

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
May 1, 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, Angelo and Reuben were present. Miranda and Headley were 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: Dennis W. Palmer	Executive Director
Anthony Tobolski	Field Engineer
Robert DeSanto	Solicitor
Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant
Tyler Seifrit, P.E.	Authority Engineer

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Angelo that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 17, 2023 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

At 6:03 p.m. it was moved by Barse and seconded by Angelo that the regular meeting of the Landis Sewerage Authority be closed to the public to discuss personnel matters. Roll call: Barse, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

At 6:10 p.m. it was moved by Barse and seconded by Angelo that the regular meeting of the Landis Sewerage Authority re-open to the public. Roll call: Barse, 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 Angelo that Resolution No. 2023 - 44 “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.... \$105,315.31”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Angelo that Resolution No. 2023 - 45, “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.... \$332,410.58”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Angelo that Resolution No. 2023 - 46, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing an employment agreement with the Executive Director...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that Fiocchi Field is out to bid and it’s like hot cakes. How many have you sold? Anthony stated that 10 people picked up. Contractors stated that there’s not a lot of work right now. The State and the Feds have given out all of that money and where is it? We expected four or five people and it’s a lot of action on a relatively modest job.

Dennis also reported that he’s been following on the bill that we took action on a couple of meetings ago to sign up for the low income program where you help folks. The State is sitting on about \$25m and they’ve done a very poor job getting that out. I received an email from Rick today asking if we’re on top of this and I told him that it already passed our board and filed with the State. It should probably apply to the water and electric utility as well.

We had a lot of flow coming into the facility this weekend because of the heavy rain. We had one or two backups. Anthony stated that ServPro was out there cleaning up and it wasn’t too bad. Dennis stated that a number of stations went into high level alarms. Dennis also stated that the farm looks fantastic. Its so green.

Today was the women’s turkey hunt. We deal with Fish and Wildlife and the National Wild Turkey Federation came. Part of the program is called Women in Hunting. There were about a dozen women hunting and this year three women got birds. It will be on Facebook and they’ll do something in their newsletter also.

Dennis also reported that Joe Smith was here last week. I had sent him information months ago because he had asked me how you do analysis of wastewater as a leading indicator of disease. We had done that when we had the grant from CDC and some other groups. We were sampling our wastewater for COVID. Wastewater is a leading indicator.

When you sample wastewater you pick up people who are sick but are in incubation for 5 to 10 days. A-symptomatic people will never show a sign but they are carrying it. He's read that in the United States you have a large immigrant population coming in and you have no idea what inoculations they have. TB and other diseases are showing up from other countries. We did it for 8 weeks.

Today we had our lunch meeting with Tyler and Anthony and we talked about future projects for Tyler for engineering design to sign and seal. We have a number of pipe linings to be done and we have a parallel sewer in the industrial park where the existing sewer is only eight inches from when the park was built. Today it would be a 10- or 12-inch diameter. The good news is the park is doing well but the line is getting close to capacity. The project would be about 1200 feet.

Field Engineer

Anthony Tobolski reported that there was a short sewer extension project on Garden Road for Eagle Pallet Co. just west of Garden truck stop between Mill Road and Route 55.

Dennis stated that we have some housing projects coming in also. It's a mixture of townhouses and condos and they're looking for a will serve letter. Housing activity is starting to happen in spite of the interest rates.

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman:

Joe Reuben welcomed Tyler Seifrit, the new Authority Engineer to the Landis Sewerage Authority staff.

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant: No Report

Budget/Finance: No Report

Human Resources:

Dennis stated that one of the truck drivers from the ag-site is resigning at the farm. We need a driver with an "A" CDL license. If you have a "B" license, you still have to go back to school and take the \$1500 class before you can go for the "A". The Feds put this

new program where you have to go to school and there's already a shortage of truck drivers nationwide. An ad is going into the paper and also on line.

Bob DeSanto stated that the School Board has a shared services agreement with the city. We have qualified trainers for CDL drivers. For \$2500 per person, the City is sending us people that can get the training to be qualified for a CDL. It may be a situation that you might want to look into. You can contact the business administrator and see if there's an agreement to be had. Dennis stated that our drivers paid \$1500 and Anthony stated that its for a Class B license only and if you want to go up to an "A" license, it's around \$3,000 so for a Class A it's a great deal. Bob stated it should be an existing employee that wishes to get certified.

Public Relations:

Dennis reported that we had the turkey hunt and whatever Joe does regarding his visit. Dennis stated that he was in DC for a couple of days last week representing New Jersey. We talked about the PFAS and PFOS issues. EPA had a lot of speakers and they finally are close to an approved method for wastewater. That was one of the problems in that they did not have an approved method. They gave out headquarter memos to use this method. They went through their own laboratory and it went through quality control and how its gone to a multi-lab authentication of the technique. The data is in and they have to go through the process to adopt it through the federal register. They're recommending it for sludge as well as wastewater and its nationwide and not just for New Jersey.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci reported that she had met with Bob English and Gus Gosweiler's replacement. As I told you before, Gus passed away and his name is Bill Mullin. He is heading up Colson and Gosweiler in Bridgeton. We will increase property values by 4% as Glatfelter is recommending and the overall premium will probably increase 5%. I don't have the exact numbers because there was a lot added to the existing schedules. Also, they increased the payroll 3%. We updated lists. Carol stated that she has no idea where the Cyber Liability policy will come in. The application is so complicated that Tom and I have to send it over to LookFirst for preparation. Pollution Liability isn't due for 2 years and loss ratios were good.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that we have a couple of projects inhouse. One is a housing project looking for a will serve letter.

Old Business:

New Business: None

Adjournment: None

At 6:25 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Barse and seconded by Angelo that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

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RYAN R. HEADLEY, Secretary