

READINGTON-LEBANON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

January 26, 2022

OPENING: Dr. Schaible, Chairman opened this regular meeting and announced that the Sunshine laws have been satisfied for the convening of this meeting.

PRESENT: Dr. Schaible, Messrs. Burton, Heller, Monaco, Cichone and Dr. Westfield members, Mrs. Plesnarski, Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 15, 2021 as written, was carried with roll call of ayes all, nays none.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES: Motion to approve the invoices for the month of January in the amount of \$ **89,663.12** along with the authorization for the Administrator to transfer this amount into the Operating Checking account on February 1, 2022, was made by Mr. Burton seconded by Mr. Cichone and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATEMENT: Motion to acknowledge the review and approve the January Budget Statement without any exceptions noted as written was made by Mr. Burton seconded by Mr. Cichone and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

NEW BUSINESS: 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule - All members reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule. Mrs. Weierich noted that due to the holidays, the November meeting will be held on a Tuesday due to Thanksgiving and the December meeting will be held on the third Wednesday. Motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2022-2023 as prepared was made by Mr. Cichone, seconded by Mr. Burton, and carried with roll call of ayes all, nays none.

Liquid Nitrate Oxygen Bid (Bioxide) - As there was only one bid for the supply of Liquid Nitrate Oxygen (Bioxide) from the same supplier as last year, Board Members approved and accepted the bid from Evoqua Water Technologies LLC, from Sarasota, FL. The purchase price was \$2.896 per gallon for approximately 14,000 gallons. The 2021 price per gallon was \$2.765 representing a 4.73% increase. Motion to accept the bid from Evoqua Water Technologies LLC and authorize “Notice of Award” was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Heller and carried with roll call of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Sludge Hauling Bid - The results of the sludge hauling bid were presented, Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co, Inc. bid was the only bid received at \$390.00 per round trip load, an 8.63% per load increase from 2021. Mrs. Plesnarski noted that Russell Reid is our current hauler and their service is satisfactory. The lackluster turn-out was primarily due to COVID related issues (driver shortage). Mrs. Plesnarski noted that some potential bidders asked if disposal would be part of the bid. She would consider adding disposal to the contract next year to attract additional bidders. Motion to approve the contract award to Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co, Inc and authorize “Notice of Award” was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Heller and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

4th Quarter 2021 I &I Report – Mr. Ponte noted that during wet weather, inflow is eight times dry weather flows. Internal sewer repairs were completed by Oswald Enterprises for LBSA. They are still waiting for permission from the Lebanon Commons HOA to perform smoke testing. Flow meters continue to be monitored. Readington Township has installed temporary flow meters. CSL found that during wet weather flows increased substantially. One of Readington’s portable meters showed a 200,000 gpd discrepancy during wet weather. Mrs. Plesnarski will investigate. CSL has not done a flow analysis of the meters. She has asked them to give her baseline data during dry weather to determine if there is a meter issue. The Township plans to purchase an inspection camera to investigate infiltration. Mr. Ponte noted that the borough and township are progressing to decrease I&I. Mr. Ponte feels that the vast increase of flow during wet weather is an indication of

an inflow problem. He also feels that I&I can be worked on but at 10% I&I consideration should be given to increasing plant capacity.

OLD BUSINESS: *NJDEP Permit Renewal* – Mrs. Plesnarski informed the board that the final permit starts on 4/1/22. The final permit has not been completely reviewed with Mr. Cosgrove and Mrs. Plesnarski. The Authority will have 59 months to comply. Nitrate and phosphorous will be monitored but we must comply by the next cycle.

Increase Capacity - Mr. Burton inquired what steps need to be taken to increase the plant's capacity to 1.45 mgd. Mrs. Plesnarski asked for some time to assess the current permit to see if the plant can hydraulically accommodate the additional flow. Mr. Heller noted that Readington Farms has 45,000 gpd. Mr. Heller would like to see another dairy farm move into the property but does not think that will be likely. Mr. Heller asked Mrs. Plesnarski if the Authority needed any additional property. Mrs. Plesnarski does not feel the Authority needs additional property at this time. Mr. Heller noted that the Township has been granted ARP money and inquired if the Authority had a need. Mrs. Plesnarski noted that earmarking some of the monies for a camera would be ideal. Mr. Heller asked her to submit a viable plan for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned by motion made by Mr. Burton seconded by Mr. Heller and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

Respectfully submitted:

Charles Westfield
Secretary/Treasurer

Virginia Weierich
Recording Secretary

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RESOLUTION

2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority
Old Highway 28, PO Box 136
Whitehouse, NJ 08888-0136

Whereas, in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority announces that the regular meeting day of the Authority be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except where indicated * and beginning at 6:30pm at the plant office on Old Highway 28, Whitehouse, NJ.

Whereas, the following dates are established as the regular meeting dates of the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority in the calendar year 2022-2023:

FEBRUARY (Re-Org & Regular)	23
MARCH	23
APRIL	27
MAY	25
JUNE	22
JULY	27
AUGUST	24
SEPTEMBER	28
OCTOBER	26
*NOVEMBER	22
*DECEMBER	21

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JANUARY	25
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Be It Resolved, that, a copy of this Resolution shall be:

- (a) advertised in the Courier News and Hunterdon Democrat;
- (b) Posted on the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority website www.rlsa-nj.com;

Be It Further Resolved, that the above resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority at its meeting on January 26, 2022.

January 26, 2022
Date

Recording Secretary Signature
Virginia Weierich

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RESOLUTION
Liquid Nitrate Oxygen Contract

WHEREAS, the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority has agreed to purchase Liquid Nitrate Oxygen

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority have all been advised and are in agreement with said purchase.

WHEREAS, General Provisions and Contracts through State agency rules have been applied.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Evoqua Water Technologies LLC and Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority have entered into said contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority at it's meeting on January 26, 2022.

January 26, 2022
Date

Signature
Virginia Weierich
Recording Secretary

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RESOLUTION
Sludge Hauling Contract

WHEREAS, the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority has agreed to purchase Sludge Hauling Services

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority have all been advised and are in agreement with said purchase.

WHEREAS, General Provisions and Contracts through State agency rules have been applied.

BE IT RESOLVED, that RUSSELL REID WASTE HAULING AND DISPOSAL SERVICE CO., INC. and Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority have entered into said contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority at it's meeting on January 26, 2022.

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Recording Secretary