

Cedar Grove Council Approves Pact with Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission for Sludge Removal



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CEDAR GROVE, NJ -- The Cedar Grove Township Council authorized renewal of its waste treatment and disposal agreement with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission at its meeting Monday night.

"We have our own sewage treatment plant, but what happens is there is sludge that's a product of the sewage being treated, and the sludge needs to be removed off site," Cedar Grove township manager Joe Zichelli said. "Passaic Valley Sewage has been doing this for years. They come to a site twice a day to remove the sludge. Our site's a little small, which is why they would come twice a day because a lot of the sludge is also mixed with water, whereas other municipalities do have greater RBC (rotating biological contactor) capabilities to reduce the water and further refine the sewage into sludge, resulting in less trips."

Because of the compact size of Cedar Grove's site, the township's agreement with Passaic Valley Sewage calls for sludge removal visits twice a day.

Cedar Grove is one of 10 non-contracted municipalities within the PVSC service district that connects to the PVSC system through an agreement with a contracting or leasing municipality. The PVSC has 27 contracted municipalities and 11 lessee municipalities.