

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

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

Absent and excused: Mr. Cermele.

Also attending: Allan Jacobs of Jacobs Environmental, Inc.; Vance Stephens, ELSA Administrative Officer; Warren Broudy of Mercadien; Felipe Contreras of Kleinfelder; David Sopronyi, ELSA Staff Engineer.

Mr. DiFrancesco called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. DiFrancesco 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. 113:16. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried the public hearing on the revisions to the Connection Fee was opened.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Broudy advised that the connection fee has increased this year \$26.00 to \$3,115.

Res. 114:16. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Geter the public hearing on the revisions to the Connection Fee was closed.

Res. 115:16. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Geter 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 \$3,115 (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. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter, Lee and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

Res.116:16. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried, the November 15, 2016 minutes were approved as presented.

Res. 117:16. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried, the November 2016 Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports were ordered filed.

Res. 118:16. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried, the Schedule of Bills in the total amount of \$1,489,364.92 was presented and accepted.

There was no public participation.

Mr. Filler updated the Board on the status of the Regional Sludge Facility.

Mr. Filler reported that he met with representatives of Ewing Township and Ewing Realty which will be running a trial of taking liquid out of food waste for a possible facility in Ewing Township behind the transfer station.

Mr. Stephens reported that the Authority received proposals for renewal of its general and workers' compensation insurance for 2017. Four interested brokers started the process for the general insurance but three withdrew before completion. The current broker, Willis of NJ, was the only one to submit a proposal. The proposal amount was \$118,232.00 or an increase of \$3,300 over the current coverage. NJM Insurance Company's premium increased \$6,000 from the 2016 policy year for a total cost of \$196,430.00. Mr. Stephens recommend accepting the proposals submitted by Willis of NJ and NJM Insurance Company.

Res. 119:16. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Colavita it was moved that the Authority accept the proposal submitted by Willis of NJ to provide the 2017 general insurance coverage in the amount of \$118,232.00 and the proposal from New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company to provide Workers Compensation coverage in the amount of \$196,430.00.

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

Ayes: Messrs. Colavita, DiFrancesco, Geter, Lee and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Cermele.

Mr. Contreras updated that Board on the status of the construction at the Plant.

Mr. Filler reported that ELSA and Ewing Township have been working with Atlantic Realty and Remington, Vernick & Arango on the General Motors site.

The Board asked about the status of the Marie Katzenbach School property for the Sullivan Way PS. Mr. DiFrancesco asked that an alternative of coming in above the Sullivan Way PS be explored.

Res. 120:16. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Colavita for the
Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority