

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND THE REORGANIZATION
SCHEDULED
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting and the Re-Organization meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022. The meeting started at 7:00 PM.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act and guidance issued by the Department of Community Affairs, entitled Local Operational Guidance- Covid-19: Guidance for Remote Public Meetings in New Jersey, issued on April 24, 2020, that the regular meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority will convene telephonically and/or Zoom Video on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7 P.M. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the offices of the RVRSA will be closed to the public for this meeting due to concerns for public health and safety however; the public is invited to participate in the meeting telephonically or through Zoom Video Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting

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- **The agenda is available on the website of the RVRSA at <https://rvrsa.org/agenda/>**
- **This meeting was posted on the RVRSA website and on the public notice board in the main RVRSA building.**
- **This meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and the Star Ledger newspapers.**

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. Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Guadagno of Township of Randolph, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Laverty of Town of Boonton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following members were absent: Messrs. Andes of Town of Denville and Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens.

There was a quorum.

Also present was Joseph Maraziti, Heather Pierce, Phoebe Youhanna and Andrew Brewer, Esqs. Maraziti Falcon.

Authority staff present was JoAnn Mondsini, Robert Bocchino, and Janice Fox.

Joseph Maraziti, Esq. gave the Oath of Office to Patrick Laverty.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

- Appointment of Temporary Chairman
- Election of Officers

1. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Motion that **Glenn Corbett** be appointed **TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN** of the Authority.

Moved by: Commissioner Guadagno

Second by: Commissioner Howarth

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (7) Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Corbett

Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion that **Hector Schorno** be elected as **CHAIRMAN** of the Authority.

Moved by: Commissioner Guadagno

Second by: Commissioner Howarth

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (7) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Schorno

Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Motion that **John Cegelka** be elected as **VICE CHAIRMAN** of the Authority.

Moved by: Commissioner Guadagno

Second by: Commissioner Howarth

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (8) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Motion that **Glenn Corbett** be elected as **TREASURER** of the Authority.

Moved by: Commissioner Guadagno Second by: Commissioner Howarth

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (8) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Motion that **Michael Guadagno** be elected as **SECRETARY** of the Authority.

Moved by: Commissioner Corbett Second by: Commissioner Howarth

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (7) Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (1) Guadagno
Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Motion that **Sandy Thai** be elected as **ASSISTANT TREASURER** of the Authority.

Moved by: Commissioner Corbett Second by: Commissioner Guadagno

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (8) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Motion that **Janice Fox** be elected as **ASSISTANT SECRETARY** of the Authority.

Moved by: Commissioner Guadagno Second by: Commissioner Howarth

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (8) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

7:10 PM - Public Portion on Consent Agenda Items – Re-Organization Meeting

- **No Public Comment**

RE-ORGANIZATION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Resolution 22-007** – Establishment of a Cash Management Plan for RVRSA Funds and Investments
- **Resolution 22-008** – Designation of Official Newspaper
- **Resolution 22-009** – To Establish Time and Place for Regular Meetings and Notice Thereof
- **Resolution 22-010** – Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- **Resolution 22-011** – Designation of S.E.D. Project Compliance Officer
- **Resolution 22-012** – Designation of a Qualified Purchasing Agent
- **Resolution 22-013** – To Authorize the Signing of Checks
- **Resolution 22-014** – To Authorize the Defense and Indemnification of the Members and Employees of the RVRSA
- **Resolution 22-015** – Authorizing Certain Payments by the CFO or Executive Director
- **Resolution 22-016** – The Executive Director and/or The Chief Financial Officer of the RVRSA to be Empowered to Initiate Telephone/Electronic/Facsimile Funds Transfers
- **Resolution 22-017** – The Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer are Authorized to Open and/or Close Certificates of Deposit Accounts on behalf of the RVRSA
- **Resolution 22-018** – Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer as the Authority Official to Act With the E-Government for Government
- **Resolution 22-019** – Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to be the Custodian of the RVRSA's Petty Cash Fund
- **Resolution 22-020** – Designation of Persons to Represent RVRSA's Interests
- **Resolution 22-021** – Designating a Custodian of Government Records Pursuant to the Open Public Records Act
- **Resolution 22-022** – Appointing Fund Commissioner
- **Resolution 22-023** – Re-Authorizing Incentives to Qualified Employees Who opt to Waive Health Benefits Under the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP)

