

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 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.; Vance Stephens, ELSA Administrative Officer; David Sopronyi, ELSA Staff engineer; Dennis Yoder of Remington & Vernick; Steve Trumbo and Steve Durst of Synnergy; William Hill, ELSA Maintenance Supervisor.

Mr. Geter called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Geter 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. 10:18. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried, the January 16, 2018 minutes were approved as presented. (Mr. Muzaffar abstained)

Res. 11:18. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Cermele and unanimously carried the January 2018 Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports were ordered filed.

Res. 12:18. On motion of Mr. Cermele and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar and unanimously carried the February 20, 2018 Schedule of Bills in the total amount of \$871,751.87 was accepted.

There was no public participation.

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

Mr. Filler reported that bids were received on January 31, 2018 for removal of grit and screenings in 20 cubic yard containers. Bids received are as follows:

Waste Management Ewing, NJ	\$ 525.00 per container Est Annual Cost \$27,300
Republic Services New Brunswick, NJ	\$ 890.00 per container Est Annual Cost \$46,280
Spectraserv, Inc. Kearny, NJ	\$2,300.00 per container Est Annual Cost \$119,600.00

Mark Colavita recommends that the contract be awarded to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

Res. 13:18. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Cermele and unanimously carried the contract for Removal of Grit and Screenings was awarded to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. of Ewing, NJ for a one-year period in accordance with their bid submitted January 31, 2018 as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

Res. 14:18. On motion of Mr. Cermele and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried the sewers in Stonegate at Braeburn, Ewing Township (\$339,922.00) were accepted.

Mr. Filler reported that Remington & Vernick has submitted a proposal to perform construction phase engineering services for the improvement project for Parkway Avenue and Scotch Road in the amount of \$78,500.00. Mr. Filler advised that the developer will provide escrow to cover the cost of this work.

Res. 15:18. On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar it was moved that the proposal submitted by Remington & Vernick to perform construction phase engineering services for the improvement project for Parkway Avenue and Scotch Road in the amount of \$78,500.00 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.

Mr. Jacobs reported that he and Remington & Vernick have been working on a capacity study for Ewing's collection system. The study has been modified to include flow figures provided by Hopewell Township. Mr. Jacobs requested a meeting with ELSA's Engineering Committee to review the findings. A meeting will then be scheduled with Ewing Township representatives.

Mr. Durst of Synnergy advised that they have received final approval from NJDEP for the solar panel project.

Mr. Filler reported that he and Vance Stephens attended an AEA conference on Senate Bill 848 (2% budget cap).

Mr. Filler also advised that ELSA is in the process of renewing its NJPDES Permit.

Dave Sopronyi reported that Pact Two is working on punch list items for the Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

Res. 16:18. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Cermele and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted: (Executive Session began at 12:35 P.M.)

WHEREAS, the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority must discuss items dealing with labor negotiations and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subject to be discussed is not appropriate for a public meeting;
and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subject to be discussed is within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in closed executive session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority that a closed session of the Authority shall be held;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information pertaining to the aforesaid matters will be made available to the public as soon as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exists.

Mr. Geter reconvened the meeting at 1:05 P.M. and advised that the only items discussed involved labor negotiations/personnel.

Res. 17:18. On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Cermele and unanimously carried the Board approved the recommendations of the Personnel Committee for ELSA employees of Local 172 and granted an additional .5% increase for non-union ELSA employees retroactive to January 1, 2018.

Mr. Jacobs reported that the Jacobs Creek Sewer Lining Project has been completed.

Mr. Rank reported that the Authority's NJPDES Permit appeal has been put on a six-month inactive status.

Res. 18:18. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Cermele and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Secretary