

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2020**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

Assistant Board Secretary, Janice Fox, read a statement that timely notice of the meeting had been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act to member municipalities, members of the Authority and designated newspapers. The salute to the United States flag followed.

Roll Call Attendance was taken. The following Board Members were present: Messrs. Andes of Town of Denville, Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens, Corbett of Borough of Wharton, Guadagno of Township of Randolph, Isselin of Town of Dover, Lowell of Township of Boonton, Recchia of Town of Boonton, Rossi of Borough of Rockaway, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There was a quorum.

Also present was Joseph Maraziti, Esq. of Maraziti Falcon L.L.

Authority staff present was JoAnn Mondsini, Robert Bocchino, Janice Fox, Anastasiya Anicimov, Brian Carey and Natalie Pisarcik.

Donald Farrell was present, as he will replace the retiring Joseph Lowell, for The Township of Boonton.

Commissioner Schorno took a moment to thank Joseph Lowell for his service as this is his final board meeting.

**Presentation**

Mr. Frank Pinto of Greener by Design, hired by the Open Space Institute, who has a working agreement with the Morris County Park Commission presented the Jersey City walking trail around the reservoir project. The project is in the design phase to date and is scheduled to be completed 2021/2022.

**Correspondence List**

Commissioner Schorno reviews the flyer for the Sewer Privatization Bill.

**Public Portion**

The meeting was open to the public for comment 7:14PM

There was no public present. There was a celebratory dinner for Commissioner Lowell.

The meeting was closed to the public for comment 7:14PM

Commissioner Schorno offered the Consent Agenda.

- Minutes of December 12, 2019 board meeting.
- There was no Closed Meeting Minutes
- Resolution 20-001 – Authorizing the Execution of a 2019 Contract Amendment with Atlantic Tomorrows Office (Formerly Gear-3), for the procurement of IT Services
- Resolution 20-002 – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., for the Procurement of Computer Services Relevant to Finance, Personnel and Payroll Software
- Resolution 20-003 – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Highlands Industrial Turbine Service, Inc., for FY 2020 Generator Maintenance and Service
- Resolution 20-004 – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Hobbie Heat & Power, Inc., for FY 2020 On-Call and Annual Service for HVAC Services
- Resolution 20-005 – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Interstate Waste Services Inc., for FY 2020 Trash and Recycling Services

Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Recchia

Absent: (0) None

The Consent Agenda passed on 9 yeas.

**Executive Committee** – No meeting held

- No Report

**Planning Committee** – No meeting held

- No Report

**Operations Committee** – No meeting held

- No Report
- Operation and Maintenance Trunkline reports are in the packet.
- JoAnn Mondsini stated that the next meeting with the IBT Union negotiations will be held

on 1/17/2020 and 1/22/2020 at 10AM.

JoAnn Mondsini introduced Resolution 20-006 for Uniform Services for a 3-year Contract for Uniform Rental Services due to better pricing than the previous vendor.

Commissioner Corbett offered the 1<sup>st</sup> motion.

Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 20-006 passed on 10 yeas.

**Infrastructure Committee** –No meeting held.

- No Report

Commissioner Andes introduced Resolution 20-007 to Authorize Execution of a Contract to Kulpeksa Land Improvements Corp. for Contract 35 Rebid II for the Rockaway River Regional Interceptor Boonton Section Replacement Project

First motion by Commissioner Andes

Second by Commissioner Rossi and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Recchia

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 20-007 passed on 9 yeas.

**Jersey City Committee** –No meeting held

- No Report

**Sewer User Committee** –No meeting held

- No Report

**Finance Committee** – Meetings held December 16, 2019 and December 23, 2019

- Report by Commissioner Corbett
- JoAnn Mondsini advised that there are metering discrepancies with 2-3 towns which are being investigated. So far, the 8 corrections need to be made in Mine Hill because the

Indian Falls Project has 8 unmetered connections discovered by Brian Carey, RVRSA's Asst. Engineer which are connected to the Jackson Brook Interceptor. The Wharton side is backed up and Mario Bonaccorso is currently continuing the investigation of the televised backed up pipe under Route 80.

- CFO Report

Commissioner Corbett offered the 1<sup>st</sup> motion for Resolution 20-008 for Payment of Vouchers

Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (2) Andes, Zuppa

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 20-008 passed on 8 yeas

#### **Executive Director's Report**

- HR/Safety Coordinator Report in packet.

#### **Engineer's Report**

- Industrial Pre-treatment Report
- Electrical Engineer's Report

Mr. Bocchino stated that they are still waiting for the Contract 35 Re-Bid. The Clarifier project issue is temporarily resolved with the temporary seal fix until the manufacturer has a permanent solution.

JoAnn Mondsini advised that there was an issue with the Clarifier Project and it resulted in a seal failing twice, and solids discharging into the Rockaway Valley River, also due to the increased flow during the winter season with only 2 Clarifiers operating. The hotline was called for exceeding the 7 day max discharge of CBOD for the month of December. There is a concern that the other seals could fail. Kleinfelder provided a letter of deficient work to Tomar and the manufacturer demanding they do the repair as quickly as possible. Temporarily, Tomar installed a double clamp seal method while a solution is evaluated. DEP is aware of the situation and Kleinfelder is working quickly to resolve the issue. RVRSA's wastewater discharge is back in compliance. The insurance company has been notified.

JoAnn also stated that they got the engineers met at the Firemen's' Home site. A report from the Home's engineer is anticipated to be submitted to RVRSA shortly.

### **Lawyer's Report**

Mr. Maraziti stated that a closed session was not necessary unless there was further discussion after his report. There were two depositions with sewer experts from Jersey City done last week with respect to the remaining issues left with the trial. Deposition of Tim Bradley will take place next week. Next Thursday, a case management conference is scheduled with Judge Minkowitz in order to plan for a trial in the case. A motion of summary judgement has been filed on the basis of expert reports submitted by JC. There are 8 individual projects in dispute and 4 projects with varying percentages fit the definition according to JC. After Feb 14, we will schedule the trial after we know how many projects we have to dispute. The judge's decision is being disputed by JC as they reserve the right to an appeal.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Public Portion**

The public portion was open at 8:05PM

There was no public present.

The public portion ended at 8:05PM.

### **Closed Session**

There was no closed session.

Commissioner Schorno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved by all present.

The next scheduled meeting is February 13, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.



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Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary