

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, in early April 2023, the Township's Sewer Division determined the sanitary sewer main at Mitchell Street between Valley Road and Tompkins Street significantly deteriorated; and

WHEREAS, to avoid any additional collapse of the main which could lead to sewage backups into homes or overflows onto the street, the Engineering Division and Sewer Division decided the 315 feet of clay sewer main needed to be replaced on an expedited and emergency basis; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, Emergency Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11.6a the Assistant Municipal Engineer on April 14 and May 9, 2023 notified the Purchasing Agent of the need to perform an emergency contract for this work with a total estimated cost of \$350,000.00 which is above the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Township had various meetings with the Contractor, Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) and Verizon Utility Companies to discuss clearance constraints due to overhead wires along Mitchell Street to conduct the emergency replacement; and

WHEREAS, this emergency replacement was delaying Mitchell Street Road Improvements project consisting of new curb, pavement, street lights and drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Mitchell Street Improvements Project is partially funded through a CDBG grant in the amount of \$306,544.00 and it is required to be completed by December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it was concluded that to expedite the work and to perform the emergency repairs needed for the 8" sanitary sewer main at Mitchell Street between Valley Road and Tompkins Street to protect public health and safety an emergency contract would be issued to Grabowski Construction Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Grabowski Construction Inc. submitted an invoice dated August 8, 2023 for the emergency repair of the sanitary sewer in the amount of \$286,690.00; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Township Engineer by letter dated August 16, 2023 recommends paying the costs of this emergency work; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist for this work; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council concurs in the foregoing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange that an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$286,690.00 is authorized to Grabowski Construction for emergency sanitary sewer construction to the Township's sanitary sewer main on Mitchell Street between Valley Road and Tompkins Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this work was performed pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, Emergency Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 as the work was required to protect public health and welfare.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

Tammy Williams, Council President

Adopted: August 22, 2023

I certify funds are available for this work

**Account No.
\$286,690.00
Capital Budget, Sewer Improvements**

John O. Gross, Chief Financial Officer