

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 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
	Stephen D. Barse	Solicitor
	Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Villar and seconded by Barse that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 5, 2021 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 Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2021 – 43 “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.... \$73,891.96”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2021 - 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 Bills.... \$387,498.66”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2021 - 45, "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, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted "yes".

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that the quarterly went to Mayor and Council. We also received a nice letter from the people in the accident that were behind Darrin. After looking at the Mini Cooper, it was amazing this woman got out alive. The bumper was pushed into the front seat. Darrin pulled her out.

Dennis stated that the letters for Sheridan Avenue went out. We've been getting a lot of calls regarding the letter. I suggested to the City Administrator that they have a public meeting prior to the residents voting. Everyone was emailed today regarding a public meeting and we are running the numbers so we can be factual at the meeting.

On Utopia, I finally got everything loaded on the DEP website which was difficult because of their requests for certain formats. That is now in DEP's hands. Prices will be going up for that project also.

We received the reports and we're having a meeting with the folks that supply the batteries for the pump stations. The price came in and it's way too high. North East Avenue and Ramblewood are on the same grid. They often go out but their average down time is 60 to 90 minutes and power will come back up. We wanted to make it twice that amount of time. It was an interesting exercise given all of the green energy deals from Trenton and Washington. If something falls out of the sky with a big grant for batteries, we can make it work. It's about twice the cost to put a generator there. There is an active business making big battery packs, shipping container size. We're looking at doing more solar on site here and have enough panels that it goes into the batteries and at night we can draw off the batteries.

Field Engineer

Dennis Palmer reported for Anthony Tobolski as follows. There was a backup on Chestnut Avenue, Monday, April 12th. Our crews cleared it but they were hitting something hard and requested that we TV the line. On Wednesday the line was TV'd and we found that we had two gas services through our sewer main. One of the gas lines had a hole in it from where the jetter was getting caught on it. South Jersey Gas and LSA employees worked together to dig up both areas. They removed their gas line and we repaired our sewer line. The gas lines have been in there since 1995. On Thursday, we

TV'd the sewer main from Spring Road to Brewster and determined that there were no more gas lines in our sewer main.

Dennis reported that we have been doing spot repairs using inflatable ladder, we put a piece in and it cures. In the industrial park we did 5,000 or 6,000 feet. We can only do these in 10-foot increments. Next year we want to purchase the equipment so we can do this ourselves and not spend thousands a pop.

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated that our camera has been repaired and we can TV those areas. We are processing the payment for Landis Avenue. We took action with a resolution and we will start looking for capital items and projects.

We have to reach out to Mott MacDonald. Where do they stand with submittals and shop drawings so that project can start? We are looking at putting in some grinders at four or five pumping stations to handle the wipes.

Budget/Finance:

Tom Merighi reported that income is \$16,093 or .58% over budget and expenses are \$106,958 or 3.8% under budget. Account receivables decreased \$344,952. The Authority continues to be affected by the economy and is keeping a close watch on its budget. Dennis added that we sent out the bills with the interest added and customers are using their credit cards.

Human Resources:

Dennis stated that the new electrician started last week and everyone is happy with him. He did a great job trouble shooting a problem in the plant. We have a posting for assistant superintendent that runs till later this week with a couple of responses. We have two resumes outside for superintendent.

Steve and I talked and we are in the last year of our union contract. We will probably start talking to them late summer.

Also, we're very proud that Marianette received a letter that she passed the State certification for Qualified Purchasing Agent which is really a tough test. She did very well. I will be sending something to the personnel committee on that. The advantage of that is the normal bid threshold is \$17,500 but with that the adjustment is \$44,000. It's a big advantage.

Public Relations:

The Giordano scrap project in Pittsgrove caused us to have several calls from B & B Poultry and Ricky as well, that there is a story in the Cumberland Guide that Giordano stated LSA is going to give them sewer and they're tying into B & B's line and the City of Vineland is running water out to them. I explained to Mark Fisher and Ricky that we have had zero communications from Giordano but his engineer's report said that he's hoping to get water and sewer and tie into B & B Poultry line and send the sewer to LSA. We have had no communications, no agreement and no discussions with Giordano's.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci stated that she is still waiting for numbers for commercial liability. All applications have been submitted. As mentioned before, there will probably be a 5% increase on public officials and we have no idea where cyber liability is going to end up. We've updated all of the lists, increased property values 2% just to stay in line with replacement costs. Everything should be up for action on the first meeting in June.

It should be mentioned that regarding the truck accident, this will go on for a while. We've had numerous letters from attorneys, New Jersey Manufacturer's Insurance. The gentleman in the first vehicle has hired council and is pursuing a claim. We had \$18,000 in damages to our truck which is over at Fred Bianco's right now. The young lady's vehicle is a total loss and she walked away with a couple of stitches. Someone was watching over her. Carol also stated that she looked up the safety rating on the Mini Coopers and it's five stars. She was pushed into the passenger seat and Darrin removed her from the vehicle because fluid was pouring onto the road from her car.

Allocations/Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:21 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Villar 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