

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
June 7, 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 Villar and seconded by Barse that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 17, 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 – 52 “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.... \$108,489.06”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Merighi that Resolution No. 2021 - 53, “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.... \$384,106.74”, 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 - 54, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority summarizing allocation activity through the close of Allocation Round 193...” 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 – 55, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority allocating sewer capacity for Round 193 for the industrial classification...” 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 – 56, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority allocating sewerage capacity for Round 193 for commercial classification...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that your package contained the HomeServe report and the Receiving Station report. It was another good month. After talking to staff, it’s getting so busy, we could almost use another person to help log them in and do plant work. I’ll hold off on that for now because by the time you pay someone and give them benefits it gets costly, so it’s something we may have to look into.

Regarding the natural gas project, Steve and I worked on the lease and sent it over to them. I sent you a long email on the Utopia project to show you I’ve been working on it since October. The DEP website is beyond unfriendly. They want some in a PDF file, some in a TIF file and some in a ZIP file. It was certified back in April and I haven’t heard anything. I started another chain of emails last week saying I certified it and they can’t find it. I sent a screen shot of the certification and they still can’t find it. A person named Kathleen Hitchner who is a staff person I’ve dealt with said it hasn’t been assigned to me because you haven’t gone through the portal. She got it assigned but she still can’t find it. It shouldn’t be assigned if you can’t find it. In October I sent maps, plans, the petition, the resolution by the Authority, the City, the Freeholders, the County Planning Board all approving the project to move forward. Bobby D. sent me an email asking what’s going on and I told him it’s in DEP’s hands since April. I’ve copied him on everything else.

On Sheridan, the vote was so close it was one or two votes over. It’s not an overwhelming mandate and since then two things have happened. PVC and construction

prices have gone up and everyone is very busy. We originally designed it for the grassy area and DJ wants it in the middle of the road. So, I wrote back to the city and basically said that I would suggest you go out with new pricing and do it quickly because prices are moving higher and let the people vote again and see if they want it.

Utopia is moving away from our original cost too mechanically and otherwise. I have to get ahold of Mott MacDonald. We're happy with the plans for the grinders at the stations and we gave authorization at a previous meeting to go out to bid. Before I go out to bid, I want to know what their estimate is so I need to know if I take it out of the bond or our R & R fund which is like the old construction fund. I'll send the email out to see where we stand on the estimate.

Dennis also reported that Rovagnati had a payment plan and they paid their first payment and their next payment was due in May and I wrote them that the agreement says you have to pay us by May 10th. We did get the payment; it wasn't showing up at our bank because it's an international wire transfer and sometimes they get parked to make sure it's valid and we did get the payment. You'll see it in the next report Tom sends.

Field Engineer

Anthony Tobolski reported that LSA staff has been televising the sewer mains and laterals on the roads that the City of Vineland will be paving this year. So far, we are in need of 12 spot repairs. We received pricing for the repairs at \$36,000. Dennis and I discussed buying the equipment and doing this work ourselves. To purchase the equipment needed will only cost around \$17,000 plus the cost of resins and liner material which is relatively inexpensive when bought in bulk.

We have received several more streets to inspect and anticipate finding quite a few more considering the age of our system. Purchasing this equipment should reduce the price of each repair from \$3,000 each to under \$1,000 each.

Solicitor:

Stephen Barse reported that we have our lease comments back to South Jersey Gas and we're waiting for them to respond. It's anticipated it will be at least a couple of weeks. The briefing in the Appellate Division is still going on for the PFOA and PFOS. It's classic Appellate Division litigation where you have hundreds of pages documents. This will keep going on for a while and as far as I know there are no oral arguments scheduled and that will probably not be for months from now. Dennis stated there are six of us in private and public organizations who have joined in the litigation. It's a big case. DEP was wrong and we satisfy and cross that bar because they give deference to the organization.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis reported that we're looking at a couple of things such as can the digester produce more gas. There's an interest in our gas as renewable gas and there's a desire for gas companies to have that in their portfolio. They would clean it up and pump it into the pipeline.

Budget/Finance:

Dennis reported that the Audit is getting started. They've come out to do inventory of supplies and chemicals but they haven't been here yet.

Human Resources:

Dennis reported that we moved Steve up to Assistant Superintendent since the current Assistant Superintendent is retiring at the end of the month. That results in a cascade of movement in positions. I sat down today with an employee to be an acting shift manager and that opens up a position in the road crew and hopefully we're looking at someone we've looked at who has worked in the field and the collection system and has experience putting those liners in. We have to go through the process of posting the job.

Public Relations:

Dennis stated that he put the articles to the newspaper about the turkey hunt and we got nothing out of that. The Wastewater Association may put one in their news. It was a different story for a wastewater treatment plant.

We were supposed to have a tour last weekend with Citizens United to check our bluebirds and purple martins but the weekend before was so cold and so wet that most of the chicks died unfortunately. The tour never happened. It may happen later in the season.

Insurance Committee: No report

Allocations/Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:17 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Villar and seconded by Errickson that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted "yes".

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CARLOS VILLAR, Secretary