

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
November 4, 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, Errickson 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.

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| 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 Errickson and seconded by Barse that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 21, 2019 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, 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. 2019-103, “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.... \$72,690.62”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2019-104, “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.... \$147,955.01”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2019 - 105 “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority authorizing an NJDEP Treatment Works Approval (TWA) for Newcome Senior Apartments...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Dennis Palmer asked Anthony Tobolski if that last resolution was for one building. Anthony responded that it was the first phase. Dennis stated that they are tearing down the old Newcomb Hospital to put in senior housing. We don’t get a connection fee because they trade off on what the hospital used to have. They will have a user fee but the connection fee is transferrable.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis stated that we had a presentation for the computer upgrade by Edmunds. You saw something in your package and we will be moving forward to upgrade our system. The system we currently have is a legacy system and the Windows platform it is built on is not going to be supported by Microsoft into the future so we will be moving away from it. Almost 80% or more of municipalities use Edmunds anyway.

The SPCA project had a pre-bid meeting last week and we have four contractors show up. We will open bids on Thursday.

The quarterly report was sent to Mayor and Council. Also, Dennis reported that he spoke to the Vineland Nature Club. We had a plant progress meeting last week and the west aeration system is fully operational and we were looking for 20% on energy savings and it looks like it will be closer to 30%. We ran both sides for a week to make sure the new system worked and was stabilized so we’ll get hit a little. We moved everything to the new side and it continues to run and I’m really happy with it. It’s a much better system.

Under the old bond and it continues under the new bank loan and we still call it a bond because we have a Bond Resolution that it was governed by, I did the engineer’s report and it will be in your package in the next meeting and it will go out to the bank this week as well.

Field Engineer

Anthony Tobolski reported that the Chimes Terrace trench rehab project will start on Friday because of the rain. Also, the Pioneer Pump project for the emergency backup is near completion.

Solicitor:

Steve Fabietti stated that he was in contact with the outside engineers who are preparing the site plan for Brewster Road pump station project. They have been out at the site doing surveying so we should have the plans shortly.

Dennis, Carol and I were on a phone call today because we are pursuing a venue to see if there is a class action out there that exists where the Authority could get some portion of the opioid manufacturer settlements that you might be reading about in the papers because self-funded prescription plan that LSA has is a cost to the Authority and it's significant dollars in the past few years. We think we've identified the right people in Central Jersey who have this going and try to get our hat in the ring and I had a phone call regarding that today.

Perry Barse asked if this was a company that does grant writing and Steve replied that it is a local law firm that represents a class of plaintiffs of insurance companies and municipal entities that have paid out prescription money.

Dennis stated that we've been talking for a while to find a lot of other entities so when we sit at the table it will bring a bigger hammer and hopefully that will be to our benefit so we can recoup some of the funds we've spent over the last five plus years.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: It was moved by Barse and seconded by Errickson that the Executive Director be authorized to advertise for bids for miscellaneous paving and trench repair for the LSA plant and roads in the City of Vineland. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Errickson and Reuben voted "yes".

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis stated that the other Pioneer pump we installed, two were on the aeration tanks, that has been running and we had a problem with a coupling but that's working very well and it was done in house. We have some paving we will be doing around the plant which will be outside of this contract. We need it quicker than this contract.

Budget/Finance:

The budget has gone to the State and we will have our hearing in December.

Human Resources

Dennis stated that we have a posting for the people that are retiring and we would like to bring someone in for training while this person is still here. The notice will be up for fourteen days.

Public Relations:

Dennis again stated that he spoke to the Vineland Nature Club.

Insurance Committee: No Report

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that we took action tonight Newcomb Center and we have others that will be coming soon.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Dennis stated that we have the AEA conference coming up. Tom Merighi asked that we have dinner after the next meeting.

Carol Ricci also added that we put notices in the mail packets regarding the retirement party here and also the Christmas party. If you could respond as soon as possible we sure would appreciate it.

Adjournment:

At 6:09 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, Errickson and Reuben voted "yes".

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CARLOS VILLAR, Secretary