

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
July 7, 2025

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, Headley, Angelo and Reuben were present. Miranda was absent.

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. 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
	Thomas J. Post	Business Manager
	Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant
	Mary Ireland	Court Stenographer

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

Solicitor Robert DeSanto stated his name and opened the public hearing for the Landis Sewerage Authority with respect to a rate increase for its annual user fees. It was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that the public hearing for the rate increase commence. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Please state your name:

My name is Anthony K. Tobolski, Executive Director, Landis Sewerage Authority. Also, present tonight is Tom Post, our Business Manager, and Tyler Seifrit, our engineer.

Tonight, we will be reading into the record and providing testimony by the Authority for the basis and background for this public hearing and the intent of our need for a rate increase.

Prior to tonight's public hearing, the Authority has followed the requirements that are contained in New Jersey State Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8 et seq., and the following which requires certain procedures to be implemented before a public hearing can be held for a rate increase. The law requires notice in two newspapers at least 20 days prior to the hearing as well as notice mailed to the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality for which the Authority provides services. The Authority sent notices to The Press of Atlantic City and the Daily Journal. The Daily Journal published the hearing notice on June 14, 2025, and The Press of Atlantic City published the public hearing notice on June 17, 2025. Please see Attachment No. 1 and No. 2. In addition, Notices were mailed and emailed to the Municipal Clerks and letters were sent under the date of June 12, 2025, to the Municipalities for which the Authority provides services or are connected into the system. A copy of the Municipal Clerk's letters is included as Attachment No. 3. Therefore, the 20-day notice prior to the hearing was satisfied with respect to the Municipal Clerks.

The Authority is being impacted by inflation in some of its budget line items. Comparing some of the 2022 costs with 2025 costs, the Authority has experienced the following increases from 3 years ago. These include but are not limited to:

1. Plant testing fees increased 270%
2. Sodium Hypochlorite per unit cost increased 105%
3. The operating permit issued by the state of New Jersey increased 75%
4. Polymer per unit cost increased 20%

These increased costs are detailed in Attachment No. 4. In addition to these increased costs, the Authority has an aging plant which is now 37 years old and is experiencing difficulties in finding replacement components.

The Authority is performing due diligence throughout the current year and to avoid any budget deficiencies this year and in 2026, is proposing a 5.8% rate increase to all user charges and fees. This will increase the residential charge by \$24 per year, going from \$416 to \$440 per year. Also, the Authority's bulk rate will increase by \$180 per million gallons to \$3,280 per million from \$3,100. Attachment No. 5 lists the proposed rates for each user billing classification.

That is the completion of my testimony for the record and into the record. It's time to open the hearing to any comments from the public.

Since there were no public comments, it was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that the public hearing for the rate increase be closed. Roll call: Barse, Headley, 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 Headley that Resolution No.2025 – 55 “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.... \$156,235.62”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that Resolution No. 2025 - 56 “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.... \$464,861.56”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that Resolution No 2025 – 57, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing correction on credits, charge-offs, refunds and cancellation of accounts in the amount of \$1,968.01...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Anthony reported that we have a pre-construction meeting for the Little Robin Pump Station next Tuesday to establish timelines and to discuss how the contractor plans to proceed with the job.

Authority Engineer:

Tyler Seifrit reported that since our last meeting, the union trailer specs were finalized, and the project was advertised for bidding. I have a pre-bid meeting on July 14th and bids are to be opened on July 30th.

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman:

Joe Reuben stated that he enjoyed the monthly newsletter and that it was good reading.

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant/Ag-Site:

Anthony stated that on June 30th we had a lightning strike in the plant that knocked out 25 electrical items. We are getting prices to replace the equipment and labor costs. Carol has submitted the claim to Glatfelter.

Budget/Finance: No Report

Human Resources:

Anthony reported that he will be starting union negotiations in two weeks with both the plant and the farm personnel.

Public Relations: No Report

Insurance Committee: No Report

Allocations/Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:08 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Barse and seconded by Headley that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Headley, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

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RYAN R. HEADLEY, Secretary