

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
January 3, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of the Landis Sewerage Authority was called to order by Chairman Merighi at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present at roll call: Barse, Reuben, Errickson, Villar and Merighi were present.

The proper notice was given to all members in accordance with the by-laws.

Chairman Merighi 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/Chief Engineer
Robert A. Schwarz	Field Engineer
A. Steven Fabietti	Solicitor
Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Villar that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19, 2016 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Errickson, Villar and Merighi 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 Errickson and seconded by Reuben that Resolution No. 2017-1, “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.\$72,026.64”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Errickson, Villar and Merighi voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2017-2, “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....\$365,398.53”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Errickson, Villar and Merighi voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2017-3 “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing a contract with Inspira Occupational Health Services to provide annual DOT and required physicals...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Errickson, Villar and Merighi voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that it has been quiet over the holidays. We had eight people from CCIA here for a tour of the facilities and the farm. We are looking forward to doing more shared services. Starting today light vehicles are going to be serviced by them. We would like to grow that to also doing generators.

We had a really good meeting with one of our food processors and hopefully we can get more of their material coming here. It could be as much as twice a week during peak production and twice a month during slower production.

We had an email from a person and I’m not sure if it’s her real name or not with respect to our trees and our forestry program. It’s the same person that complained about bob whites and I don’t think they really understand the science. It’s not based on fact or science and I responded to the email. She also has a habit and had previously done it under bob whites, of copy the New York Times, Asbury Park Press, Gannet Paper. I wanted to cut it off that these are the facts and real issues. The issue is that you need to manage forests and you need prescribed burns which are controlled burns because they aid in controlling too much fuel being built up on the site. I pointed to what happened in Tennessee where you had vast forest areas and massive destruction of property. There is a potential for killing people also if you don’t control a forest fire and the fuel that builds up over time. This site, several decades ago before the Authority owned it, had a catastrophic fire come through because it was so hard to access it. There are proper and good science techniques on how you manage a forest and she has one issue. You don’t burn it, you don’t touch it and that’s how forests disappear. Bugs can eat a forest and other problems.

Field Engineer

Bob Schwarz reported that Lidl is planning to begin installing PVC sewer main on W. Landis Avenue this week contingent on the performance bond or letter of credit being acceptable.

The City of Vineland advised this office that the bridge on Menantico Road between Venezia and Utopia is in need of repair and had to be closed.

Solicitor:

Steve Fabietti reported that the NJPDES permit fee litigation our final brief which is the reply brief which is due January 11th and we are working on that coordinating with Dennis.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: As stated in Executive Director's report

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated that our engineers are going to rebuild the large screws at the head of the plant. They are coming out and we are going to use the gear boxes. They are in very good shape and we worked on four of the screws over the last twenty years. One box needed repair and our engineer asked if we could do an oil analysis on all of the boxes. If you analyze the oil you can look for things that show the gears are wearing. All four boxes show good so the integrity of the boxes should be good.

We put in a line item just as an allowance just in case a box needs to be rebuilt. The frame could be fine but inside there can be some bad gears or wear.

Budget/Finance:

Dennis stated that we are in the New Year and Tom is starting to work on all of the adjustments you do at year end because we will be getting bills over the next couple of weeks that should be pushed into last year since we are on an accrual basis and not cash.

Tom Merighi asked about the large check for the water pumps. Are they part of the project? Dennis stated no that they are a separate issue for a pump. Tom Merighi asked if it was a pumping station. Dennis stated that it was a pressure pump in the back for the spray system and was not part of that. There were two pumps that we paid separately for the Linwood pumping station and that did come out of the future grant.

Human Resources: No Report

Public Relations:

Dennis stated that he passed out the booklet, The Effluent, which is a trade magazine mostly for operators but there are also scientists and engineers receiving it. We are on the front as well as the inside and about 2500 members receive it. New Jersey has the second largest membership in the country and California is the first.

Insurance Committee: No Report

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that we will be evaluating where Progresso goes and if they do close down and someone gets in there, dealing with the connection fees and for administration, we have reorganization next month.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Carlos Villar reported that he will be taking a road trip for the month of February and will not be available in February.

Adjournment:

At 6:10 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Villar and seconded by Barse that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Reuben, Errickson, Villar and Merighi voted "yes".

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G. STEVEN ERRICKSON, Secretary