

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 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; David Sopronyi, ELSA Staff Engineer.

Mrs. Zamonski called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Zamonski advised that all requirements of the Local Public Meetings Act have been met. She 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. 118:13. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried the public hearing on the 2014 Budget was 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.

There were no public comments.

Res. 119:13. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Colavita and unanimously carried, the public hearing on the 2014 Budget was closed.

Res. 120:13. On motion of Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Vereen the following resolution was presented for adoption:

**2014 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION  
EWING-LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority for the fiscal period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 has been presented for adoption before the Commissioners of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority at its meeting on December 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$13,963,836.00 Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit, if any, of \$14,898,836.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$935,000 and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$12,415,000.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized of \$265,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority, at an open public meeting held December 17, 2013 that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget Program of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority for the fiscal period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget Program as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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. 121:13. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Vereen it was moved that the November 18, 2013 meeting minutes be approved.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

Abstain: Mr. DiFrancesco.

Res. 122:13. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco it was moved that the November 2013 Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be 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. 123:13. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Geter it was moved that the Schedule of Bills for December 17, 2013 in the total amount of \$1,145,850.36 be 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.

The meeting schedule for 2014-2015 was presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Filler noted that the Townships requested an evening meeting for the budget hearing.

Res. 124:13. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Geter the following meeting schedule was presented for adoption subject to necessary changes during the year:

#### SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETING DATES

2014 – 2015

12:00 P.M.

2014 JANUARY 21st  
FEBRUARY 18th (Reorganization & Regular)  
MARCH 18th  
APRIL 15th  
MAY 20th  
JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>  
JULY 15<sup>th</sup>  
AUGUST 19th  
SEPTEMBER 16th  
OCTOBER 21st  
NOVEMBER 18th  
DECEMBER 16th  
2015 JANUARY 20th  
FEBRUARY 17th (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.

Mr. Stephens reported that the Authority received only one quote for renewal of its General Business Insurance. Willis Insurance, the Authority's current provider, submitted a quote of \$111,875.90, which is an increase of \$7,016.73 over the Authority's expiring premiums. Mr. Stephens recommended that the Authority accept the proposal submitted by Willis Insurance. In addition, New Jersey Manufacturers has submitted a quote of \$207,234.00 for the

Authority's Workers Compensation Insurance. This is a decrease of \$1,700 over the current year's premium. Mr. Stephens recommended that the Authority accept the proposal submitted by New Jersey Manufacturers for Workers Compensation Insurance.

Res. 125:13. On motion of Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Geter it was moved that the Authority accept the proposal submitted by Willis Insurance in the amount of \$111,875.90 for the Authority's business insurance and New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company in the amount of \$207,234 for Workers Compensation Coverage.

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 that bids were received on December 4, 2013 for Laboratory Testing Services. The bids received are as follows:

QC Laboratories Southampton, PA	\$11,416.00 Estimated Annual Cost
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ALS Environmental Middletown, PA	\$13,470.00 Estimate Annual Cost
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Garden State Labs Hillside, NJ	\$14,468.00 Estimated Annual Cost
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Michael Post recommends that the contract be awarded to QC Laboratories as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

Res. 126:13. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Colavita it was moved that the contract for Laboratory Testing be awarded to QC Laboratories, Inc. of Southampton, PA for a one-year period in accordance with their bid received December 4, 2013 as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

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 recommended that non-union employees be given a cost of living increase for 2014 of 2.65%, which is the same as union employees.

Res. 127:13. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Colavita it was moved that non-union employees be given a cost of living increase for 2014 of 2.65%.

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. DiFrancesco recommended that the Authority seek professional help in reviewing what, if anything, is available to the Authority under Obama Care. The Board agreed with Mr. DiFrancesco's recommendation.

Mr. Jacobs reported that he has reviewed the application submitted for 2551 Brunswick Avenue in Lawrence Township. The applicant proposes demolition of the existing Exxon service station building and construction of a single bay car wash. Mr. Jacobs recommended granting final approval subject to the comments in his letter dated December 9, 2013.

Res. 128:13. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Vereen the following resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS, the EXXON SERVICE STATION building at 2551 Brunswick Avenue will be demolished and a single bay car wash constructed at its location in Lawrence Township (the existing gas pumps will remain); 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 connection to the Authority's sewerage system is subject to a determination by the Authority and any responsible regulatory agency (e.g., the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection) at the time of connection that there is adequate capacity in such system to serve the Developer's proposed Development.

2. In the event that the Authority is unable to serve the Developer's proposed development at the time of connection because of inadequate capacity or for any other reason, the Developer shall have no right of action or recourse against the Authority.

3. 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.

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

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

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

7. 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.

8. This final approval granted pursuant to this Resolution shall expire two (2) years from the date hereof.

9. The developer shall pay the appropriate connection and inspection fees.

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

11. This approval is subject to acceptance of the comments and conditions outlined in Jacobs Environmental Consulting's letter dated December 9, 2013.

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. Sopronyi reported that on December 12, 2013 the Authority received bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project. Eight bids were received ranging in price from \$22,743,000 to \$29,388,825. The bids are currently being reviewed by Kleinfelder-Omni.

Res. 129:13. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried, the Authority went into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

Mrs. Zamonski reconvened the meeting and Mr. Rank advised that the only item discussed in Executive Session involved potential contract negotiations.

Res. 130:13. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

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Pasquale Colavita, Secretary