

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

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

Also attending: Allan Jacobs of Jacobs Environmental, Inc.; David Sopronyi, ELSA Staff Engineer; Felipe Contreras of Kleinfelder; Paul Pogorzelski, Hopewell Administrator; Chip Erickson, CF Hopewell and Ryan Kennedy, Esquire representing CF Hopewell.

Mr. Colavita called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Colavita 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. 107:17. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Vereen it was moved that the October 17, 2017 minutes be approved as presented.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: Mr. Muzaffar.

Res. 108:17. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Cermele it was moved that the October 2017 Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be filed.

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

Ayes: Messrs. Cermele, Colavita, Geter, Lee, Muzaffar and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Res. 109:17. On motion of Mr. Cermele and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar it was moved that the Schedule of Bills in the total amount of \$1,321,028.48 be accepted.

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

Ayes: Messrs. Cermele, Colavita, Geter, Lee, Muzaffar and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

There was no public participation.

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

Mr. Jacobs reported that First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall proposes demolition of an existing house on Hillcrest Avenue and construction of a new 3500 square foot Fellowship Hall at 121 Hillcrest Avenue in Lawrence Township. He recommended granting final approval subject to the comments in his letter dated October 30, 2017

Res. 110:17. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar the following resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL proposes demolition of an existing house on Hillcrest Avenue and construction of a new 3500 square foot Fellowship Hall at 121 Hillcrest Avenue 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 208 Wastewater Management Plan requirements and expects to continue to meet the NJPDES Permit requirements.

6. This final approval granted pursuant to this Resolution shall expire two (2) years 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 Consulting's letter dated October 30, 2017.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Messrs. Cermele, Colavita, Geter, Lee, Muzaffar and Vereen.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

After discussion, the Board agreed that it would not object to Hopewell's changes in the boundary to the Sewer Service Area, but would file an objection to the flow.

Res. 111:17. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Cermele the following resolution was presented for adoption:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED MERCER COUNTY WATER  
QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities within its service area; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, conform with an approved WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure through the WQMP rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, a proposed WQM plan amendment publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on October 16, 2017 for the Hopewell Water Quality Management Plan Amendment has been prepared by Van Note Harvey Associates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017 by the governing body of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority that:

1. The Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority for the reason set forth in the attached November 14, 2017 letter to NJDEP Wastewater Resource Management Office of the WRM Coordinator hereby opposes the Hopewell Water Quality Management Plan Amendment public noticed on October 16, 2017 and prepared by Van Note Harvey Associates for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQM plan.
2. While we do object to the flow we do not object to the changes in the boundary of the sewer service area.
3. This opposition shall be submitted to the NJDEP pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 (g)6.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Messrs. Cermele, Colavita, Geter, Lee, Muzaffar and Vereen.  
Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Mr. Filler reported that:

1. He and Vance Stephens, along with Harold Vereen, appeared before Lawrence Township Council to discuss ELSA.
2. The NJSMUAESA received bids on November 8, 2017 for a two-year contract starting May 2018. The low bid is .073 for smaller demand facilities (current rate is .08796) and .06348 for larger demand facilities (current rate is (.07033)).
3. Negotiations with Local 172 have started.
4. Ewing Township has advised ELSA that the State of New Jersey has agreed to the sale of the property at the Marie Katzenbach School.

Felipe Contreras updated the Board on the progress of the construction at the Treatment Plant.

Mr. Jacobs reported that a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for November 22, 2017 for the Jacobs Creek Road Sewer Lining project.

Res. 112:17. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Cermele and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

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Joseph Cermele, Secretary