

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Chairman Merighi 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 Assistant

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 21, 2016 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Villar and Merighi 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 Villar that Resolution No. 2016-41, “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.....\$75,960.87”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Villar and Merighi voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2016-42, “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.....\$179,985.28”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Villar, and Merighi voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2016-43, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority summarizing allocation activity through the close of Allocation Round 162...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Villar and Merighi voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2016-44, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority allocating sewerage capacity for Round 162 for Commercial Classification...be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Villar and Merighi voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that there have been conference calls regarding financing and there is another one on Friday to line up financing for future construction. I’ve been involved with two personnel matters with our solicitor’s office. We had a new employee start at the farm last week as a farmworker.

We have a meeting with the Engineering Committee next week dealing with the treatment plant. As a reminder, your Financial Disclosure emails came out and you should have gotten one. You need to work on them and once you do finish, please send us a copy so we have one in the file here if needed.

Field Engineer

Bob Schwarz reported that the incident where the City contractor placed flowable fill into the manhole is becoming interesting due to them not accepting responsibility. We have placed the City on notice for a claim against the bond for their contract.

We have a meeting with the paving contractor this Thursday for a kick off meeting. We are also working on replacing a lateral on Chestnut Avenue between East Avenue and Eighth Street.

Solicitor:

Steve Fabietti reported that as Dennis mentioned we have two personnel matters going on which cannot be discussed in opening meeting and the other items is that we are waiting for the Appellate Division scheduling order for the case we have against the DEP for the NJPDES Permit Fee appeal. Nothing has come in yet on that but we might hear something soon. They might send us to a mediation day or they may just schedule us to put the date on which the briefs are due. You will be advised further when we know.

Dennis stated that as a follow up in today’s NJ Register they had the response and comments as they do when you go through an adoption. There were three people that

gave testimony; AEA, the Chemical Industry Council and ourselves. Some of their answers might be useful.

Dennis also stated that in reference to J & L Septic, today is the return date where he had the ability to make payments. We waited for the mail for the check or the end of business today for the \$5300 payments but nothing came in. I will check with Lori tomorrow morning and forwarding an email to your office. It could be tomorrow and if nothing happens, we will proceed with the litigation.

Chairman: But Tom Merighi stated that the record should show, even though he did not have a Villanova hat, that he is supporting Villanova tonight in the championship game.

Chairman Merighi also reported that he has a rental property in Buena Borough and there was a sewer backup and the plumbing contractor came and unclogged it and told me what was in there which reminded me of the AEA Conference that flushable wipes were in there. It really hit home after talking about flushable wipes. I'm starting campaign that the toilet is not a trashcan.

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated that we have a meeting with our engineer. Next Tuesday it is the 30% design phase where you have feedback with the client. We make sure everybody is on the same page so you don't get to the end and have problems.

Also allocation is doing well. We had action on the new Charter School on Pennsylvania Avenue. It was a nice connection fee.

Budget/Finance: No Report

Human Resources

Dennis reported that our new employee started at the farm on Monday, last week and are currently looking for the files for truck drivers.

Public Relations:

Dennis stated that we had a 20 person tour from Cumberland County Leadership program that the college runs with multiple different business folks. We talked about all of the different things we do. It was from about 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tomorrow Rowan University will have their Environmental Science Class coming through. They have been coming for the last eight or ten years.

At our next meeting, we have our Earth Day Poster Contest so the next meeting we will have families and their children and give out the awards.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci reported that at prior meetings it was mentioned that we had two interesting auto claims. One has been denied by the insurance company since we can't make any sense of it. Dennis stated that this was a low rider vehicle. Carol stated that the second one, the facts do not add up at all. First they went to the City of Vineland and they pushed it back to us which happens a number of times when there is a manhole claim. We've sent photos to the insurance company and I feel certain it will be denied also. I am still working on the renewal process for Property and Casualty.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated it was previously covered.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:10 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Villar and Merighi voted "yes".

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G. STEVEN ERRICKSON, Secretary