

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2021

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
Anthony Tobolski	Field Engineer
Stephen D. Barse	Solicitor
Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Villar and seconded by Barse that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 16, 2021 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 Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2021 – 27 “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.... \$80,196.82”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2021 - 28, “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.... \$297,102.72”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2021 - 29, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing entrance into the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System (NJWCPS)...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Dennis Palmer stated that it is another co-op with attractive pricing for pumps and motors in addition to other items.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2021 – 30 authorizing a contract with Final Touch Contracting LLC in the amount of \$99,400 for restoration of existing sewer trenches throughout the City of Vineland, LSA Pump Stations and LSA plant...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2021 – 31, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing the Executive Director to award a contract to Pioneer Pipe Contractors in the amount of \$1,871,312 for North and South Mill Road force main improvements Contract No. 5...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Joe Reuben asked what the total distance is for the contract and Dennis stated it’s about 5,000 to 6,000 feet. The longest part is coming south from the Little Robin Pump Station to Walnut Road and we’re replacing that line. One of the big expenses is they have to dig down deep, jack and bore underneath the railroad track. It’s probably 10% of the job in that alone. The engineer had a lot of open cut which is more expensive per foot. We want to talk to the contractor to see if there’s any ideas where we can extend the drilling portion and maybe save a little money. We’re concerned about the utilities out there and also the angle of approach. The engineers are being very conservative. Every time you open the cut, it’s longer to keep the road shut down. We’re going to find out if we can do more pushing and less open digging.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis reported that we had two bid openings with competitive bidding. As we opened the bids alphabetically on the pipeline job, the prices came down to the last job. We have a meeting this Friday with City Engineering, Water, Roads to talk about upcoming projects, do we have any conflicts or interference.

We had also had a meeting on the gas project here with the Mayor and its still progressing but slowly. It's billions of dollars and there are a lot of balls in the air to make it happen.

You had the HomeServe Commission Report. I've also had some emails with Ricky Tonetta because one of the things we did. We have these coordination meetings because the City went really fast down Landis Avenue and they did 23 or 24 laterals because there wasn't enough time for us to put together a bid package, get it out in the street long enough as you have with a construction project, so we did it as a change order. The emails asked why wasn't this bid separately? This is the reason for these meetings, so if there's project coming, let us know ahead of time so we can coordinate and get a bid price instead of doing change orders. We will have a resolution coming up from the City and we will do one too, as an interlocal service agreement where they pay the contractor and we reimburse the City. When you have a job like that, you have one contractor that is responsible. So, you have one point of contact and one point of responsibility. We usually have 12 to 18 months for a maintenance period of time after the job is done to maintain it. Some time at the next meeting or two, we'll have a resolution between us and the City.

Field Engineer: No Report

Solicitor:

Stephen Barse stated that as an update on the litigation that we authorized, which is not our own but with the group for PFOS, in the last few days motions are being prepared and we're trying to get an accurate statement of records on appeal is important when you get to the Appellate Division because they rely on those facts and that is being worked on also. Things are happening which is a good thing.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated that we covered most of it but the next project we have are the muffin monsters and grinders for 5 or 6 pump stations just to handle the rags and wipes going down the line. It was a problem before COVID with these personal care wipes being flushed. With COVID it's even worse. We have to clean the head exchangers in the plant because they get clogged so that's our next project.

We want to close a couple of jobs out to see exactly where we stand with money under the bond and at the next meeting you will see at least two resolutions closing out projects and one had a pretty good credit of over \$100,000 that we didn't use. We will probably

be going out to bid in late spring to the summer for the grinder job and that will be done in the Fall.

Budget/Finance: No Report

Human Resources:

Dennis reported that we're still looking for the electrician position and I also emailed you about the Superintendent position. An ad was put on the AEA website and I want to put one on the operator's website. We also have it posted. Also, we will bring Dave back for two days just to keep things in transition and train the next person. Probably at the next meeting I'll have a motion to set that up.

Public Relations: No Report

Insurance Committee: No report

Allocations/Administration: No report

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 Merighi 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