

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
August 5, 2019

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, Villar, Errickson and Reuben were present.

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
Anthony Tobolski	Field Engineer
A. Steven Fabietti	Solicitor
Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Villar and seconded by Barse that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 15, 2019 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson 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 Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2019-67, “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.....\$106,396.57”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2019-68, “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....

\$393,467.09”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2019-69, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing correction on credits, charge-offs, refunds and cancellation of accounts in the amount of \$2,919.94...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2019-70, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage authority authorizing an NJDEP Treatment Works Approval (TWA) for South Jersey Paint and Glass Company, Inc....” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2019-71, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority summarizing allocation activity through the close of Allocation Round 182...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2019-72, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority allocating sewerage capacity for Round 182 for commercial classification...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that we have two bids that will be opened this week; tomorrow is Contract No. 6 with a lot of miscellaneous pipe and manhole repairs and some new pipe in certain areas and Thursday is the paving contract.

Anthony and I were at a meeting in City Hall where the City has some plans to do some paving on Oxford Street and Anthony commented that there are also miscellaneous streets. We want to attend the meetings. We TV the lines to see if anything needs to be dug up before it’s paved.

This month was our best month and it continues to climb for the receiving station; \$13,300 is a new high. We also have three new haulers and we hope to continue that track. The quarterly report was sent to Mayor and Council.

We sent a notice to the plant contractor. We had two meetings in a row and I stated that the job seems a little lightly manned. The guy who was here is not the normal super, who was on vacation. He said he could tell his boss he needed more people but that conversation never happened. The super came back and Ray never said anything but nevertheless we don’t want to be sitting here in October and November and things are

behind. We want to move forward and we don't want to wait to the last minute. We put them on record.

We continue to work on our air permits. A fairly large amendment or clean up on a number of outstanding air permits that we have and that is complete and filed. We are waiting for that to come and the bill also. We also have the DEP permit on the plant and we are working on some comments. I was beyond overjoyed since I talked before about these PFOA and PFOS compounds they are finding everywhere; fire fighter foam to water repellents. I gave testimony and they must have so much testimony that the regs are not ready to come out because they are not in our permit. It could have had a huge impact if they put those numbers in. They are big numbers. In five or six years from now when the permit comes up again, we'll see. The science isn't good behind what they did. It was good on the drinking water side, but the science in the engineering isn't supported on the wastewater side. The permit was pretty much identical to the one we had for the last five years.

Field Engineer: No Report

Solicitor:

Stephen Fabietti stated that since the last meeting Dennis and he had some work on the agreement for the SPCA with the county and I think the language has been agreed upon now and we're wait for the various agencies to report back.

Similarly, we have turned around the document again with South Jersey Gas to address some changes in that project as Dennis has mentioned before, they are coming in now directly to pursue the project and there are some changes to the economic terms which Dennis went over with them. We are waiting to hear back from them on that one.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence:

Dennis stated that everyone received a memo he sent to the Personnel Committee. We have a number of retirements coming up over the next six months that I can fire and fill as long as I match the personnel number that's in the organization chart. This allows me to hire people for training purposes and temporarily exceed the organization chart which also keeps the Auditors happy at the end of the year.

It was moved by Merighi and seconded by Villar that the Executive Director be authorized to advertise, interview and hire staff to replace retiring staff members and to temporarily exceed the organization chart number of employees for training purposes. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted "yes".

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis reported that we continue to work on the SPCA project which should be done by the end of this week as far as getting the package together for DEP and I will have to call for an appointment.

We have some internal work we are doing installing some pumps we had previously purchased.

Budget/Finance:

Dennis stated that the Auditors are done and we are waiting for Steve to call, possibly the next meeting. Unofficially it was a good audit.

Human Resources

Dennis stated that that the motion will allow us to move in an orderly fashion to replace, hire and train new folks coming in.

Public Relations:

Dennis reported that we had a couple of tours and last week the Young Professionals of the Water Environment Association. It was a joint meeting be New Jersey and Pennsylvania. People under 35 working for consulting firms and labs came here for a tour of the plant and the farm. We showed them some of the habitat projects we are doing as well.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci reported that she has confirmation on the numbers for Horizon and Health Insurance Solutions. Health Insurance Solutions, our self-insured prescription plan came in at a 5% increase also. Carol stated that she was hoping it would not be 5% increase but we sustained with a couple of large claims that drove up our contribution. We did save by using Wellness Plan of America and other items we instituted saving us \$11,000 for which we received a check.

Carol also stated that both of these policies will not be up for action until the first September meeting since the renewal is October 1st.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that we continue to be approached by different businesses and industry trying to get some costs and treatment limits. There are some mark outs happening on Oak Road and hopefully there is a business looking to go there. They have been looking

at us and Millville so it looks like their picking us. Vineland has a lot to offer. We have lower water, sewer and electric rates.

Old Business: None

New Business: Dennis stated that the email from Dave Kotok wanting to do a dinner after a board meeting. It's to reflect a 45-year history with the Authority from one of our very early issuances and also the 1993 bond ending in September thereabouts.

Adjournment:

At 6:11 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted "yes".

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CARLOS VILLAR, Secretary