

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 2, 2020

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, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben were present.

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
Stephen D. Barse	Solicitor
Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Villar and seconded by Errickson that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 19, 2020 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson 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 Errickson and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2020 – 105 “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.... \$88,577.74”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2020 - 106, “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.... \$176,173.03”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2020 - 107, "A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority setting the bond reserve requirement for the \$25,000,000 Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 of the Landis Sewerage Authority ..." be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted "yes".

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that regarding the last resolution, the audit is ongoing and this is something that Steve picked up and it should have been in the bond resolution so we corrected this.

In your package you had the commission report from HomeServe, the quarterly report and my engineer's report which is done annually. This was a requirement of the old bond but our bank also wants the report. They want to make sure we're maintaining our infrastructure and our facility and they want to know also what we are planning for the future. This went out in the mail today.

Field Engineer No Report

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated that the plant is basically closed out. I saw the draft report last week and I expect a signed and notarized copy this week that will close out the plant. We had a couple of warranty issues. We had a pump that had a cracked impeller that has been replaced. At Ramada had an issue with a pump and we still have one in the Industrial Park where the pump has a sensor in it and it indicates the seal leaked and there is matter getting into the motor or it's overload. There's a bad signal coming out of the top of the pump.

The co-gen is back on line but with the new air permit we have to run it slower. We're not making as much power as before. We have to run at 124 and before we were at 175.

I want to reach out to Stan and see how much a catalytic converter cost, would that meet the permit and could I run it at full speed. If the converter costs \$5,000, we can make that up in about six months.

The City is going to be paving East Landis Avenue. We TV'd the line and there are a lot of bad house laterals which are made of orangeberg, which is the cardboard material. Instead of us trying to get a contractor, since the value is at about \$8,000 each and there are about \$200,000 worth. For us to get a spec together, go out to bid, award a contract, have the contractor work; they are already out there working. We are going to work out a reimbursement or an interlocal agreement with the City. Marandino is the general contractor, we can have him sub it out and we can reimburse the City. This would be the quickest way.

Dennis also stated that on Brookfield Street, the asbestos cement pipe that we were concerned with being brittle and putting a liner in it, the company comes in before the line it to do a high-pressure cleaning that actually made the pipe come apart in some spots where it was bad and it collapsed. It was right in front of the Mayor's house. I called him and told him that we are working there and we tried to line it and it failed; so, we'll be digging the street to fix it. They talked about working over the weekend but with Trick or Treat I didn't want heavy equipment on the street with kids running around so we'll be out there first thing on Monday. The job is still going to get it finished. They had to fix the spot and it failed again near the first repair. Garrison fixed it and they are going to run the liner through. We'll cover the street, put a plate on it short term and do final paving next spring. We'll let it go through a freeze and a thaw and then do a nice paving job curb to curb and we have to put some curb in as well. If you do it too soon it could settle.

Joe Reuben asked if on Landis Avenue, is the main sewer line in the middle of the street? Dennis stated that it depends on the area that some are on the shoulders. Joe asked if we were going behind the curb line with the new laterals? Dennis stated it's a new lateral and a cleanout if they don't have one. Joe asked if it was the section between the sidewalk and the curb? Dennis stated that generally we take responsibility from the main line to the curb, edge of street or wherever the cleanout is located. When we TV'd it, the houses built in the early 60's, there's a good chance it was built with the orangeberg. It's terrible. Roots will crush it and that's where they're finding roots follow the trench because the soil is looser than the surrounding soil, it finds the pipe sometimes to get the moisture, but the cardboard has asphalt and you will see it starts to collapse. We want to do it now, not when someone has a problem and the street was just paved. We try to get out there and tv lines before they pave and we get their paving schedule. We saw that many of them were problematic.

Tom Merighi asked if you had to tear up the new curbing and sidewalks that are going in? Dennis stated that this is east of downtown. It's coordinating with Marandino's work. He's the general contractor and he's the one who gets paid so he's going to have to coordinate with whoever he subs to, so he's in charge.

Joe asked if we got a price and Dennis stated that we got it today. It's \$8,000 each and it comes up to \$228,000 with 10% profit it brings us up to about \$251,000 and that includes the line, curb work and sidewalk and any work that goes beyond. Joe stated that it sounds expensive and Dennis stated that its concrete road that you have to saw cut and it slows you down and you have to do a heavy restoration.

Budget/Finance:

Dennis reported that he was talking with Steve Testa and he is basically done with his field work. He did hear from the State and the State is not going to approve your budget until we have an audit and everyone is up against the clock. All Authorities submit their budget like us at the last meeting in October and then you're up for review. We're a couple of weeks away from the audit. Everyone is in the same situation.

Human Resources: No Report

Public Relations: No Report

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci reported that we received a \$55,000 plus check for repairs to the co-gen from Glatfelter Insurance which came today. They were here with their engineers to inspect the tanks. I didn't think they were going to pay because of one sentence in their letter but they paid the claim.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that we just got another project in that's an expansion to a refrigerator storage in the industrial park with no new flow or jobs but we get a review fee for it. Vineland is becoming the capital for freezer and refrigerator storage. Good ratables for the City because of square footage but not much for us.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:13 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Villar and seconded by Barse that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted "yes".

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CARLOS VILLAR, Secretary