

The regular meeting of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority was on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 12:00 PM at 600 Whitehead Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

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

Also attending: Dennis Yoder, PE of Remington & Vernick Engineers, W. Barry Rank, Esq., Vance Stephens, ELSA Administrative Officer and Matthew Krantz, Esq., of Tyler, Aversano & Krantz, Esqs.

Absent and Excused: Mr. Lee and Mr. Ryan.

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 contract awarded today would comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

The minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting were not acted upon as there was no quorum present that had attended that meeting. The minutes will be presented for consideration at the February 18, 2025, meeting.

Res. 1:25. On motion of Mr. McManimon and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar and unanimously carried it was moved that the Minutes of the December 17, 2024 Board meeting be approved as presented.

Res. 2:25. On motion of Mr. McManimon and second by Mr. Kownacki and unanimously carried it was moved that the December Flow, Maintenance and Connection Reports be filed.

There were no public comments.

Res. 3:25. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. McManimon and unanimously carried it was moved that the Schedule of Bills for the year ending 2024 in the amount of \$327, 291.48 be accepted as presented and on motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Kownacki and unanimously carried it was moved that the January 21, 2025 Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,255,232.06 be accepted as present. Mr. McManimon abstained on the invoice for McManimon & Scotland.

Mr. Filler advised that the December 18, 2024, meeting of the Regional Sludge Management Committee had been cancelled, and the next meeting will be in March 2025.

Mr. Krantz updated the Board on the status of the Nitrates lawsuit with the DEP and advised that an Administrative Consent Order has been presented in settlement of the lawsuit which establishes interim effluent limitations for nitrate and a schedule for the Authority to complete the Facility improvements necessary to meet the effluent limitations for nitrate contained in its 2018 Permit. Mr. Krantz further advised that the execution of the ACO will satisfy the requirements of the New Jersey Administrative Code and allow the Authority to rescind the sewer connection ban.

Lastly, Mr. Krantz advised that the issue of fines to be imposed were estimated to be in the amount of \$69,000.00 for violations of the nitrate parameter of the Permit.

Res. 4:25. On motion of Mr. Muzaffar and seconded by Mr. Kownacki and unanimously carried it was moved that Mr. Filler is hereby authorized to sign the Administrative Consent Order upon receipt and the Resolution presented today detailing the terms of the settlement agreement and rescinding the sewer ban is approved as presented.

Mr. Filler advised that bids were received on January 8, 2025, for Removal of Existing, Furnish and Install Roll-up Garage Door on the Solids Handlin Building. The bids received was as follows:

Hathazi Garage Doors, LLC	\$34,500.00
Cream Ridge, NJ	

David Sopronyi recommends that the contract be awarded to Hathazi Garage Doors, LLC, as the responsible, responsive bidder.

Res. 5:25. On motion of Mr. McManimon and seconded by Mr. Vereen and unanimously carried it was moved that the contract for Removal of Existing, Furnish and Install Roll-Up Garage Door on the Solids Handling Building be awarded to Hathazi Garage Doors, LLC, as the responsible, responsive bidder. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds Certification of the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Stephens advised that the renewal figures for the Authority's Worker's Compensation Policy with New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company were received after the December 2024 Board Meeting and requested that the Board ratify the actions taken via email polling of the Board effective January 1, 2025, as follows:

The renewal of the Authority's Worker's Compensation Insurance with New Jersey Manufacturer's Insurance Company in the amount of \$136,295.00 effective January 1, 2025 was electronically voted upon and approved as follows:

Aye: Messers. Kownacki, McManimon, Muzaffar, Ryan and Vereen  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Lee

Mr. Filler advised that he was in receipt of a Renewal of the Shared Services Agreement with Atlantic County Utilities Authority “ACUA” for back-up acceptance of sludge in the event Stony Brook was unable to accept our sludge at a future date. The Agreement period begins January 1, 2025 and expires December 31, 2025.