These Resolutions were adopted on a **Consent Agenda** at a re-organization meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority on **February 10, 2022**, on the motion of Commissioner Corbett and second by Commissioner Schorno with the following roll call votes:

Yeas: (8) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

REGULAR MEETING started at 7:12PM

Correspondence

- 2021 4th Quarter Capacity Assurance Report

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes** of January 13, 2022
- **Resolution 22-024** - Authorizing Execution of Aluminum Sulfate Contract
- **Resolution 22-025** - Authorizing Execution of Solid Waste Contract
- **Resolution 22-026** – Authorizing Execution of HVAC Contract
- **Resolution 22-027** – Authorizing Execution of Mission System Software Contract
- **Resolution 22-028** – Authorizing Execution of MOB Generator Maintenance Contract
- **Resolution 22-029** – Authorizing Execution of PS Generator Maintenance Contract
- **Resolution 22-030** – Authorizing Execution of Sludge Hauling Contract

Commissioner Corbett offered the Minutes and second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Lavery

Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Minutes passed on 7 yeas.

Commissioner Corbett offered the Consent Agenda and second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Consent Agenda passed on 8 yeas.

Executive Committee – Meeting held February 8, 2022.

- **Report- Report** – Discussed management promotions and salary ranges for non-union staff, engagement of mediator for Contract 40 mediation.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 22-031** – Amending 21-133 Salary Resolution and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Lavery

Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Resolution 22-031 passed on 7 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 22-032** – Authorizing Execution of Voluntary Mediation Agreement by And Between the Authority and Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, LLP for The Retention Of Victor Ashrafi As Mediator In The Construction Dispute Between The Authority And Tomar Construction Services, Inc. Contract No. 40 – Final Clarifiers Repair Project and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Lavery

Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Resolution 22-032 passed on 7 yeas.

Planning Committee - No meeting held.

- No Report

Operations Committee –No meeting held.

- No Report
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

Infrastructure Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report

Jersey City Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report

Sewer User Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report

Finance Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report
- CFO's Report is in the packet.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 22-033** – Authorizing Final 2021 Appropriation Transfer and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Resolution 22-033 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 22-034** – Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for \$1,768,594.96 and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka
Resolution 22-034 passed on 8 yeas.

Executive Director's Report

- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Directors Report is in the packet.

Engineers Report

- No Report
- Engineering Report is in the packet.
- Industrial Pre-Treatment Report is in the packet.
- Electrical Engineer's Report is in the packet.
- IPP Report is in the packet.

Lawyers Report

- No Report

Old Business

- Commissioner Guadagno asked for an update on the Firemen's Home. JoAnn Mondsini stated that she had a meeting with the Kleinfelder and Maraziti Falcon, it was confirmed that we need an updated Metes and Bounds and a written description for the reduced size of the area for the agreement. Robert Bocchino has reached out to Suburban, since they did the original one, and they will update it. Then the agreement will go the Firemen's Home for their approval and signature.

New Business

- Commissioner Laverty asked for an update on the Washington Street repair and the Monroe Street Pump House. JoAnn stated the piping in question is for the new project, Contract No 43. The project just received the DCA approval for the pre-qualifications. JoAnn Mondsini and Robert Bocchino held a meeting with Mott MacDonald to finish up the front end, and the contract specifications, which will be reviewed by RVRSA and then sent to DEP for approval for us to go out to bid. Once everything is approved, we will meet with the Town of Boonton to review the final plans and specs with them.

Public Portion

- The public portion was open at 7:23 PM. There was no public present. The public portion ended at 7:23 PM.

Closed Session

- None

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 22-035** – Closed Session regarding City of Jersey City Litigation and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as

follows:

Yeas: (6) Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery and Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (2) Corbett and Zuppa

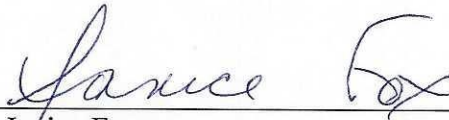
Absent: (2) Andes and Cegelka

Resolution 22-035 passed on 6 yeas.

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

Meeting ended at 7:44 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is March 10, 2022



Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary