

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
July 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 and Reuben were present. Villar was absent.

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 Barse and seconded by Merighi that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 6, 2021 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Merighi 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 Merighi that Resolution No. 2021 – 64 “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.... \$81,556.17”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Merighi that Resolution No. 2021 - 65, “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.... \$288,559.03”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Merighi that Resolution No. 2021 - 66, “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 and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Merighi that Resolution No. 2021 – 67, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing compensation adjustment and creating a new title...” be adopted. “Roll call: Barse, Merighi and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that in your package was the commission report as well as our quarterly report.

Last week I went with AEA to the State House and we had a meeting with the Senate majority staff and we discussed the bill S3637 which is the bill where you can transfer local assets and capital infrastructure to the state pension system which AEA is not in favor of to say the least. There are many steps for that to happen but it’s Sweeney’s proposal to help fund the system so you could transfer a local bridge, highway or a toll road. It could also be water and wastewater infrastructure. It’s somewhat like what’s going over at CCUA but it would go the wastewater trust. They don’t have the staff to do it and they would have to expand to a whole new kingdom. We raised a lot of very good issues and also got a lot of amendments out of the majority staff. This is the Senate President’s bill and it will be back again in lame duck in December. It brought up a lot of key issues. Jean Fox came with us and joined in with AEA. She’s past DEP Commissioner and past President of the BPU. She knows a lot of folks up there. She also went to the public hearing when it was before the Senate Appropriations Committee the bill was pulled because there are issues. NJ Waterworks was with us as well. Past Governors Florio and Whitman are members that look for good environmental policy. They are also with us and they realize you don’t want to get rid of all of this local infrastructure. The way it’s set up to pay fair market value, inflates the price of the utilities and rate payers will pay more. It was a very fruitful meeting.

Field Engineer

Anthony Tobolski reported that Pioneer Pipe started Contract No. 5 which is the force main on Mill Road, last Monday. The subcontractor doing the drilling is Kmetz Construction who drilled the first 520 feet. They were prepared to install the pipe last Tuesday but right before it was about to go into the hole, they realized that they had the wrong pipe delivered by their supplier. The pipe delivered had a smaller outside diameter and the repair fittings would not be readily available if we ever need to repair it. They had

the correct pipe delivered Thursday and fused it together. They drilled the hole again today and installed the first 520 feet. The total stretch on South Mill Road is 3700 feet.

Dennis stated that it was 10-inch pipe but it was 10-inch pipe not made for ductile iron fittings. When Anthony says fused, they take 500 feet plus of pipe and they run it through this heater that melts it and couples it. You just don't put that back on the shelf after you couple them so the supplier has to eat them. The 10-inch pipe that is going on North Mill Road is correct.

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman:

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis reported that we had a pre-bid meeting held back on the 8th. The bid opening is this Wednesday to install the grinders at multiple locations. Just recently we changed the media that is in big stainless-steel containers for the co-gen. It's something we have to do annually to keep in line with our air pollution permits.

We're still talking to several companies that are interested in our gas maybe for renewable natura gas. There are actually three at this point in time and one lead company and we need to hear what they have to say.

Budget/Finance:

Tom Merighi reported that income is \$106,932 or 1.9% over budget and Expenses are \$133,719 or 2.4% under budget. Account receivables decreased \$301,176.

Joe Reuben asked if the Auditors have been here. Dennis stated that they were here early in the year for inventory. Tom is pulling together work papers. Everything is being pushed back further and further.

Human Resources:

Dennis stated that our new employee is starting next week and I sent the personnel committee and we may have a new superintendent which will be up for action at the next meeting.

Public Relations:

Dennis stated that tours are back. We had the American Littorial Society. They were here with two full time staff and twelve interns, which were mostly college freshmen, sophomore and juniors who are getting into the environmental field. We gave them a tour of the facilities and we went over to the farm.

One of the North Jersey authorities got involved with a project coming out of Boston. It's called Bio-Bot and they are looking, in our case, to have wastewater samples that we normally take every 24 hours and refrigerate. We put the samples into three bottles, we break the ice packs and send it off. They are researching how much COVID is in wastewater. They are trying to get an idea especially with those who are asymptomatic and what shows up in the wastewater. It's no cost to us, just the time to fill the bottles and package. It's six weeks, twice a week, freezer packs, bottles, insulated shipping containers and labels. They will give us a report when it's over. It starts Wednesday.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci reported that we are starting to work on prescription renewal which is October 1st. We're doing pretty well with managing expenses. We are in the final year of the three-year rate contract. We're doing well with it so we'll see where it ends up.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that the union contract ends at the end of this year. I called the business agent to get together in the Fall and get it done. I don't want to wait until January.

Stephen Barse stated that we should get started on our proposal.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Dennis reminded the Commissioners that the WRA dinner is September 21st at the Water Works in Philadelphia.

Adjournment:

At 6:12 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Merighi and seconded by Barse that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Merighi and Reuben voted "yes".

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CARLOS VILLAR, Secretary