

The regular meeting of the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority was held on Tuesday February 20, 2024, at 12:25 P.M. at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

Present: Messrs. Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen and S. Robert Filler, Executive Director.

Also attending: Vance Stephens, ELSA Administrative Officer, Christopher Gianotto, ELSA Maintenance Supervisor; Dennis Yoder, PE of Remington Vernick, Engineers; Jaclyn Bentz; Administrative Clerk; Dudley Burdge and Christian Estevez of CWA Local 132; W. Barry Rank, Esq., was available by phone.

Absent & Excused: Mr. Geter

Mr. Lee called the meeting to order and Mr. Filler gave the invocation. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Lee 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. 25:24. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried it was moved that the Minutes of the Authority's January 16, 2024, Board meeting be approved as presented:

Res. 26:24. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Kownacki and unanimously carried it was moved that the January Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be filed.

Res. 27:24. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar and unanimously carried it was moved that the February 20, 2024, Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,299,249.36 be accepted.

Mr. Filler advised that the next meeting of the Regional Sludge Management Committee would be held on March 20, 2024.

Mr. Filler introduced Dudley Burdge of CWA Local 1032 who introduced Christian Estevez also of CWA Local 1032 who provided a review of the process and arbitrator ruling on a personnel matter. Mr. Filler reminded the Board that the Arbitrator decision was advisory only as stated in the contract and that it has been advisory only in every contract as far back as the 1980's. Mr. Estevez requested that the Board review the matter. The Authority Board advised that it would do so.

Mr. Stephens presented the 2024 Annual Charge to the Townships. After adjustments, the total charge to Ewing Township is \$9,377,961.61 and \$6,555,731.90 to Lawrence Township.

Res. 28:24. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Kownacki the 2023 Actual Average Flow was set at 57.9393% for Ewing and 42.0647% for Lawrence (including the Plant Sewer Usage).

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Messrs. Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen.
Nays: None.
Absent: Mr. Geter

Res. 29:24. On motion of Mr. Kownacki and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar the Authority set the estimated 2024 flow at 57.25% Ewing and 42.75% Lawrence.

The above resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Messrs. Kownacki, Lee, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen.
Nays: None.
Absent: Mr. Geter

Mr. Filler advised that bids were received on January 24, 2024, for Maintenance, Emergency Service, Repairs and Replacements of Medium Voltage Electrical Equipment. The bids received were as follows:

Longo Electrical	\$ 14,000.00 per annual inspection
Wharton, NJ	165.00 per hr regular
	165.00 per hr overtime
	265.00 per hr double time
	10% Material Handling Charge
	\$22,250.00 Estimated Annual Cost

Scott Testing, Inc.	\$12,283.00 per annual inspection
Hamilton, NJ	174.00 per hour regular
	203.00 per hour overtime
	280.00 per hour double time
	7% Material Handling Charge
	\$22,728.00 Estimated Annual Cost

Martin Gliem recommends that the contract be awarded to Longo Electrical-Mechanical, Inc., as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

Res. 30:24. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar and unanimously carried it was moved that the contract for Maintenance, Emergency Service, Repairs and Replacements of Medium Voltage Electrical Equipment be awarded to Longo Electrical-Mechanical, Inc., as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds Certification of the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Filler advised that bids were received on January 24, 2024, for Emergency Service, Repairs and Replacements for Mechanical Equipment. The bid received was as follows:

Municipal Maintenance
Cinnaminson, NJ

At Owner's Shop:

Labor (regular rate)	\$85.00/hr
Labor (overtime)	\$85.00/hr
Labor (double time)	\$85.00/hr

At Authority's Facilities

Labor (regular rate)	\$170.00/hr
Labor (overtime)	\$230.00/hr
Labor (double time)	\$230.00/hr
Material Handling Charge	10%
Performance Bond	\$1,000.00
Estimated Annual Cost	\$93,775.00

Martin Gliem recommends that the contract be awarded to Municipal Maintenance Co., Inc., as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder.

Res. 31:24. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Ryan and unanimously carried it was moved that the contract for Emergency Service, Repairs and Replacements for Mechanical Equipment be awarded to Municipal Maintenance Co., Inc., as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds Certification of the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Filler advised that bids were received on January 24, 2024, for Emergency Service, Repairs and Replacement to Electrical Equipment. The bid received was as follows:

Scott Testing, Inc.	\$15,187.00 per annual inspection
Hamilton, NJ	\$162.00 per hr (regular)
	\$193.00 per hr (overtime)
	\$276.00 per hr (double time)
	7% Material Handling Charge
	\$35,767.00 Est. Annual Cost

Martin Gliem recommends that the contract be awarded to Scott Testing, Inc., as the responsible, responsive bidder.

Res. 32:24. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried it was moved that the contract for Emergency Service, Repairs and Replacements for Electrical Equipment be award to Scott Testing, Inc., as the responsible, responsive bidder. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds Certification of the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Filler advised that the Authority was in receipt of a proposal from Kleinfelder dated January 29, 2024, to perform process modeling and evaluation to assess the feasibility of an additional option to remove nitrate which was not evaluated during the 2012 facility plan at a cost not to exceed \$22,350.00.

Res. 33:24. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Ryan and unanimously carried it was moved that the proposal dated January 29, 2024, submitted by Kleinfelder for process modeling and evaluation to assess feasibility of an additional option to remove nitrate which was not evaluated during the 2012 facility plan at a cost not to exceed \$22,350.00 be approved. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds Certification of the Administrative Officer.

On December 11, 2023, the Authority received two proposals for the Planning, Design and Engineering for the New Fackler Road and Lower Ferry Road Pump Stations via a FEMA Grant submitted by CME Associates and Arcadis US.

After review and interviews the committee consisting of the Authority's Engineering Committee, Authority staff, Dennis Yoder, PE and Allan Jacobs, PE. The committee recommends that the project be awarded to Arcadis, US Engineers in accordance with their proposal dated December 11, 2023.

Res. 34:24. On motion of Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar and unanimously carried it was moved that Arcadis US be awarded the Planning, Design and Engineering phase of the New Fackler Road and Lower Ferry Road Pump Stations in accordance with their proposal dated December 11, 2023. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds Certification of the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Filler advised the Board as follows:

1. Lawrence Township invited ELSA to the March 5th Council meeting to discuss the Ewer Ban. George Tyler and Matthew Krantz, Esqs., will also attend at ELSA's request.
2. On March 22nd, Authority Staff, environmental consultants and lawyers will be meeting with representatives of the NJDEP, the DAG and Municipal Finance to discuss the Sewer Ban and explore options and financing for nitrate removal.
3. The pole barn for housing Authority equipment and large trucks is moving forward.
4. Synergy – On hold pending a response from the BPU.

Res. 35:24. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Ryan and unanimously carried the Authority went into Executive Session and the room was cleared of all guests.

Res.36:24. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Ryan and unanimously carried the meeting resumed at 1:45 PM.

Mr. Lee advised that during Executive Session a personnel matter was discussed.

When the meeting resumed, Mr. Muzaffar advised the Board that he would be happy to serve as an alternate on the ELSA Personnel Committee.

Res. 37:24. On motion of Mr. Kownacki and seconded by Mr. Ryan and unanimously carried Mr. Muzaffar was appointed to serve as an alternate on the ELSA Personnel Committee.

Res. 38:24. On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Submitted by Susan Dorio for the
Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority