## THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING August 1, 2011

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: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben.

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/Chief Engineer

A. Steven Fabietti Solicitor
Robert A. Schwarz Field Engineer
Maureen J. DePasquale Executive Secretary

It was moved by Gana and seconded by Galetto that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 18, 2011, be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

The Chairman asked if there were any general public comments or comments on the proposed Resolutions.

It was moved by Gana and seconded by Silva that Resolution No. 2011-113, "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...\$64,177.75", be adopted. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Gana that Resolution No. 2011-114, "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:

\$114,411.19", be adopted. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

It was moved by Gana and seconded by Galetto that Resolution No. 2011-115, "A resolution summarizing allocation activity through the close of Allocation Round 133", be adopted. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Gana that Resolution No. 2011-116, "A resolution authorizing correction on credits, charge-offs, refunds and cancellation of accounts in the amount of \$763.79", be adopted. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

It was moved by Gana and seconded by Galetto that Resolution No. 2011-117, "A resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing payment from the Construction Fund of certain costs of the system in accordance with the provisions of the Authority's General Bond Resolution...Ironclad Erectors, Inc. \$1,080.00 weld bar screens", be adopted. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

It was moved by Silva and seconded by Errickson that Resolution No. 2011-118, "A resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing payment from the Construction Fund of certain costs of the system in accordance with the provisions of the Authority's General Bond Resolution...Garrison Enterprise, Inc. \$3,324.60 to install sanitary sewer at Pine Avenue", be adopted. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

Dennis Palmer reported that the shut off program for delinquent accounts has been working and successful. Several people have come in and made arrangements to pay by October 7<sup>th</sup> to avoid going on lien. Dennis said that another round of shut off notices will be made after the second notice is given for the bills due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Dennis reported that we had our truck go out to a couple of places. We will work with them on a payment plan.

Dennis Palmer also reported that the final approval of our Wastewater Management Plan appeared in the New Jersey Register, which is the official voice of the State of New Jersey. Dennis also advised that there were stories in the newspaper about the wind turbine and shut off notices going out to delinquent accounts. Dennis said that it is not fair to those who pay their sewer bills. Mr. Gana said that he thinks Dennis did an excellent job of getting that point across.

Dennis also advised that over the decades we have made payment to the City of Vineland Licenses and Inspections, which is coming up for approval at our next board meeting, for cross connections and inspections of our back flow preventers. Dennis said that we have also paid \$4,000.00 a year to the Tax Assessors office compensating them for our lien sale and collecting our payments. Dennis advised that Denise Monaco, City of Vineland

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Comptroller would like to increase this since there has not been an increase in 14 years. Dennis said that formal action will be taken at the next board meeting.

Robert Schwarz reported on the following projects:

Oxford Street sewer replacement project – During the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>, Arbrisco Enterprise Inc. prepared for final paving and we will continue to monitor their progress.

Park Avenue pre-paving project - An informal meeting will be held at City Hall on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m. to discuss scheduling and other pertinent information. Storm drain replacement is scheduled for November 2011 with paving occurring in the spring of 2012.

Brewster Road – County Engineer's offices advised LSA of settling that occurred at 338 North Brewster Road and 220 South Brewster Road. LSA is obtaining prices.

Eastlyn Golf Course – Contractor is installing sewer main down the middle of Italia Avenue as the City of Vineland requested and work should be completed by September 2011.

Gas Company – Meeting is scheduled with the gas company next week for the installation of a 12 inch high pressure main down Oxford Street from North East Avenue to Southeast Boulevard and Peach Street for Vineland Co-Generation project.

Steve Fabietti reported that he has been working on the collection efforts. Steve said that some customers when they go into bankruptcy think that they do not have to pay ongoing charges and they think that they are not subject to being shut off. Steve said that he and Dennis are trying to clarify this to those customers.

Steve also reported that arbitration is scheduled for December 7 on the overtime dispute with the union.

Steve advised that they filed a motion to dismiss on the affordable housing and he will probably discuss this at the next board meeting in closed session.

It was moved by Galetto and seconded by Silva to accept the reports of the Executive Director, Field Engineer, Solicitor and Chairman. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

Engineering/Plant Committee – Dennis advised that Mr. Galetto and he will visit the farm this week. Dennis reported on the progress of the solar panel project and that it is moving along. Dennis said that CET Engineering sent us a list of bills to close out the wastewater management plan and the final change order resolution should be on the agenda at the next board meeting.

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Budget & Finance Committee – Dennis advised that we are at 7/12 of the year and 51% of the budget now.

Public Relations Committee – Dennis said that there were two articles in the newspaper.

Insurance Committee – Dennis advised that we are looking at health insurance plans.

It was moved by Gana and seconded by Galetto that the Committee Reports be approved and accepted. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

At 6:23 p. m., there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Gana and seconded by Errickson that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Errickson, Gana, Silva, Galetto and Reuben voted "yes".

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FRANCIS A. GANA, SECRETARY