

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND THE REORGANIZATION
SCHEDULED
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting and the Re-Organization meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021. 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 11, 2021, 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.

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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. Andes of Town of Denville, Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Guadagno of Township of Randolph, Isselin of Town of Dover, Recchia of Town of Boonton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway.

The following members were absent: Messrs. Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens, the Commissioner of Borough of Rockaway, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There was a quorum.

Also present was Diane Alexander, Esq. Maraziti Falcon.

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

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 Schorno

Second by: Commissioner Farrell

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, Zuppa

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Moved by: Commissioner Andes

Second by: Commissioner Isselin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (1) Schorno

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, Zuppa

Motion that **John Cegelka** be elected as **VICE CHAIRMAN** of the Authority.
Moved by: Commissioner Corbett Second by: Commissioner Andes

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno
Nays: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, Zuppa

Motion that **Glenn Corbett** be elected as **TREASURER** of the Authority.
Moved by: Commissioner Andes Second by: Commissioner Guadagno

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno
Nays: (0)
Abstain: (1) Corbett
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, Zuppa

Motion that **Michael Guadagno** be elected as **SECRETARY** of the Authority.
Moved by: Commissioner Corbett Second by: Commissioner Schorno

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno
Nays: (0)
Abstain: (1) Guadagno
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, Zuppa

Motion that **Sandy Thai** be elected as **ASSISTANT TREASURER** of the Authority.
Moved by: Commissioner Corbett Second by: Commissioner Andes

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno
Nays: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, Zuppa

Motion that **Janice Fox** be elected as **ASSISTANT SECRETARY** of the Authority.
Moved by: Commissioner Andes Second by: Commissioner Guadagno

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno
Nays: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, Zuppa

7:11 PM - Public Portion on Consent Agenda Items – Re-Organization Meeting

- **No Public Comment**

RE-ORGANIZATION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Resolution 21-016** – Establishment of a Cash management Plan for RVRSA Funds and Investments
- **Resolution 21-017** – Designation of Official Newspaper
- **Resolution 21-018** – To Establish Time and Place for Regular Meetings and Notice Thereof
- **Resolution 21-019** – Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- **Resolution 21-020** – Designation of S.E.D. Project Compliance Officer
- **Resolution 21-021** – Designation of a Qualified Purchasing Agent
- **Resolution 21-022** – To Authorize the Signing of Checks
- **Resolution 21-023** – To Authorize the Defense and Indemnification of the Members and Employees of the RVRSA
- **Resolution 21-024** – Authorizing Certain Payments by the CFO or Executive Director
- **Resolution 21-025** – The Executive Director and/or The Chief Financial Officer of the RVRSA to be Empowered to Initiate Telephone/Electronic/Facsimile Funds Transfers
- **Resolution 21-026** – 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 21-027** – Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer as the Authority Official to Act With the E-Government for Government
- **Resolution 21-028** – Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to be the Custodian of the RVRSA's Petty Cash Fund
- **Resolution 21-029** – Designation of Persons to Represent RVRSA's Interests
- **Resolution 21-030** – Designating a Custodian of Government Records Pursuant to the Open Public Records Act
- **Resolution 21-031** – Appointing Fund Commissioner
- **Resolution 21-032** – 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 11, 2021**, on the motion of Commissioner Corbett and second by Commissioner Andes with the following roll call votes:

YEAS (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno

NAYS (0)

Abstain (0)

Absent (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, Zuppa

REGULAR MEETING started at 7:12PM

Correspondence

- 2021 RVRSA NON-UNION Observed Holidays
- Schedule of Three-Year Average Daily WW Meter Readings and Charges to Each Participating Municipality for the period ended September 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 Report

Consent Agenda

- Approval of **Minutes** of January 14, 2021 Board Meeting.
- **Resolution 21-033** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Waste Disposal Service for FY 2021
- **Resolution 21-034** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Generator Service for Monroe Street PS

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

Yeas: (5) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, and Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (2) Andes, Recchia

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, and Zuppa.

Minutes passed on 5 yeas.

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

Yeas: (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia, and Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner, and Zuppa.

Consent Agenda passed on 7 yeas.

Executive Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report

Planning Committee - No meeting held.

- No Report

Operations Committee – Meeting held January 14, 2021.

- Report- RVRSA negotiation team met with IBT Union for Contract negotiations. Next session scheduled for February 16, 2021.
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

Infrastructure Committee – Meeting held February 8, 2021.

- Report: Discussed Contract 35 re-bid II and Contract 40 updates.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 21-035** – Resolution declaring Events of Default for Contract 40 “Final Clarifiers Repair Project” and Unless Cured as Set Forth in This Resolution, Terminating Contract No 40 for Cause and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, and Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Recchia

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner and Zuppa.

Resolution 21-035 passed on 6 yeas.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 21-036** – Resolution Declaring Events of Default for Contract 35 Rebid II “RVRSA Rockaway River Regional Interceptor Boonton Section Replacement Project”, Terminating Contract 35 Rebid II for Cause and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, and Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Recchia

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner and Zuppa.

Resolution 21-036 passed on 6 yeas.

Jersey City Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report

Sewer User Committee – Meeting held February 10, 2021

Commissioner Farrell gave the update on TerrAscend IPP sewer application letter, which was a result of the February 4, 2021 site inspection and the letter did go by email to the Town Administrator and the lawyer.

- Application must be sent in within 30 days.
- Attend a virtual meeting with RVRSA on February 22, 2021.

Finance Committee – No meeting held.

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

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-037** – Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for \$722,056.07 and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia, and Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner and Zuppa
Resolution 21-037 passed on 7 yeas.

Executive Director's Report

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

Engineers Report

Robert Bocchino gave an update on Contract 35, Contract 40, and Contract 41

- Notice of Award for Phosphorus Removal Filtration Bid.
- March will be a pre-construction meeting.
- 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

JoAnn Mondsini gave update on Firemen's Home:

- Confirmed they received a copy of proposed plan for access agreement. They will present to their Board and get back to us.

New Business

- No Report

Public Portion

The public portion was open at 7:22 PM. There was public present.

- Bill McKee of Boonton Township – On the IPP for Terrascend permits is there a requirement for equipment or buildings to treat the sewerage before it goes into sewer system? JoAnn Mondsini stated that we didn't get the application as of yet. After we get the application and we investigate then we will know what is to be required.

The public portion ended at 7:23 PM.

Closed Session

- None

ADD ON AGENDA

Correspondence

- Low Bids-PVS Chemical Solution INC Bid
- North East Tech Bid

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 21-038** – Awarding Contract-Sodium Bisulfite Solution 38% and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:
Yeas: (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia and Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner and Zuppa.

Resolution 21-038 passed on 7 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 21-039** – Awarding Contract-Meter Inspection & Calibration and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Isselin, Recchia and Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Borough of Rockaway Commissioner and Zuppa.

Resolution 21-039 passed on 7 yeas.

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

Meeting ended at 7:24 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is March 11, 2021



Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary