



Township Council  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 01/11/16 07:00 PM

**2016 RESOLUTION APPROVAL**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT AT BELLEVILLE AVENUE AND JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2015 the Township Department of Public Works Sewer Department was notified of a sewer back-up within the ten-inch diameter sanitary sewer main in the vicinity of the intersection of Belleville Avenue and John F. Kennedy (JFK) Drive; and

WHEREAS, it was determined by the Bloomfield Engineering Department that under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 an emergency contract needed to be entered into because the sewer main was collapsed and severely compromised based upon the following findings:

1. The Public Works Sewer Department made numerous attempts to clear the line with a jet-vac truck but was unsuccessful; and
2. Several manholes along the line were evacuated of surcharged sewage, thereby providing temporary relief to the residents and owners of the garden apartment complex known as Essex House which was experiencing back-ups in some of the basements; and
3. Video inspection of the line indicated that the pipe was blocked or collapsed within a 75 foot length of the sewer which ran under Belleville Avenue and crossed JFK Drive; and.
4. Pumping of the sanitary manholes could not be maintained indefinitely and there was an eminent risk at any time for sanitary sewage to surcharge the manholes thereby discharging raw sewage into the basement of the garden apartments as well as into the open waters of the Third River; and
5. This posed an eminent risk to public health and safety and the Engineering Department, therefore, proceeded with an emergency course of action replace the sewer line; and
6. The sanitary line was approximately 18 to 20 feet below grade and therefore would require heavy excavation machinery as well as substantial sheeting; and

ED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE  
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

*Brian J. [Signature]*  
of Law-Township Attorney

7. Based upon past work and their reputation in providing reliable heavy construction and utility services, J. Fletcher Creamer and Son Inc., 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601, was requested to perform the necessary work; and

8. Work commenced on December 28, 2015 to allow for proper staging and mobilization of the work; and

9. Periodic pumping of the sanitary manholes to avoid surcharging was performed by J. Fletcher Creamer and Son Inc., from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup> while staging and mobilization proceeded; and

10. Work was performed on a 24-hour basis to expedite the replacement and avoid any risk of sewer back-ups during off work hours; and

11. The entire project was completed on January 7, 2016 and required the replacement of 75 linear feet of collapsed 10-inch clay pipe with new, 10- inch diameter ductile iron pipe installed at a depth of 18 to 20 feet. The work also included backfill and roadway pavement restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to move quickly on this work would have resulted in significant sanitary sewage back-ups into basements as well as through overtopped manholes into the open water son the Third River which was located adjacent to the sanitary sewer system; and

**WHEREAS**, such a situation would have created a significant health and safety issue to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the actions taken, there was no significant back-up of sewerage and the end result was replacement of a severely damaged sewer which should last for many decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bloomfield Engineering Department inspected the work on a daily basis and is currently reviewing all invoices submitted for the work to date; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the work is estimated to reach a cost not to exceed \$400,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that upon his review and approval of all invoices, the Director of Finance authorize payment to J. Fletcher Creamer

and Son Inc., 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601 in an amount to be certified

by the Township Engineer up to, but not to exceed \$400,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, funding is available in the Township's Sewer Capital Account No. C-04-55-704-987.

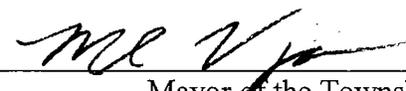
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Director of Finance to issue payment to J. Fletcher Creamer and Son Inc., 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601, up to a cost not to exceed \$400,000.00 for the emergency replacement of the sanitary sewer main at Belleville Avenue and JFK Drive; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the final amount shall be reviewed and certified by the Township Engineer prior to payment.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on January 11, 2016.

  
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 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

  
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 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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