

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

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

Absent and Excused: Mr. Muzaffar

Also attending: Dennis Yoder of Remington Vernick Engineers and Jim Burd, resident of Hopewell Township.

Mr. Kownacki called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Kownacki 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).

Mr. Kownacki, introduced Mr. Ryan to the ELSA Members and advised that Mr. Ryan had been appointed by Lawrence Council to fill the unexpired term of Pasquale Colavita.

Res. 92:21. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried it was moved that the September 21, 2021, Meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Res. 93:21. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried it was moved that the September 2021 Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be filed.

Res. 94:21. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried it was moved that the September 21, 2021, Schedule of Bills in the total amount of \$826,681.56 be accepted.

Mr. Burd introduced himself to the Board and had questions concerning the status and the terms of the settlement agreement in the US Homes v. ELSA litigation. Mr. Burd was advised to contact Hopewell Township directly as the Authority is awaiting their execution of the settlement agreement. Mr. Burd was further advised that the Sewer Service Area had not changed since his attendance at the Authorities July, 2021 board meeting.

Mr. Filler advised that the Regional Sludge Management Committee would be meeting next on December 15<sup>th</sup> and that all payments are current.

Mr. Filler updated the Board as follows:

1. With the guidance of the Personnel Committee CWA Local 1032 would be voting on a MOA in the near future and that the contract would be for four (4) years. If it passes, it will be provided at the next ELSA Board Meeting.

2. A Pre-construction meeting would be held on October 21, 2021 with National Water Main for Phase One of the Denow Road project.
3. The emergency repair of the Sullivan Way Force Main was on hold pending DEP approval of the TWA.
4. The Solar Project is awaiting approval by Hamilton Township for the 10' dedicated walking path and that it is time to ELSA to review the payment terms.
5. The Authority's updated Drug & Alcohol policy was undergoing attorney review.
6. Vance Stephens, Administrative Officer is on medical leave and Non-Profit Accounting Solutions would be assisting the Authority during Mr. Stephen's absence.
7. Extended a warm welcome to Mr. Ryan.

Mr. Rank reported:

1. Nitrate Removal – the motion to consolidate is being opposed by the DEP. Mr. Rank reinforced to the Authority's members that political pressure is absolutely critical on this topic.
2. US Homes v. ELSA – Hopewell is still contesting the wording of the settlement agreement.

Res. 95:21. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Submitted by Susan Dorio for the  
Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority