

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
July 1, 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, Angelo and Reuben were present. Headley 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
Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Angelo that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 17, 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 abstained.

The Chairman asked if there were any general public comments or comments on the proposed Resolutions. There were none.

Resolutions:

It was moved by Miranda and seconded by Barse that Resolution No.2024 – 51 “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.... \$100,826.96”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2024 - 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 Bills.... \$320,345.41”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2024 – 53, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority declaring its official intent to reimburse expenditures for project costs from the proceeds of debt obligations in connection with its participation in the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank financing program...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2024 – 54, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing correction on credits, charge-offs, refunds and cancellation of accounts in the amount of \$12,730.49...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Anthony Tobolski reported that we have received final approval from the banks to pursue the \$3 million I-Bank grant.

Anthony also stated that the interceptor line project plan has once again been slightly changed. The drawings for the 24-inch pipe north of Elm Road show that the pipe material is PVC when in fact it is transite/asbestos cement. The pipe and manholes are in terrible condition. As far as we know, we’ve never had any issues with it, so we didn’t know how bad it was. The \$3 million grant will pick up the replacement cost of that pipe.

So, being that we are going to be replacing approximately 3,000 feet of pipe between the two projects, I want to increase the pipe size from 24-inch to 30-inch. Increasing the pipe size will increase the amount of flow we can receive by around 80% and the change will only increase the price by about \$17,000. North of where we are stopping should be PVC. If it is, we will leave that alone until we need to increase flow.

Yari Miranda asked why not replace it with the 48-inch pipe? Anthony stated that we will never have that kind of flow. We’re a 10.2-million-gallon plant. It would be overkill. When we have a bad storm, we’ll get anywhere from 11 million to 20 million gallons a day so that will help with those issues, and we won’t have any overflowing manholes.

Joe Reuben asked if we’d be able to still use Perna and Anthony stated yes. We will have to do a TWA for this project and we didn’t know about it until today. We can push it through with the DEP because it’s an emergency.

Authority Engineer:

Tyler Seifrit reported that draft plans and profiles for the revisions to the Mill Road Interceptor project are ongoing with the addition of the TWA documents as this is a change in pipe diameter. We have our crews prepping the sight, taking out trees and doing test pits this week to make sure there are no conflicts elevation wise.

The union pole barn plans were submitted to the City for the July Planning Board meeting.

Bob De Santo added that he has not been notified by the Planning Board if we are on the schedule and if we're not, we'll be scheduled for the August meeting.

Solicitor:

Bob De Santo stated that Anthony negotiated the agreement with Michael Gruccio for Live Well Cottages, and I added one item that we are satisfied because we do not know how long it will take to get this project started. So, with your approval tonight, I would like that it's conditional upon a final formal contract acceptable to the Executive Director.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence:

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that the Executive Director be authorized to utilize Section N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(19) of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law as a bidding exception under section N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(gg) for the South Mill Road Interceptor Line repair. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

It was moved by Miranda and seconded by Barse that the Executive Director be authorized to sign the Live Well Cottages agreement presented by Michael Gruccio regarding their allocation/connection fee with the approval by the Executive Director. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Tyler, Tom, Bob and the Allocation Committee and I continue to work on updating the allocation manual. It should be completed by the beginning of next week.

I am also requesting a motion to allow me to endorse and submit the Treatment Works Approval Application-Statement of Consent for the Mill Road Interceptor project WQM-003, a required document in the application requires signature from the City of Vineland to avoid potential delays. This should be sent to the City for their next available meeting.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that the Executive Director be authorized to endorse and submit the Treatment Works Approval Application-Statement of Consent for the Mill Road Interceptor project WQM-003 as a required document in the application requires signature from the City of Vineland to avoid potential delays and

sent to the City for their next available meeting. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Budget/Finance: No Report

Human Resources:

Anthony reported that our new employee started today in the accounts receivable position.

Public Relations:

Anthony stated that he went to the grand opening at Cinegro and I made some contacts. The general manager stated that they are doing a lot of work on the bill for PFAS and PFOS and also it will be parts per billion and not parts per trillion for sludge application which will be huge.

Yari asked if we had any student clerks this summer and Anthony stated we do not.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci reported that all commercial liability insurances are bound and that she and Anthony will be meeting with the representatives from Health Insurance Solutions and My Benefits Advisor to discuss the major medical and prescription renewals that are due on October 1, 2024. There will also be a conversation concerning GLP-1 drugs at that time and presently we do not cover weight loss drugs.

Allocations/Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

Carol Ricci advised the Commissioners that the WRA dinner is September 12th at the Philadelphia Water Works, and she will need to know who is interested in going.

Adjournment:

At 6:19 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Miranda and seconded by Barse that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

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RYAN R. HEADLEY, Secretary