

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 12:00 P.M. at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

Present: Messrs. Geter, Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen; S. Robert Filler, Executive Director, Vance Stephens, Administrative Officer and W. Barry Rank, Esquire.

Also attending: Agha Hasan of Van-Note Harvey Engineers, Richard Czekanski of Remington Vernick Engineers and Christopher Gianotto, ELSA Maintenance Supervisor.

The meeting began at 12:10 pm.

Mr. Muzaffar called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Vereen 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. 91:22. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried it was moved that the October 18, 2022 Minutes be approved.

Res. 92:22. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried it was moved that the October Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be filed.

Mr. Filler advised the Board that Items D & E on the Agenda should be heard before the Schedule of Bills was presented. Specifically, the Change Orders for the Jacobs Creek Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project and the Denow Road Sewer Rehabilitation project.

Mr. Filler advised the Board that a change order was needed for the Jacobs Creek Area Sewer Rehabilitation project. This will be Charge Order No. 1 which will increase the value of the contract and extend the time for completion to May 2023 pursuant to the recommendation of Dennis Yoder, the Authority's Engineer on the project.

Mr. Filler further advised that a Change Order was needed for the Denow Road Sewer Rehabilitation project. This Change Order will extend the time for completion to May 2023, adjusts contract quantities but is a no cost Change Order pursuant to the recommendation of Dennis Yoder, the Authority's Engineer on the project.

Res. 93:22. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried it was moved that the Change Orders presented for Jacobs Creek Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project and the Denow Road Sewer Rehabilitation Project be approved as presented.

Res. 94:22. On motion of Mr. Kownacki and seconded by Mr. Ryan and unanimously carried it was moved that the November 15, 2022, Schedule of Bills in the total amount of \$846,460.06 be accepted.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Filler advised that the Regional Sludge Management Committee would be meeting December 21, 2022.

Mr. Jacobs advised that he had reviewed the application for final approval submitted by US HOMES CORPORATION (DBA LENNAR) for the Hopewell Parc project for the construction of a multi-family project in Hopewell Township as follows:

Res. 95:22. On motion of Mr. Kownacki and seconded by Mr. Lee the following resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS, U.S. HOMES CORPORATION (DBA LENNAR) proposes construction of a multi-family project in Hopewell Township as follows:

The North section is proposed to be 542 residential dwelling units consisting of 338 multifamily units, 92 stacked town houses, 30 town houses and 82 single family homes;

The South section is proposed to be 535 residential dwelling units consisting of 132 multifamily units, 224 stacked town houses, 70 town houses and 109 single family homes for a total of 1077 area residential dwelling units; 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 201 Agency 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 21, 2022.

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

Ayes: Messrs. Geter, Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None

Mr. Czekanski of Remington & Vernick Engineers advised the Board that the NJDEP Division of Land Use Resources is requiring a Phase I Cultural Resources survey for locations along the existing pipe to satisfy permit requirements for the Sullivan Way Pump Station and Replacement of Dualized Force Main Project. Proposals were obtained from Richard Grubb & Associates as well as Hunter Resources. The proposal from Richard Grubb & Associates was at a total cost of \$12,464 with a requested engineering 10% mark-up for a total of 13,710.00. The proposal from Hunter Research was a total cost of \$18,743.75.

After discussion the Board approved the proposal from Richard Grubb & Associates in the amount of \$12,464.00 but did not approve the 10% engineering mark-up and suggested the following resolution:

Res. 96:22. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Vereen the following resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS the NJDEP Division of Land Use Resources is requiring a Phase I Cultural Resources survey for locations along the existing pipe to satisfy permit requirements for the Sullivan Way Pump Station and Replacement of Dualized Force Main Project and the Authority having reviewed the proposals for the work submitted and pursuant to the recommendation of Dennis Yoder, PE of Remington Vernick Engineers, Remington Vernick is authorized to enter into an agreement with Richard Grubb & Associates and will oversee and process the cultural resources evaluation and at cost of \$12,464.00 without a 10% engineering mark-up.

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

Ayes: Messrs. Geter, Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None

Mr. Czekanski of Remington & Vernick Engineers advised the Board that the NJDEP Division of Land Use Resources is requiring a Phase I Cultural Resources survey for locations along the existing pipe to satisfy permit requirements for the Fourth Street Force Main Dualization Project. Proposals were obtained from Richard Grubb & Associates as well as Hunter Resources. The proposal from Richard Grubb & Associates was at a total cost of \$16,180 with a requested engineering 10% mark-up for a total of 17,800.00. The proposal from Hunter Research was a total cost of \$19368.75.

After discussion the Board approved the proposal from Richard Grubb & Associates in the amount of \$16,180.00 but did not approve the 10% engineering mark-up and suggested the following resolution:

Res. 97:22. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Geter the following resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS the NJDEP Division of Land Use Resources is requiring a Phase I Cultural Resources survey for locations along the existing pipe to satisfy permit requirements for the Fourth Street Force Main Dualization Project and the Authority having reviewed the proposals for the work submitted and pursuant to the recommendation of Dennis Yoder, PE of Remington Vernick Engineers, Remington Vernick is authorized to enter into an agreement with Richard Grubb & Associates and will oversee and process the cultural resources evaluation and at cost of \$16,180.00 without a 10% engineering mark-up.

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

Ayes: Messrs. Geter, Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None

Mr. Jacobs advised that he had reviewed the application for final approval submitted by Aqua Well Station for construction of a 1380 square foot addition to the existing well station at 25 Green Avenue in Lawrence Township as follows:

Mr. Kownacki advised the Board that this project had not been heard by the Lawrence Township Planning Board.

Res. 98:22. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Geter the following resolution was presented for adoption subject to the approval of the Lawrence Township Planning Board.

WHEREAS, AQUA WELL STATION proposes to construct a 1380 square foot addition to the existing well station at 25 Green 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 201 Agency 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 November 7, 2022.

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

Ayes: Messrs. Geter, Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None

Mr. Filler updated the board as follows:

1. An envelope was dropped off the day of the board meeting addressed to "ELSA Board Members" Confidential by an unidentified individual. The outer envelope was opened and it contained individual envelopes for the majority of the ELSA members from Synnergy. The letter itself outlined Synnergy's recitation of negotiations for the solar that we have been discussing since 2015.
2. Christopher Gianotto, Maintenance Supervisor was able to borrow an Easement machine from the Plainfield Area Sewerage Authority and the road crew found it to be invaluable for clearing Easements. ELSA staff is looking into purchasing one of our own.
3. Vishal Shah of Kleinfelder is proceeding with another attempt to obtain FEMA financing and is filing another BRIC application with the remaining budget originally set aside for this process.
4. New Jersey Manufacturers has recently indicated that the Authority will receive a reduced premium as our experience rating has gone down.
5. JD Sound will be at the December Board meeting demonstrating the sound and video system under consideration by ELSA staff.
6. Corporate Health is going out of the employee health services business. Authority staff is reviewing a proposal for like services from Penn Medicine @ Hopewell.
7. Authority staff is reviewing the Rotary Press Pilot Trail Report for the Soilds Handling Building.
8. Remington Vernick Engineers has submitted an estimate for the construction of the Butler Building for storage of Authority equipment
9. Authority staff is working on the 2023 Budget;
10. Nitrates- No update at this time.

Mr. Rank reviewed the letter received from Synnergy and advised the Board that the 2015 Agreement has financing in place.

Res. 99:22. On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Submitted by Susan Dorio for the
Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority