

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
February 20, 2024

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, Miranda, Headley, Angelo 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:	Anthony K. Tobolski	Executive Director
	Tyler E. Seifrit, P.E.	Authority Engineer
	Robert A. De Santo	Solicitor
	Nancy A. Lagerholm	Administrative Assistant
	Mary Irelan	Court Stenographer

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Angelo that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 5, 2024 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”. Miranda and Headley abstained.

Chairman Reuben asked Solicitor Robert DeSanto to chair the hearing.

The Solicitor asked for a motion to open the public hearing. It was moved by Angelo and seconded by Miranda that the public hearing for the rate changes be opened. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

This opens the public hearing for the Landis Sewerage Authority with respect to proposed rate increase to raise staff and vehicle reimbursement costs of the Landis Sewerage Authority for Developer reviews, staff and vehicle reimbursements, contracted operations and any other reimbursements deemed by the Landis Sewerage Authority.

Solicitor asked the Executive Director to state his name and position for the swearing in as follows:

Anthony K. Tobolski, Executive Director of the Landis Sewerage Authority.

Solicitor: Do you swear that the testimony you are about to provide tonight is the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Mr. Tobolski: "I do".

Solicitor De Santo states that he is handing the hearing over to Anthony Tobolski, The Executive Director of the Landis Sewerage Authority.

My name is Anthony K. Tobolski, Executive Director of the Landis Sewerage Authority and I am the hearing officer for the public hearing being held on this date in the matter of setting new rates for reimbursables. I find that pursuant to NJ State Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8 and the following, the Authority acted in accordance with the appropriate procedures in advertising the public hearing. Legal ads appeared on January 3, 2024 in the Press of Atlantic City and January 6, 2024 in the Daily Journal (the official newspapers) as well as notices sent to the appropriate municipal clerks in accordance with the law at least 20 days prior to the hearing, meeting the legal requirements notice.

The purpose of the hearing is to approve a rate increase to raise staff and vehicle reimbursement costs of the Authority for developer reviews, contracted operations and any other reimbursables as deemed by the Landis Sewerage Authority. The Authority professionals were available for any comments or questions from the public. I would like to note that no written or verbal communications were submitted to the Authority up to the night of the public hearing and based upon no comments being received, I recommend that the rate schedule that is proposed as part of this public hearing be adopted at the Authority's next meeting by the appropriate resolution.

The Solicitor stated that there is no one in the public audience. May we have a motion to close the public hearing. It was moved by Angelo and seconded by Miranda that the public hearing for the rate changes be closed. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

Solicitor stated that concludes the public hearing and I turn the meeting over to the Chairman.

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. 2024 – 16, "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.... \$102,939.00", be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Angelo that Resolution No. 2024 - 17, “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.... \$305,345.02”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Anthony Tobolski reported that he and Tyler have been working with the attorneys from the Trout National Golf Course to get a 201 Facility amendment. We were able to speak with the person from the EPA and submitted the application for the amendment on Monday, the 12th of February.

Anthony also reported he received an email from Arvene Kilby, who is the constituent service director for Senator Testa, about the Utopia Project. The email said “A letter is being finalized for issuance to the applicant. Once the letter is finalized by the program, it will be sent out to the applicant. The letter should be issued within the next few weeks.”

Update to the Authority about the Grant funding for the New York New Jersey I-Bank. On Friday, February 16, 2024 Tom Post spoke to the Authority’s Bond Counsel advising that OceanFirst Bank is satisfied the Authority has sufficient cash flow to cover repayment to the I-Bank in the unlikely event that the Authority is not granted principal and interest forgiveness. Tom was further informed that OceanFirst and another bank holding the Authority’s Bond are on board with the Authority utilizing the I-Bank. In the next several weeks, OceanFirst will be contacting the remaining banks holding our Bonds for approval.

Authority Engineer:

Tyler Seifrit reported that he attended a meeting with the City of Vineland and local utilities to discuss the Chestnut Avenue Reconstruction and Safety Improvements project. I informed them we have little to no information on the majority of that system and it will take significant effort from our crews to determine the existing conditions. The amount of rehabilitation, repairs and replacement required to be completed prior to construction are unknown at this time.

The City of Vineland also informed me of a significant upgrade by a local utility on Spring Road where they are offering to pave the road after. This is another area where we have large gaps in info/data on the existing conditions and will require significant effort to determine. The City was informed to push this as late as possible.

Tyler informed the Board that he will be absent for an upcoming board meeting. He and his wife are expecting their first child on March 6, 2024.

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Anthony stated that he and Tyler met with a company that would like to lease 15 acres of LSA property to place tractor trailer size batteries on our land. They would buy power from AC Electric during the off-peak hours at a low price, then sell it back during peak usage time at a higher price. We will receive a contract within the next couple of weeks and I will review them with Bob and Tyler and will let you know what the details and results are of our findings.

Last Tuesday, one of our pumps at the New Pear Pump station had a large piece of metal go into it and the impeller was broken into pieces and the shaft was bent. LSA staff dissembled the pump and will be able to rebuild it in house.

Tuesday evening, we lost power to half of the plant. We had one of the main feeds for the plant burn up and it burned a hole in the steel duct work before it blew the fuses. We had Scalfo Electric send an electrician to troubleshoot the problem. He was able to power the plant through the other feed. They will be back to replace the damaged feed bank and fuses this week. They said that the failure was due to age.

Budget/Finance:

Yarilee Miranda reported that income is \$38,413 or 3.7% over budget and expenses are \$127,621 or 12.5% over budget. Accounts receivables increased \$39,078.

Human Resources: No Report

Public Relations: No Report

Insurance Committee: No Report

Allocations/Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:13 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Miranda and seconded by Angelo that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

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RYAN R. HEADLEY, Secretary