

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 1, 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 Villar that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on 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 – 69 “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.... \$113,431.05”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2022 -70, “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....

\$391,966.83”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2022 - 71, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing correction on credits, charge-offs, refund and cancellation of accounts in the amount of \$4,722.82...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2022 – 72, “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”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2022 – 73, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority allocating sewerage capacity for Round 200 for Commercial Classification...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was move by Miranda and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2022 – 74, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority summarizing allocation activity through the close of Allocation Round 200...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that the HomeServe commission report was in your packet as well as the quarterly report to the Mayor and Council. Resolution No. 2022-72 continues with the co-ops. We get a competitive price in a timely manner and you don’t have to go through the spec preparation and go out to bid.

Stan is coming down on Thursday to look at our dewatering equipment to see where we can improve. We’re getting a lot of outside waste and there’s two issues. Improve the performance of the digester and sludge handling and at some point, because we’re doing so well, the farm may get maxed out on capacity on liquid. That’s good news and bad news. We’ve looking at three different pieces of equipment where you squeeze the water out and you make more of a cake. One option is you can go to the regional composting facility. I always like to have a back up alternative. Three pieces of equipment came in, they ran different polymer dosages, they brought their own, they used ours. So, we’re looking at the lab data and who has the best performance. We’re still going to have to bid it because the dollar amount is going to be \$40,000 plus.

The Littoral Society is coming in for a tour on Wednesday. It's both high school seniors going to college and college freshmen and sophomores. They run a summer program to learn about the environment.

I have a phone interview with Marquette University. They are interested in our plant because it's unique between the spray irrigation, the farm, the land application, taking food wastes in, the energy we make from solar, wind and combined heat and power. It will be an interesting discussion.

We've had emails back and forth with Angelo from Mott MacDonald. They've done their evaluations on the alternatives replacing the pipeline coming into the plant where we had the collapse. They've got all of the alternatives laid out and now they're looking for pricing from different vendors on what the pricing would be and go from there with a recommendation.

Field Engineer: No Report

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: In an add-on motion it was moved by Miranda and seconded by Villar that the Executive Director be authorized to go out to bid for trench restoration of 465 feet of settled sewer trench on West Walnut Road. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated that he covered many things already. We are getting the close-out documents in on the pipeline contract and the muffing monsters. The muffin monsters came in around \$42,000. We get the performance bond that we keep for a year or eighteen months depending on the job.

Budget/Finance: No Report

Human Resources: No Report

Public Relations:

Dennis stated that we will have the kids come in, we'll take a picture and we'll put it on our Facebook page and maybe send it to the paper.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci stated that we had some good news for Authority employees that participate in our insurance plan. Our self-insured prescription plan has a very large surplus of almost \$80,000. We're going to leave a \$25,000 retention in the fund to cover claims that have not yet been mitigated. The check is in the mail for \$54,370 and we will be re-distributing that to LSA for their portion and the employees for their portion. Dennis stated there will be a resolution for the return of surplus. Carol also added that Tom is working out the percentages before the resolution will be up for action.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that we're getting another car wash. There are two stories in today's paper regarding Logan Township but the Philadelphia Inquirer ran a big story and it had a lot about Vineland in yesterday's paper. It was about economic growth, the factories, the warehouses, cold storage. It talked about the produce auction going back so many years and it's the biggest in the east. Hopefully that will be a draw. Running in the Inquirer is great and there are people out there looking for places.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:08 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Miranda and seconded by Barse that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Villar, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

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CARLOS VILLAR, Secretary