

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

Present: Messrs. Geter, Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan, Vereen and S. Robert Filler, Executive Director; W. Barry Rank, Esquire.

Absent and Excused: None

Also attending: Allan Jacobs of Jacobs Environmental Consulting; Justin White, Esq., representing Synnergy, Inc., and Steven Durst and Steven Trumbo of Synnergy, Inc.

Mr. Muzaffar called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Muzaffar 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. 25:22. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried the public hearing on the Authority's 2022 Amended Budget was opened.

There were no public comments.

Res. 26:22. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried the public hearing on the Authority's 2022 Amended Budget was closed.

Res. 27:22. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Vereen the following resolution was presented for adoption:

2022 AMENDED BUDGET RESOLUTION

Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority

FISCALYEAR: FROM: January 1, 2022 TO: DECEMBER 31, 2022

WHEREAS, the Amended Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2022 and ending, December 31, 2022 has been presented for approval before the governing body of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority at its open public meeting of March 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$15,838,560 Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$16,338,560 and Total Unrestricted Net Position utilized of \$700,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$4,515,000 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$2,315,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority, at an open public meeting held on March 22, 2022, that the Amended Annual Budget and the Capital Budget/Program of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2022 and ending, December 31, 2022 is hereby approved and shall constitute appropriates for the purposes stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the said Authority's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority will consider the Amended Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for adoption on May 17, 2022;

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

Ayes: Messrs. Geter, Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Res. 28:22. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried it was moved that the February 15, 2022, Regular and Reorganization Meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Res. 29:22. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried it was moved that the February 2022 Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be filed.

Res. 30:22. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried it was moved that the March 22, 2022, Schedule of Bills in the total amount of \$1,167,710.20 be accepted.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Filler advised that the Regional Sludge Management Committee met on March 16, 2022. Trenton Biogas is now producing enough electricity to run the facility and sell it back to the grid. The next meeting will be mid-June 2022.

Mr. Filler reported that bids were received on March 16, 2022, for Maintenance, Emergency Repair Service and/or Replacements for Sewerage Lines. The bids received are as follows:

Waters & Bugbee, Inc. Trenton, NJ	\$78,834.20
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Joseph Jingoli & Son, Inc.,	\$75,392.00
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Lawrenceville, NJ

Matt Haldeman recommends that the contract be awarded to Waters & Bugbee, Inc., as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

Res. 31:22. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried, it was moved that the contract for Maintenance, Emergency Repair Service and/or Replacement for Sewerage Lines be awarded to Waters & Bugbee, Inc., for a one year period in accordance with their bid received on March 16, 2022 as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds certification of the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Filler advised that bids were received on March 16, 2022 for Truck Maintenance on Trucks over 11,000 lbs and Semi-Trailers. The only bid received was as follows:

On-Site Fleet Services, Inc.	\$115.00 per hr (regular)
East Brunswick, NJ	\$115.00 per hr (overtime)
	\$115.00 per hr (double)
	10% Material Handling Charge
	Est. Annual Cost - \$30,225.00

Matt Haldeman recommends that the contract be awarded to On-Site Fleet Services, Inc., as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

Res. 32:22. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried, it was moved that the contract for Truck Maintenance on Trucks over 11,000 lbs. and Semi-Trailers be awarded to On-Site Fleet Services, Inc., for a one year period in accordance with their bid received on March 16, 2022 as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds certification of the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Filler advised that Kleinfelder had submitted a proposal for the cleaning and CCTV inspection for the 10" Sanitary Sewer Main between Manholes D-102 and D-94. This sanitary main is located in the jurisdiction of the Mercer-Trenton Airport along the Railroad in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00. Kleinfelder will be hiring a subcontractor to perform the sewer main cleaning, coordinate CCTV inspection with Authority personnel and coordinate access. Kleinfelder will also be providing a report after review of the video.

The budget is as follows:

Kleinfelder based on the above – not to exceed \$8,000.00

Subcontractor based on the above – not to exceed \$30,000.00

Res. 33:22. On motion of Mr. Kownacki and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried, it was moved that Kleinfelder proceed with the cleaning and CCTV inspection of the 10" Sanitary Sewer Main between Manholes D-102 and D-94 within the jurisdiction of the Mercer-Trenton Airport along the Railroad as a cost not to exceed \$38,000.00 in accordance with their proposal and

budget breakdown submitted March 14, 2022. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds certification of the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Filler updated the Board as follows:

1. Senator Turner and Assembly members Verrelli and Reynolds-Jackson had been contacted on behalf of the Authority and others similarly situated regarding the Nitrate Limits in our NJPDES Permits by letter dated March 4, 2022.
2. National Water Main is aggressively moving forward with both the Jacobs Creek and Denow Road Sewer Rehabilitation projects.
3. The electrical aggregate committee would be opening bids on April 7, 2022.
4. Preliminary permitting is moving forward for the 4th Street and Sullivan Way Force Main projects as has Trust financing and investigation of Grant financing possibilities.
5. The BRIC application for Lower Ferry and Fackler Road Stations was undergoing review by FEMA.

Justin White, Esq., representing Synnergy, Esq., together with Mr. Durst and Mr. Trumbo addressed the Board to discuss an amendment to the 2015 PPA. Mr. Durst acknowledged the 2015 Agreement and that Synnergy would “see it through”. Mr. Durst said that Synnergy had taken an unexpected financial hit because of a reduction in SRAC’s, \$250 K for trees, \$105 K for a bike path and \$500K for the Hamilton Township “non-sense”. Mr. Durst advised that he had advised Mr. Filler that his “financial people” were interested in a flat rate rather than the variable rate in the existing PPA. Mr. Durst said he picked the rate of 7.5 cents since it was half way between the floor and ceiling of the existing PPA. Mr. Durst advised the Board that in his opinion wind power in the future would be very expensive. Mr. Durst stated that both Mr. Filler and Mr. Chilton said that the highest flat rate ELSA would go was 7.0 cents.

Mr. Filler advised the Board that it would have to make a decision.

Mr. Jacobs advised the Board that the Trunk Sewer Cleaning Project would be advertised soon.

Res. 34:22. On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Kownacki and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Susan Dorio for the
Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority