# THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING May 5, 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, 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 Miranda that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 21, 2025 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, 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 Miranda that Resolution No.2025 – 38 "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.... \$105,996.71", be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2025 - 39 "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.... \$417,456.77", be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

# Reports:

### **Executive Director**

Anthony Tobolski reported that he had a meeting with NJ SAGE to get information on a \$2m grant. Our intensions are to clean, televise and GIS our sewer system to have an accurate map of all our gravity mains and laterals. They explained that if we use our own engineering firm, it would have to be connected to a project. If we use their selected engineers, Remington and Vernick, we would be able to do it our way and not be obligated to have any work done as a result of our findings.

Anthony stated that he preferred to use their engineer to help prepare the bid specs and get most of the \$2m that we can.

The Little Robin Pump Station project is out for bid. Bid openings will be the 21<sup>st</sup> of May and hopefully will be awarded by June 6<sup>th</sup>. The original plan was to see how much that bid was so we would know how much to go for but at this point, I don't think we should go for the second bid in the 2025 calendar year. Our agreement with our banks is that we will not exceed \$3m and if we find that a main can't be lined and we have to open cut, the price can possibly exceed \$3m. The pipelining on Mill Road is over 1,000 feet and it's deep.

#### Authority Engineer:

Tyler Seifrit reported that LSA had a vendor come to evaluate the existing Pennsylvania Avenue Pump Station for pump replacement. The current station utilizes a 30 foot can which has deteriorated over time. The existing can make it difficult for maintenance of pumps and will become unsafe when the deterioration continues. We are evaluating the conversion to submersible pumps installed in the existing wet well.

Also, myself and four other LSA staff members and two guys from the Millville sewer department were able to visit the Gorman Rupp facilities last week in Mansfield, Ohio where we toured the manufacturing plant as well as attended several pump workshops and engineering demonstrations. It was a great day and a half, and we all learned a lot of tips and tricks to help evaluate our current pumps and stations. Two of our best mechanics at the end of the tour said "We have almost 45 years of experience combined and there was still some stuff I learned. Even simple things I just never thought of before."

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman: No Report

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Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

# Engineering/Plant/Ag-Site:

Anthony reported that on Friday we had an inspection with the DEP of several of our pump stations and collection system. The inspection went very well, and I don't foresee any violations.

Budget/Finance: No Report

#### **Human Resources:**

Anthony stated that we have hired a new employee for the maintenance/road crew position. He starts on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

## Public Relations:

Anthony reported that we had the NJ Fish and Wildlife Women's Mentored Hunt on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. They only harvested two turkeys, but they all had a chance to see turkeys called in and some didn't come close enough.

#### **Insurance Committee:**

Carol Ricci reported that she's still waiting for numbers for the commercial liability renewal.

She also reported that we had a meeting with the insurance committee to discuss weight loss drugs because we were getting a lot of questions about coverage. We took a very close look into these drugs. This would require a plan change and they are quite expensive and would probably cut into our surplus. Also, the city is not covering these drugs and we don't feel that it's a good idea for a public utility to cover weight loss drugs.

Allocations/Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

Joe Reuben asked if Downe Township was shut down right now and Anthony stated that the building of the plant is shut down. However, they are putting in the force main and the E1 pump stations.

Adjournment:

At 6:07 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