

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 12:20 P.M. at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

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

Absent and excused: Mr. Muzaffar

Also attending: Allan Jacobs of Jacobs Environmental Consulting and Jim Burd, a resident of Hopewell Township.

Mr. Vereen 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. 61:23. On motion of Mr. Kownacki and seconded by Mr. Geter the following resolution was presented for adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Authority's May 16, 2023, Board meeting be approved as presented:

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Muzaffar.

Abstain: Mr. Ryan.

Res. 62:23. On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried it was moved that the April Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be filed.

Res. 63:23. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried it was moved that the June 20, 2023, Schedule of Bills in the total amount of \$1,116,660.89 be accepted.

Mr. Burd addressed the Board and made inquiries concerning septic systems and the transport of sewage from the Collections at Hopewell. Mr. Burd was directed to present his questions to Hopewell Township.

Mr. Filler advised that the Regional Sludge Management Committee would be meeting on June 22, 2023, and that it was anticipated that the member facilities would be receiving a percentage share of an estimated \$2,872,172.00. The participating member shares are as follows: City of Trenton (50%); ELSA (26%) and Township of Hamilton (24%). After which the Regional Sludge Management Committee would no longer be needed and would disband after nearly 3 decades of participation.

Mr. Jacobs advised that he had reviewed the application for final approval submitted by Ewing Township Public Schools for construction of a 10,506 square foot, two-story storage and office facility on Ewingville Road connecting to an existing building in Ewing Township; and

Res. 64:23. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Lee and unanimously carried the following Resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS, EWING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT proposes construction of a 10,506 square foot, two-story storage and office facility on Ewingville Road connecting to an existing building in Ewing 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 June 1, 2023.

Mr. Jacobs advised that he had reviewed the application for preliminary approval submitted by Chuc Loc Enterprises, to construct a 518 square foot additional to the existing 944 square foot building at 40 Scotch Road, and

Res. 65:23. On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Geter and unanimously carried the following Resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS, CHUC LOC ENTERPRISES, LLC., proposes to construct a 518 foot addition to the existing 944 square foot building at 40 Scotch Road, Ewing 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 preliminary approval granted pursuant to this Resolution shall expire ninety (90) days 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 June 14, 2023.

Mr. Filler advised that Remington Vernick Engineers is ready to proceed with the filing of TWA applications for the Sullivan Way Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Project and the Fourth Street Pump Station Force Main Dualization Projects and requested that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute all forms necessary to obtain a NJDEP Permit.

Res. 66:23. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Ryan and unanimously carried the following Resolution was presented for adoption:

WHEREAS, NJDEP permits are required for the Sullivan Way Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Project and the Fourth Street Pump Station Force Main Dualization Projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute all forms necessary to obtain NJDEP Permits TWA for the Sullivan Way Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Project and the Fourth Street Pump Station Force Main Dualization Projects.

Mr. Filler advised that the Authority was in receipt of a final Lease Agreement for the Authority's easement (s) from the D & R Canal Commission and requested that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the lease agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Res. 67:23. On motion of Mr. Geter and seconded by Mr. Ryan and unanimously carried the following Resolution was presented for adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the Lease Agreement with the D & R Canal Commission for the Authority's easement(s).

Mr. Filler updated the board as follows:

1. Mr. Rank was in receipt of proposed language for the Wedderburn agreement received from counsel for Hopewell Township and same would be reviewed after Mr, Rank's return from vacation.
2. The Proposed Controlled Substance Abuse and Alcohol Policy and the proposed Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace Policy were included for each member in this month's agenda book and same would be sent to CWA Local 1032 for review and comment. CWA Local 1032 Approval is not required.
3. Nitrates – An estimate of the cost to upgrade the Plant for Nitrates treatment is 20 million; thereafter the costs will be 2 million per year which results in an estimated \$150.00 per year additional to each rate payer in our Townships. The battle continues.
4. Authority staff is in receipt of draft specifications for the Scotch Road Rehabilitation project and is currently under review.

Res. 68:23. On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Kownacki and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM

Submitted by Susan Dorio for the  
Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority

