

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2023

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, Headley, Angelo and Reuben were present. Miranda was absent.

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:	Anthony K. Tobolski	Executive Director
	Tyler E. Seifrit, P.E.	Authority Engineer
	Robert A. De Santo	Solicitor
	Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 6, 2023 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Chairman Reuben opened the public hearing for the 2024 budget with the following statement from the hearing officer, Anthony Tobolski.

I, Anthony Tobolski, am the hearing officer for the public hearing on the 2024 budget which was advertised and published on October 20, 2023 and the proper notice was given in accordance with out bonding requirements and covenants. The preliminary budget was approved on October 16, 2023 and submitted to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. As hearing officer, I am advising that the 2024 budget does not anticipate an increase in our user fees over the 2023 budget. The 2024 budget is a 3.4% increase over the 2023 budget which was \$11,900,000 and the 2024 budget is \$12,300,000. Again, I would like to note that even with the increase in the budget, there will be no rate increase to our customers in 2024.

The Authority is exercising its responsibility for asset management and making improvements to the infrastructure that constitute its sewerage system. With that opening statement, I would like to open the floor to comments from the public. Also in attendance

is Tom Post, the Landis Sewerage Authority Business Manager who has prepared the budget and is also available for your questions.

Seeing there is no public in attendance wishing to make comments, I duly close this public hearing and ask the Chairman to close the public hearing and move into the regular meeting.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that the public hearing on the 2024 budget be closed and the regular meeting of the Landis Sewerage Authority commence. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Headley, 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 Headley that Resolution No.2023 – 113 “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.... \$159,597.72”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that Resolution No. 2023 – 114, “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.... \$435,350.03”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that Resolution No. 2023 – 115, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority listing payments from the 2016 bond Issue Construction fund adopted July 5, 2016...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben, voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that Resolution No. 2023 – 116, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement for shared services between the Landis Sewerage Authority and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for architectural, MEP, civil and geo-technical engineering services for pre-engineered wood building...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Anthony Tobolski reported that he attended the AEA conference with Tyler, Tom Post and Adam Holba in Atlantic city. As usual, the main topic was PFAS regulations and all of the “what if’s” associated with it. However, they brought up that there are multiple class action law suits against major corporations that manufactured products containing

PFAS all of which end up in passive receivers, wastewater treatment plants, landfills, leach aid and more. They stated that in order to join the lawsuits you must test for the PFAS and show positive results. Until now, we have not been testing and it's time we start quarterly testing of our industrial customers, influent sewerage and our final effluent to better prepare for what's coming and possibly join the class action law suits if needed. We budgeted for PFAS testing so I would like to start in January of 2024.

Joe Reuben asked if it had to be done on a monthly basis and Anthony stated that it has to be done quarterly. The first round will be the influent, the effluent and the sludge that goes to the farm to see if we have it at all. If we don't have it we'll test quarterly. If we do have it, we'll go to the industries that we already test and see where its coming from if we can and then the state will expect us to come up with a plan to eliminate it from each company.

Perry asked how many people in the area are qualified to do that testing? Anthony stated that its only one in the State of New Jersey and it's not the lab we have working for us. Our company will take the sample and bring it to them and hopefully in time for it to count because everything is based on an hourly basis. When they do require it, I hope they have more than one because everyone in the state will be trying to get sampled. We need to start preparing just in case we have to join the lawsuit.

Authority Engineer:

Tyler Seifrit reported that NJDEP reached out regarding the farm's biosolid application renewal permits for electronic documents for review. LSA will remedy any comments as they appear.

Tyler also stated that he will be performing the plant's stormwater inspection next week for our stormwater permit renewal.

Also, Tyler stated that he will be starting an ArcGIS trial likely next week as a pilot study on transforming our historical and paper maps to digital ones.

LSA has been completing lateral and manhole lid repairs in preparation for the City's ongoing paving operations.

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Anthony stated that he spoke with his assistant superintendent, Bill Bartleson about the status of the co-gen after the fire. They made numerous repairs to the electrical system and repaired the blown oil seal for the turbo. When they initially started it up, they noticed that the oil pressure was high and a loud noise was coming from the engine. They checked the plugs and wires did a compression test and found no cylinder problems.

Then they examined the turbo where they found the bearings were bad inside the turbo causing it to destroy itself from the inside out. The fins of the turbo broke off and possibly fell into the bottom end of the motor. Right now, we are looking to see if a new turbo is even available. If it is available, we will have to disassemble the oil pump and remove the pieces of the broken turbo fins.

Budget/Finance:

Perry Barse reported that income is \$842,949 or 8.5% over budget and expenses are \$259,361 or 2.6% over budget. Accounts receivables decreased \$138,498.

Human Resources:

We hired a new farm worker/mechanic for the ag-site and he will start on December 4th.

Public Relations: No Report

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci stated that she still does not have the rates from NJM since the state has not reviewed the rates for all of the industries next year.

Carol also stated that we are testing for Hep A and Hep B titer to see if past vaccinations are still effective. We have in the past had bad batches of vaccine so we need to test again. Also, we have staff members scheduled for Hep A and B vaccinations along with Tetanus.

Allocations/Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: Joe Reuben wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Adjournment:

At 6:14 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

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RYAN R. HEADLEY, Secretary