Res. 7:25. On motion of Mr. McManimon and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar and unanimously carried it was moved that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into a renewal of the Agreement for Shared Services with Atlantic County Utilities Authority for back-up sludge handling for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. Funds are available per the Availability of Funds Certification of the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Yoder advised that he had reviewed the application for Preliminary Approval submitted by the Juvenile Justice Commission to construct a facility comprised of five (5) new structures which will be replacing some of the existing structures and adding additional structures at 1620 Stuyvesant Avenue in Ewing Township.

After discussion, the matter was tabled to the next Board meeting on the following roll call vote:

Res. 8:25: On motion of Mr. McManimon and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar it was moved that the Preliminary Application filed by the Juvenile Justice Commission will be tabled until the Authority’s February 18, 2025, Board Meeting

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

Ayes: Messrs. Kownacki, McManimon, Muzaffar and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: Messrs. Lee and Ryan.

Mr. Filler advised that he was in receipt of a proposal submitted by Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide bid and construction phase engineering services for the Sullivan Way Pump Station & Force Main Replacement project.

Mr. Yoder advised that the Planning & Design Phase is near completion and we are waiting for NJDEP review and issuance of authorization to advertise and an executed engineering services contract for the construction phase is required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

Res. 9:25. On motion of Mr. McManimon and seconded by Mr., Muzaffar and unanimously carried it was moved that Mr. Filler is hereby authorized to execute the proposal for bid and construction phase engineering services for the Sullivan Way Pump Station & Force Main Replacement Project as presented on behalf of the Authority in an amount not to exceed \$600,945.00.

Res. 10:25. On motion of Mr. Kownacki and seconded by Mr. Lee the following resolution was presented for adoption:

**2025 AUTHORITY BUDGET RESOLUTION**  
**EWING LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**  
**FISCAL YEAR: JANUARY 01, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority for the fiscal year beginning January 01, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 has been presented before the governing body of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority at its open public meeting of January 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$16,382,968.51, Total Appropriations including any Accumulated Deficit, if any, of \$17,582,968.51 and Total Unrestricted Net Position planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$28,387,000.00.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Position planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$2,637,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the schedule of rents, fees and other charges in effect will produce sufficient revenues, together with all other anticipated revenues to satisfy all obligations to the holders of bonds of the Authority, to meet operating expenses, capital outlays, debt service requirements, and to provide for such reserves, all as may be required by law, regulation or terms of contracts and agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget/Program, pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:31-2, does not confer any authorization to raise or expend funds; rather it is a document to be used as part of the said Authority's planning and management objectives. Specific authorization to expend funds for the purposes described in this section of the budget must be granted elsewhere; by bond resolution, by a project financing agreement, by resolution appropriating funds from the Renewal and Replacement Reserve or other means provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority, at an open public meeting held on January 17, 2025, that the Annual budget, including all related schedules, and the Capital Budget/Program of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority for the fiscal year beginning January 01, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the said Authority's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED, that the governing body of the Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority will consider the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for Adoption on February 18, 2025.

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

Ayes: Messrs. Kownacki, McManimon, Muzaffar and Vereen.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Lee and Mr, Ryan

Mr. Filler advised the Board as follows:

1. Authority staff will be meeting with Kleinfelder on 1/21/25 to review the concept design for reduction of Nitrates. The design report is due 1/31/25;
2. Authority staff will be met with Arcadis on January 17, 2025 (30% meeting) regarding the Lower Ferry and Fackler Road projects.
3. The Vehicle Storage Building (Pole Barn) is on the Township Planning Board Agenda for 2/3/25.
4. Mr. Filler & Mr. Yoder met with representatives of the Friends of Colonial Lake Park at the Park. The representatives advised that they are getting a letter from Green Acres for re-routing;
5. Authority staff met with BMS (Squibb) (blow down meeting). Blow Down is against the Authority's ELSA Rules & Regulations.

Res. 11:25. On motion of Mr. Vereen and seconded by Mr. Muzaffar and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Susan Dorio for the  
Ewing Lawrence Sewerage Authority