

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Vice-Chairman Errickson 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/Chief Engineer
Robert A. Schwarz	Field Engineer
A. Steven Fabietti	Solicitor
Carol A. Ricci	Executive Secretary

It was moved by Villar and seconded by Reuben that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 5, 2015 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Merighi, Villar and Errickson 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 Reuben and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2015-9, “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.....\$96,168.22”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Merighi, Villar and Errickson voted “yes”.

It was moved by Reuben and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2015-10, “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....\$332,410.31”, be adopted. Roll call: Reuben, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Silva voted “yes”.

It was moved by Reuben and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2015-11, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing a contract with Inspira Occupational Health Services to provide DOT and Required Physicals...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Merighi, Villar and Errickson voted “yes”.

It was moved by Reuben and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2015-12, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing payment from the Construction Fund of certain costs of the system in the amount of \$2,375.00 to GE Mechanical, Inc. to supply labor, material and equipment to replace a manhole frame and lid (supplied by LSA) on South East Boulevard in accordance with the provisions of the Authority’s General Bond Resolution...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Merighi, Villar and Errickson voted “yes”.

It was moved by Reuben and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2015-13, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing an agreement for services with Cumberland Advisors/Cumberland Consulting as financial advisor from 2/2/15 through 2/1/16...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Merighi, Villar and Errickson voted “yes”.

It was moved by Reuben and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2015-14, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing payment from the Construction Fund of certain costs of the system in the amount of \$1,690.00 to Bernal Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for labor and material to weld six (6) S.S. Couplings in accordance with the provisions of the Authority’s General Bond Resolution...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Merighi, Villar and Errickson voted “yes”.

It was moved by Reuben and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2015-15, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing correction on credits, charge-offs, refunds and cancellation of accounts in the amount of \$310.00...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Merighi, Villar and Errickson voted “yes”.

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that in each package was an e-mail from our intern last summer to follow-up that he had an interesting time and has had good discussions with people on campus. It was nice feedback.

The quarterly report is out and sent to Mayor and Council and a copy was in your package also.

Dennis also stated that at AEA he had an opportunity to meet with Governor’s counsel. There is a bill and it went to both houses and it is on the Governor’s house to be signed to make it easy to sell Municipal Water Utilities, those owned by municipalities, water and sewer to private ones. It eliminates the need for referendum and oversight. There were

several things. There are a few things we wanted comments on and the Governor's council did one of the best jobs analyzing the bill. He knew what the testimony was, he knew what the issues were, and he read the bill. He said for himself this was one of the most political science bills he's ever had. The association of Mayors was for it and the League was against. The State Chamber was for it and NJBIA was against the bill. We had a good conversation and a follow-up conference call on Thursday with some questions. The bill that was originally drafted was bad. We had four or five amendments in it and we're still trying to get some more on it as far as dealing with Authorities.

Dennis reported that we had CPR training for all of our staff. We had a meeting today with a Rutgers graduate student who has been studying the flight of starlings. He wants to set up a station either at our farm or plant. He puts up these double cameras and does a 3D video of them. Starlings have this ability to make these giant swooping motions. They are studying how they communicate. He was also interested in the bob white project as well. We will have some of those students on the property doing that study.

Dennis stated he had one meeting with a hauler to bring more materials in. A lot of the food processor haulers are taking materials out of state and in doing so they don't have an A901 background check. He's in the middle of doing that and he is around four months away from hauling material. We also are having Dave talking to guys with grease traps to bring material in. Right now we are bringing in our own material over and every time we do we save \$700 to \$800. We want to start bringing in outside material as well.

Just a reminder that our next meeting is reorganization so if there are any committees you would like to be involved with, let me know.

Steve will cover more, but the contractor that worked on North Mill Road, Steve prepared a letter. The ball was in his court and some months later we received notice and we'll see where that goes.

Field Engineer

Bob Schwarz reported that work continues on the Marcacci Meats project at Oak Road and Delsea Drive and Dandelion Plaza at Wheat Road and Delsea Drive. The connection for Dandelion Plaza is scheduled for this week and it is anticipated to open for some tenants around March, 2015.

Solicitor:

Steve Fabietti reported that as Dennis mentioned the one item to report on tonight is T & W Construction who is the contractor that did the project on North Mill Road. The job was \$51,700. Bond was posted by the contractor and through a series of letters and inspections Dennis, Bob and the staff have determined that their work was deficient for a number of reasons. They disagree with that. They said that our bid specs were not appropriate and didn't explain what they were going to encounter once they got into the ground. We had a back and forth of letters and this goes back a number of months. The

last letter we sent out was in October. They have not been paid any of the money and now they have indicated that they retained counsel and that further communications will be through counsel only. Going forward we should schedule closed sessions to discuss this in further detail in case it goes into litigation. Absent some other instruction from the Board I am going to just wait to hear from their counsel as to what it is they think their position is. The Authority has had to take some corrective actions to fix some of the work that was done. The ball is in their court.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant

Dennis reported that he reached out to our engineer to give us some assistance on an air pollution permit for the new bio filter for the receiving station. The fee depending on the effort is going to be anywhere from \$2000 to \$4000. It didn't break the threshold to bring it to the Board so I gave them written authorization to proceed.

Budget/Finance

Tom Merighi stated that he was notified by Tom Post that he does not have the report for this month since it is the year end, he has not compiled all of the accruals and all of the onetime charges that he has to make for the end of the year plus all of the invoices are not in for the year. At this time there is not a good figure on the year and we will have it the next meeting.

Human Resources: No Report

Public Relations:

We had a front page story on a newsletter that was sent out to 2000 operators in the water field in the State. Field and Stream came to our site and did a story and that was the lead to the story: why does Field and Stream come to a wastewater plant, because we are different than other wastewater treatment plants.

Insurance Committee: No Report

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that we took action the last meeting and put the 2M gallons in for future growth that is in the allocation policy for future growth.

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Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:16 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Reuben and seconded by Villar that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Merighi, Villar and Errickson voted “yes”.

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G. STEVEN ERRICKSON, Secretary