

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
July 5, 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, Villar, Angelo 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 Barse and seconded by Miranda that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 20, 2022 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo 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. 2022 – 62 “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.... \$103,652.87”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Miranda and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2022 - 63, “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....

\$190,502.00”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2022 - 64, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority approving exemption from the competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of goods and services with Reiner Pump Systems, Inc. through North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that the last resolution was a substantial savings for the Sears Pump Station and it’s another one of the co-ops. It comes down to pricing it directly versus buying through the co-op.

You received the HomeServe commission report. The co-gen is back up and running approximately two Thursdays ago which is a good thing because we need sampling for our air permit every quarter. That’s up and running and it saves \$12,000 to \$14,000 a month in electricity.

Dennis also stated that the Chamber had a tri-chamber event with Millville, Bridgeton and Vineland. The three mayors were there and I emceed. It dealt with cannabis. The mayors talked about the impact of cannabis in each of their towns. The positive part is looking at it from tax income and jobs. Law enforcement is concerned about what you do when you drive and what is the impairment. They talked about the impact on jobs. Millville authorized growing, but no distribution which is interesting how different towns look at it. As Chair of the Legislative Advocacy Committee, Dawn asked me to moderate and emcee.

We continue discussions with the natural gas project and also with the renewable gas project in the last two weeks meeting with some of their representatives. Tomorrow two representatives from DRBC which is an interstate regulatory agency in Trenton are coming to see our facility. They heard about us and it’s different than anything they’ve seen for surface water discharge. They’re coming for a tour of our facility, the farm, and the spray guns.

Field Engineer:

Anthony Tobolski reported that the comminator project, according to Contract No. 4 is complete.

Solicitor:

Stephen Barse stated that he did not attend the conference with Dennis last week, but on the topic of the State Police and cannabis, he reported they are looking at the potential impact that cannabis will have on driving under the influence. This also affects employers and testing because it stays in the system for days so it has to be combined with physical observations. You are not allowed to make the physical observations unless you have a certification from the police training commission. The tests were supposed to be out last August, but they are still working on it. Dennis stated that it doesn't apply to CDL drivers because Federal rules trump everything and they are still subject to the current rules. Carol Ricci stated that the insurance companies will probably raise rates on auto insurance also.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that the Executive Director be authorized to prepare and issue an RFP for banking services. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated that we authorized the contract with Mott MacDonald; signed it and sent it back to them so we're proceeding along those lines and getting the co-gen back up and running was another key item.

Budget/Finance:

Dennis stated that the only thing associated with that is the RFP for banking services.

Human Resources: No Report

Public Relations:

Dennis stated the only things are the chamber event and the DRBC people are coming down.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci stated that everything is in place with the commercial liability renewal. We did receive a second quote on the pollution liability. The current premium for the three-year term was approximately \$34,000. The additional quote was \$62,000 so we're comfortable where we are right now with the \$34,000 premium.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that projects are coming in. They're not housing but commercial. We have a couple on Mill Road and Landis Avenue.

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 Miranda that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

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CARLOS VILLAR, Secretary