

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 7, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of the Landis Sewerage Authority was called to order by Chairman Reuben at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present at roll call: Barse, Miranda and Reuben were present. Villar and Angelo were absent.

The proper notice was given to all members in accordance with the by-laws.

Chairman Reuben stated that public notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, has been given in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice in the lobby entrance of the Authority.
2. Hand delivering notices to the offices of the Daily Journal and The Press.
3. Filing written notices in the offices of the Authority and City Clerk.

Also present: Dennis W. Palmer	Executive Director
Anthony Tobolski	Field Engineer
Stephen D. Barse	Solicitor
Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 22, 2022 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Miranda and Reuben voted “yes”.

The Chairman asked if there were any general public comments or comments on the proposed Resolutions. There were none.

Resolutions:

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2022 – 22 “Be it resolved by the Landis Sewerage Authority, that the following bills of items or demands are hereby approved and authorized for payment out of the Revenue Fund Revolving Payroll Account.... \$99,868.98”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Miranda and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2022 - 23, “Be it resolved by the Landis Sewerage Authority, that the following bills of items or demands

are hereby approved and authorized for payment out of the Revenue Fund Bills.... \$373,092.36”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that the HomeServe commission report was in your packet and we had another fantastic month at the receiving station.

The public hearing notice for our rate increase was sent out last week. One copy showed up in the AC Press today and the Journal will be later this week. Letters were also sent out to the City Clerks in Vineland, Pittsgrove since we have a customer there and Millville because the college lies in Millville and CC Tech. The flow comes to us.

I have a meeting tomorrow in the Mayor’s office. South Jersey Gas is coming in to give us an update on the project. I also received a specific email from them talking about the change in ownership. South Jersey Gas now has a venture capital for lack of a better term.

With respect to the liquified gas project, they have been out around two weeks ago and back again today doing Phase 2 examination. Phase 1 was looking at historical pictures, deeds, information about the site for environmental impact. Phase 2 they actually drill wells, take groundwater samples and it’s a more intensive examination of the soils if there is any contamination which is part of their due diligence process when you acquire property. Monitoring wells are in, soil borings were done and that’s ongoing.

We received an email from DEP that they saw an eagle’s nest from Route 55. It’s on the other side of 55 on the West side away from this project. The nest is huge and it’s at least 5 or 6 feet across. Stephen stated that there are quite a few on the Maurice River.

Stephen and I are working on a letter to the City.

Field Engineer

Anthony Tobolski reported that B & H Construction expects delivery of the Muffin Monsters on March 18<sup>th</sup> and plans to install all three the following week.

Also, Contract No. 5, which is the North and South Mill Road force main project, Pioneer Pipe completed the bore under the train tracks between Landis Avenue and Almond Road last week. They will pressure test the 10-inch main on North Mill Road this week and make final connections on the 10 and 12- inch mains next week.

Solicitor:

Stephen Barse stated that we are working on a letter to the City on foreclosures. Also, Dennis stated that we will be coming up on union negotiations again with an answer to some of the issues.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated that we worked with a couple of projects and we're trying to get the Utopia project moving so about every month or two I write to DEP. A gentleman from there called me and I told him I reach out to DEP all of the time and I can't do anything about it. I gave him the persons, supervisors and phone numbers and email at DEP so you can reach out and he did. DEP stated that we work on projects as they come in and our project has been there since last June. Every time I write the email to the person reviewing our project, she states that she has questions which means she has not looked at it yet. This gentleman gave a little background as to the number of homes in the neighborhood who to put new septic systems in now and this is only going to get worse.

Budget/Finance:

Dennis stated that we are getting the packages together for the rate hearing. You do testimony and you have information that backs it up.

Human Resources:

Dennis reported that we another vacancy and we interviewing for it.

Public Relations:

The turkey hunt is coming back in May and I'm waiting for them to send me pictures so we can do something with it.

Dennis stated that he's working with the City's Green Team and the Sustainable Jersey team are hosting a Green Fair on June 4<sup>th</sup> and we're going to have a table there. Stephen asked where it would be and Dennis thinks it's at Landis High School. They also built a greenhouse there which is one thing they did under Sustainable Jersey.

Joe Reuben asked if we were doing the Earth Day posters this year and Dennis stated no because we can't get into the schools.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci stated that there is no report except that we're filling out volumes of applications for pollution liability, public officials and the Glatfelter renewal questionnaire.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that allocation ties in with the public hearing. You will get a copy of the public notice and it's a condensed version of different things we're looking at for our rate changes.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:11 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Miranda and seconded by Barse that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Miranda and Reuben voted "yes".

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PERRY D. BARSE, Assistant Secretary