

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 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 Barse and seconded by Villar that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 21, 2020 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 Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2021-1 “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.... \$80,687.44”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2021 - 2, “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....

\$229,174.54”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that we worked with Mott MacDonald to put together a schedule to advertise for the pipeline work on Mill Road. The ad went out today. We have a pre-bid coming up next week and we’ll open bids at the very end of the month.

A copy of the DEP permit was sent to you. It was very involved. When the City started taking radiation out of the drinking water, they put filters in and they would backwash it to us and it would come into the plant. They are worried about the health of our workers and worried about us going to the ground with our sludge. The city has changed their filter system now that absorbs it all and then truck it away to a low-level radiation site. They are not putting their radiation in the system anymore. We’ve been working for years with DEP to say that the City is not giving us radiation any longer. They’re taking it out of the water so it’s cleaner and we request to stop doing the sampling because it’s expensive. That permit modification gets rid of a lot of that sampling.

You saw the HomeServe commission payment. We had a Zoom meeting which pertains to one item here which are the batteries on the pumping stations. We’re working our way through the design. I just wanted your approval to advertise once the job is ready.

We did a report to DEP on the air pollution permit. We have to do quarterly reports. We got a revised or condensed brief on the PFOS where we are working on our consortium. This is the lawsuit we’re in with other entities dealing with DEP’s PFOS rules.

Field Engineer

Anthony Tobolski reported that our Paver, NJB Paving, has been out for the last two weeks paving all of our trenches from lateral repairs in various locations where the road settled over our sewer mains. We will have to go out to bid for this year’s paving contract.

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence:

It was moved by Villar and seconded by Barse to authorize the Executive Director to advertise for bids for battery back up at two pumping stations. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Joe Reuben asked if the batteries were solar and Dennis stated that the station lots are too small for solar. Two stations are on the same circuit: Ramblewood and North East Avenue. If one goes out, they both go out. Storms, branches, this is a spot that has habitual problems. We asked the City what was the average outage and they stated it was 90 minutes. We're looking to see if we can put batteries in for two- and one-half hours which will get us through the average number of outages and it also buys us time to get a truck and a pump out there. We often pre-position a pump and a generator at those two pump stations. Now we can put them at another location. We're looking at the what the cost will be compared to a pump or a generator. As we go forward there may be some money out there since the governor is trying to get us away from fossil fuels. We're looking at some solar at the plant and a battery pack to balance our demand charge. We're still paying \$8000 to \$9000 on peak demand which is down from \$11,000 to \$12,000 before with the new blowers.

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated we had some warranty work for some issues at the headworks.

Budget/Finance: No Report

Human Resources:

Dennis stated we have a new employee starting on Monday. One of our shift managers retired last week so there will be a cascade of people moving around and there will be a memo going to the personnel committee to take some action at the next meeting.

Public Relations:

Dennis stated that the dress-down money we collected was given to Salvation Army and it amounts to around \$500. They came in and took a picture and we put it on our Facebook page.

Insurance Committee: No report

Allocations/Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:09 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Errickson 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