothing further happened at the site, according to officials.

The DEP wound up terminating its agreement with the borough in August 2000.

When the council approved the engineer's proposed, it was estimated to cost $190,000.

However, Borough Administrator John Perkins said the council opted to bond $240,000 to cover any "soft costs and incidentals."

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