

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

Present: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski; Robert Filler, Executive Director and W. Barry Rank, Esquire.

Absent and excused: Mr. Cermele.

Also attending: Allan Jacobs of Jacobs Environmental; Vance Stephens, ELSA Administrative Officer; David Sopronyi, ELSA Staff Engineer; Jill Ann Murphy of Mercadien; Michael Post, Laboratory Supervisor and William Hill, Maintenance Supervisor.

Mr. Vereen called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Vereen advised that all requirements of the Local Public Meetings Act have been met. He also advised that any contracts awarded today would comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

Res. 121:15. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco it was moved that the public hearing on the revisions to the Connection Fee be opened.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

Res. 122:15. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Colavita it was moved that the public hearing on the revisions to the Connection Fee be closed.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

Res. 123:15. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mrs. Zamonski the following resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS, the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority, hereinafter "Authority", pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14A-2(2) and N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8 is authorized to establish, collect and enforce service charges to occupants or owners of property, within the area serviced by the Authority, for direct or indirect connection with, the use of products or services of said Authority; and

WHEREAS, public notice and a public hearing as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8 have been provided; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing the Authority has provided evidence showing that the proposed calculation of the connection fee is necessary and reasonable and has provided the opportunity for cross-examination of persons offering the evidence; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing the Authority has considered the proposed definitions for the term "Equivalent Dwelling Unit" (EDU); and

WHEREAS, after examining the supporting documentation as presented and listening to the public comment, if any, the Authority is of the opinion that the following fees should be charged to sanitary sewer connection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority shall assess, collect and enforce sewer connection fees as follows:

1. Connection Fee

The owner or occupant of any property within Ewing and/or Lawrence Township who may wish to, or is legally required to connect said property to a sanitary sewer line of the Authority for the purpose of the discharge of human and/or processed waste (including only those wastes acceptable pursuant to this Authority's Rules and Regulations or other applicable requirements of the State, Federal or Local Governments) shall pay a non-refundable connection fee in the amount of \$3,089 (minimum fee) for each EDU subject to rules and regulations established by the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority Board. The owner or occupant of any property not located within Ewing and/or Lawrence Township shall pay such costs, improvement contributions and connection fees as may be determined by the Authority.

2. "Equivalent Dwelling Unit"

"Equivalent Dwelling Unit" (EDU) shall mean each and every individual unit, whether in a single or multiple unit structure having a demand upon the sewer system equal to that of a 3-bedroom residential Dwelling Unit (300 GPD).

3. Determination of EDU's

For all connections the number of EDU's shall be calculated using the attached table entitled "Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority, Connection Fee - Equivalent Dwelling Unit Determination". Multiple use properties and/or buildings shall determine the EDU for each action, and sum the results for a total assessment.

Any change in use or increase in flow from the same use of any existing property or facility shall be subject to review and re-evaluation of the sewer connection service and the number of EDU's assigned by the Authority. Any increase in the number of EDU's shall subject the applicant to additional connection fees.

4. Time of Payment

The sewer connection fee shall be due and payable to the Authority at the time a property owner requests sewer connection permits.

5. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect upon approval by a majority of all members of the Authority.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Cermele, Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The public hearing on the 2016 Budget was rescheduled for the January 19, 2016 meeting.

Res. 124:15. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco the November 17, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

Res. 125:15. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mrs. Zamonski it was moved that the November 2015 Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be ordered filed.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

Res. 126:15. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Geter the Schedule of Bills for November 17, 2105 in the total amount of \$2,712,424.24 was presented and accepted.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

There was no public participation.

Mr. Filler reported on the status of the Regional Sludge Facility, which is now fully permitted.

Res. 127:15. On motion of Mrs. Zamonski and seconded by Mr. Colavita the following meeting schedule was presented for adoption:

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETING DATES

2016 – 2017

12:00 P.M.

2016 JANUARY 19th

FEBRUARY 16th (REORGANIZATION & REGULAR)

MARCH 15TH

APRIL 19TH

MAY 17TH

JUNE 21ST

JULY 19TH

AUGUST 16TH

SEPTEMBER 20TH

OCTOBER 18TH

NOVEMBER 15TH

DECEMBER 20TH

2017 JANUARY 17TH

FEBRUARY 21ST (REORGANIZATION & REGULAR)

The above are the third Tuesdays of each month. All meetings will be held at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

Res. 128:15. On motion of Mrs. Zamonski and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco it was moved that non-union employees be given 2.75% salary increase for 2016 and that their health benefits contribution be set at Tier 2.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

The Personnel Committee was requested to review Board Members' salary and benefits.

Mr. Jacobs reported that he has reviewed the application submitted by Lawrenceville Gardens. They propose construction of 8 townhomes at Lawrenceville Gardens on Franklin Corner Road in Lawrence Township. Mr. Jacobs recommended granting preliminary approval subject to the comments in his letter dated December 9, 2015.

Res. 129:15. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco the following resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS, LAWRENCEVILLE GARDENS proposes construction of 8 townhomes at Lawrenceville Gardens on Franklin Corner Road in Lawrence Township; and

WHEREAS, the EWING-LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY (the "Authority") considered the application of the Developer to connect its proposed facility to the Authority's sewerage system;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed connection for the Developer's proposed Development to the Authority's sewerage system is approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer, at its own cost, shall provide "as-built" plans for the sewerage system in a manner acceptable to the Authority's Engineer prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by the Township.

2. The Developer, at its own cost, shall provide all necessary easements to the Authority upon the request of the Authority.

3. The Developer shall revise its utility plans in accordance with such recommendations as the Authority's Engineer shall specify.

4. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute all forms necessary to obtain a NJDEP Permit.

5. The Authority hereby endorses this project and further certifies that said project meets the 201 Agency requirements and expects to continue to meet the NJPDES Permit requirements.

6. This preliminary approval granted pursuant to this Resolution shall expire ninety (90) days from the date hereof.

7. The Developer shall pay the appropriate connection and inspection fees.

8. The sewers shall conform to the Authority's Rules and Regulations.

9. This approval is subject to acceptance of the comments and conditions outlined in Jacobs Environmental letter dated December 9, 2015.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

In a memorandum to the Board Mr. Stephens reported that only one broker, the Authority's current broker, Willis of NJ, submitted a proposal for the Authority's 2016 general insurance coverage. Mr. Stephens recommended accepting their proposal in the amount of \$114,913 which is an increase of \$5,667 over their current cost. He also recommended approval of a proposal from New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company to provide the Authority's Workers Compensation coverage in the amount of \$163,720.

Res. 130:15. On motion of Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mrs. Zamonski it was moved that the Authority accept the proposal submitted by Willis of NJ to provide the 2016 general insurance coverage in the amount of \$114,913 and the proposal from New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company to provide Workers Compensation coverage in the amount of \$163,720.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter and Vereen and Mrs. Zamonski.

Nays: None.
Absent: Mr. Cermele.

Mr. Filler reported:

1. The Brandon Farms Pump Station is working well.
2. The solar project is moving forward.

Mr. Sopronyi updated the Board on the progress of construction at the Treatment Plant.

Mr. Rank reported that the settlement agreement for NJPDES Permit has been executed.

Res. 131:15. On motion of Mrs. Zamonski and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Pasquale Colavita, Secretary