

The regular meeting of the Eatontown Sewerage Authority was held at 5:00 P.M. on June 8, 2021 in the Borough Hall, 47 Broad Street, Eatontown, New Jersey. The majority of the attendees participated via Zoom audio and/or video teleconference due to the current pandemic. The Chairman, Brian Charnick, called the meeting to order by making the following statement: "This is a regular meeting of the Eatontown Sewerage Authority made pursuant to Chapter 291 of the Public Meeting Act by declaring notice thereof at least 48 hours prior to this meeting to The Link News and to the Borough Clerk. Notice has also been posted in the public corridor of this Borough Hall and posted to the Authority website."

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Charnick
Herman Redd
Peter Berkley
Jeanna Migliaccio
Kenneth East

ALSO PRESENT: Ted Lewis, Executive Director
Herb Volner, Superintendent
John Bonello, Attorney
Stephen Schreiber, Authority Engineer
Michelle Hu, Treasurer
Gloria Aderton, Assistant Treasurer
Lori Flynn, Office Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITIZENS PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Charnick moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 11, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Redd and adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, & ENGINEER

Engineering Committee

There was no committee report.

- **GIS/RIM**

Mr. Berkley has been without a computer in recent weeks so was unable to make progress on these projects. The Technology Committee will make time to meet and discuss options regarding off-site storage, RIM, and GIS initiatives going forward.

Executive Director's Report *

Mr. Lewis presented the Executive Director's report with the following addition:

- **Old Orchard Pump Station**

Mr. Schreiber advised that the DEP has determined that a TWA is required for this project so that application has been filed and, in the meantime, his team will finish the site plans so the project can be put out for bid as soon as possible.

Superintendent's Report *

Mr. Volner presented the Superintendent's report with no additions. Mr. Charnick inquired about the process for repairing pumps and Mr. Volner explained that, depending on the nature of the failure, the pump is either fixed in-house (i.e. replacing bearings) or sent out for more extensive repairs.

Engineer's Report *

Mr. Schreiber presented the Engineer's report with no additions.

PROGRESS OF PROJECTS

- **Old Orchard Pump Station Replacement**

Status as noted previously in Executive Director's report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **75 Tinton Avenue Emergency Lateral Repair**

No updates at this time; Mr. Bonello will advise of any changes.

- **Sun Eagles Golf Club Sewer Application**

Mr. Schreiber noted that the developer is still in the process of waiting for the TWA permit after the state lost their original application.

- **Resolution #2021-06-01, Awarding Contract for Cured In Place (CIPP) Pipe Lining to National Water Main Cleaning Company (Proposal A).**

For Proposal A, National Water Main Cleaning Company was the lowest, and only, bidder for the first year and also submitted bids for the two renewal years. They provided a total contract of \$447,049.90 for three years, with the first year of \$143,200.00 for the base bid. T&M has experience with National Water Main Cleaning Company and found their work was acceptable. Based on the Authority Engineer's recommendation, the Board authorized a Resolution awarding the contract for Proposal A to National Water Main Cleaning Company for the first year to perform Cured In Place (CIPP) pipe lining in the amount not to exceed \$143,200.00. The Resolution was offered by Mr. Charnick, seconded by Mr. Redd, and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL

AFFIRMATIVE: Brian Charnick, Herman Redd, Peter Berkley, Jeanna Migliaccio, and Kenneth East
NEGATIVE: None
ABSTENTION: None
ABSENT: None

- **Resolution #2021-06-02, Awarding Contract for Cured In Place Emergency Repairs of Sewer Connections and Mains to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. (Proposal B).**

For Proposal B, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. was the lowest bidder for the first year and also submitted bids for the two renewal years. They provided a total contract of \$2,802,810.00 for three years, with the first year of \$449,785.00 for the base bid. T&M has experience with J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. and found their work was acceptable. Based on the Authority Engineer's recommendation, the Board authorized a Resolution awarding the contract for Proposal B to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. for the first year to perform emergency repairs and maintenance of sanitary sewer connections and mains as needed in the amount not to exceed \$449,785.00. The Resolution was offered by Mr. Charnick, seconded by Mr. Berkley, and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL

AFFIRMATIVE: Brian Charnick, Herman Redd, Peter Berkley, Jeanna Migliaccio, and Kenneth East
NEGATIVE: None
ABSTENTION: None
ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion of Municipality Take Over Issue**

Mr. Bonello feels that this situation is not as likely to occur as originally believed, while Mr. Lewis was left with the impression that the Borough taking over the Authority is a foregone conclusion after attending a meeting with the Mayor, Administrator, and Borough Attorney. There is speculation that FMERA has been complaining about the responsiveness of the Authority regarding the Fort Monmouth projects, however, Mr. Bonello feels this is a red herring as no formal applications have been made to the Authority as of yet. There is also speculation regarding whether the Borough has an eye on the Authority's funds and if there is a financial incentive fueling the process. Mr. Bonello noted that a similar situation occurred in Ocean Township and, once the governing council was made aware of a statute enabling them to take 5% of their sewer authority's operating budget each year, that was sufficient to derail the take-over process. Mr. Bonello also noted that the Eatontown Sewerage Authority's operations and costs are extremely efficient and represent some of the lowest costs in the County so that a Borough take-over would not be for cost-saving measures but rather to gain access to the Authority's operating revenue. He reiterated that he doesn't believe the process is as far along as originally believed and both he and Mr. Lewis will monitor the issue.

BILLS

Resolution to authorize paying the bills in the amount of \$42,788.82 as submitted from the operating account in Kearny Bank was offered by Mr. Charnick, seconded by Mr. Berkley, and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL

AFFIRMATIVE: Brian Charnick, Herman Redd, Peter Berkley, Jeanna Migliaccio, and Kenneth East
NEGATIVE: None
ABSTENTION: None
ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS

TD Revenue Trust to Kearny Bank Operating Account and Payroll Account:		
(June 2021 Operating Expenses)	\$	42,788.82
(July 2021 Salaries)	\$	32,587.87
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Total Transfers:	\$	75,376.69

Resolution to authorize the monthly transfers from the TD Bank revenue trust account to Kearny Bank operating account to pay the bills in the amount of \$42,788.82, and to Kearny Bank payroll account for the payroll of July 2021 in the amount of \$32,587.87, was offered by Mr. Charnick, seconded by Mr. Redd, and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL

AFFIRMATIVE: Brian Charnick, Herman Redd, Peter Berkley, Jeanna Migliaccio, and Kenneth East
 NEGATIVE: None
 ABSTENTION: None
 ABSENT: None

Resolution to authorize payment for capital improvements from the Kearny Bank operating account to T&M Associates in the amount of \$54.00 for work relating to the Fort Monmouth Easement Retracement and also \$9,867.50 for work relating to the Emergency Response Contracts Preparation was offered by Mr. Charnick, seconded by Mr. Redd, and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL

AFFIRMATIVE: Brian Charnick, Herman Redd, Peter Berkley, Jeanna Migliaccio, and Kenneth East
 NEGATIVE: None
 ABSTENTION: None
 ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address, Mr. Charnick moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Assistant Treasurer

**** All reports of Committees, Members & Engineer are available for the public to review in the Authority's office and can also be reviewed online.***