

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648 via teleconferencing.

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

Also attending: Allan Jacobs of Jacobs Environmental, Inc.; Vance Stephens, ELSA Administrative Officer; Leslie London, Esq., of McManimon & Scotland, Esqs., Warren Broudy and Matthew Daly of the Mercadien Group.

Mr. Lee called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Filler 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. 61:20. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded Mr. Geter and unanimously carried the public hearing on the August 2020 Connection Fee was opened.

There were no public comments.

Res. 62:20. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar and unanimously carried the public hearing on the August 2020 Connection Fee was closed.

Matthew Daly reviewed the calculation with the Board.

Res. 63:20. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

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 \$3,026.00 (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.

Res. 64:20. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried it was moved that the July 21, 2020 minutes be approved as presented.

Res. 65:20. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried it was moved that the July 2020 Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be filed.

Res. 66:20. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried it was moved that the July 21, 2020 Schedule of Bills in the total amount of \$1,062,298.51 be accepted.

There was no public participation.

Mr. Filler reported that the Regional Sludge Management Committee will be meeting quarterly and that the next meeting would be September 16, 2020.

Mr. Stephens reported that the Authority received for renewal of the Authority's dental insurance. Delta Dental has offered to continue the Authority's current coverage at the same rates as the expiring policy. Mr. Stephens recommended approving a two-year contract with Delta Dental at the current rates.

Res. 67:20. On motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Vereen it and unanimously carried it was moved that the Authority approve a two-year contract with Delta Dental effective August 1, 2020 at \$53.16/month for 1 party coverage; \$90.39/month for 2 party coverage and \$149.92/month for 3 party coverage.

Mr. Filler introduced Leslie London, Esq., of McManimon and Scotland, Esqs., to provide the Board with an updated on the status of the Union and their withdrawal from Local 172.

Mr. Filler reported that Authority personnel were getting ready for the 2019 Audit.

Mr. Filler reported that Authority personnel were beginning preparation of the Authority's 2021 Budget.

Allan Jacobs updated the board as follows:

1. That the Authority would begin looking into the expansion of the Butler and Administration Buildings;
2. Ewing Creek Easement project – all of the grouted manholes have been repaired and that an estimate would be needed to repair the line itself;
3. Denow Road project – Pipe has been laid and we are awaiting a construction cost estimate for a new manhole going in upstream. It is estimated that the project would be nearing completion in two weeks.
4. Lawrence Manhole project – 7 new manholes have been ordered and 6 existing have been relined. The project is moving smoothly;
5. Sullivan Way Force Main will be tied in Friday night, August 21, 2020.

Res. 68:20 on motion of Mr. Colavita and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Submitted by Susan Dorio for the
Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority