

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2026**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026. The meeting started at 6:30 PM.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act and guidance issued by the Department of Community Affairs. The regular meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority will convene in person and on ZOOM Meetings, on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:30P.M.

- **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.**

The Records Clerk, Pamela Fernandez-Smith, 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: Farrell of Township of Boonton, Hobbs of the Borough of Wharton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Janone of the Borough of Victory Gardens, Lavery of Town of Boonton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, Sheehy of Township of Randolph, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following Board members were absent: Andes of Town of Denville.

There was a quorum.

Also, present was Diane Alexander, Esq. Maraziti Falcon

Authority staff present were JoAnn Mondsini, Robert Bocchino, Janice Fox, and Pamela Fernandez-Smith.

Diane Alexander administered the Oath of Office to James Janone of the Borough of Victory Gardens.

Correspondence – Victory Gardens Resolution Appointing James Janone to RVRSA Representative.

Public Portion -Agenda Items Only

- No Public. No Comments.

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussions of these matters unless a board member requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

- **Approval of Minutes** of February 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and the Re-Org Meeting
- **Approval of the Minutes** of February 26, 2026, Special Board Meeting
- **Approval of Minutes** of January Board Meeting Closed Session
- **Resolution 26-036** - Authorizing Execution of 3-Year Contract for Uniform Rental Services
- **Resolution 26-037** Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Annual 2026 Refuse and Recycling Services
- **Resolution 26-038** Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Preventative Maintenance Services for High Voltage Equipment
- **Resolution 26-042** Authorizing Execution Of Contract For Aluminum Sulfate 8.3% AL₂O₃ Solution

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

Yeas: (8) Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Janone

Absent: (1) Andes

Commissioner Zuppa Abstained from the February Regular Minutes, The February Re-Org Meeting Minutes, the January Board Meeting Minutes, and the January Closed Session Minutes.

Consent Agenda adopted on 8 yeas.

Executive Committee – **Hector Schorno, Chairman** – Meeting held February 23rd & March 12th.

- **Report – Feb 23rd**: Discussed offering high-deductible health care plan to RVRSA employees and Contract Amendment for Encore Fire Protection Services. Both items were presented at the Special Board meeting on February 26, 2026. **Mar 12th**: Discussed Commendation for John S. Cegelka, Amendment of Contract with Kleinfelder regarding a PFAS Conceptual Design and Correction of Resolution 26-035 for Encore Fire Repair and Inspection Services.

JoAnn Mondsini read the Resolution 26-039-Resolution of Commendation to JOHN S. CEGELKA: WHEREAS, the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority desires to recognize that John S. Cegelka first took the oath of office of Member of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage

Authority on February 10, 2005, and has served on the Board of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, providing faithful and judicious service to the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority for twenty-one years, from February 10, 2005 until his death, February 10, 2026; and WHEREAS, John S. Cegelka served diligently and faithfully during this entire period and gave generously of his time and service to the people of the Borough of Victory Gardens, as their representative on the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, and WHEREAS, during the course of his service to the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, John S. Cegelka has extended his energies, wisdom and leadership as the Vice Chairman of the RVRSA Board, Committee member of the Executive Committee and the Jersey City Committee; and WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the members of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority commemorate John S. Cegelka; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority; that

1. It expresses deep appreciation for the faith and loyalty of John S. Cegelka, and that it honors the memory of one who served so well.
2. The Executive Director is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to John S. Cegelka's wife, Joan Cegelka, and the Borough of Victory Gardens on behalf of the Authority.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-039** - Resolution of Commendation for John S. Cegelka and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Andes

Resolution 26-039 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-040** - Authorizing Amendment to Professional Services Contract with Kleinfelder East, Inc. and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Andes

Resolution 26-040 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-043** – Rescinding Resolution 26-035 And Authorizing Third Amendment Of Contract For Annual Fire Alarm, Fire Extinguisher, Fire Sprinkler, Fire Hydrant Inspection Services, Fire Equipment Repair Services And Fire Alarm Monitoring Services and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Andes

Resolution 26-043 adopted on 9 yeas.

Planning Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

Operations Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – No meeting held.

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

Infrastructure Committee – Thomas Andes, Chairman – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

Jersey City Committee – Jennifer Hobbs, Chairman – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

Sewer Use Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

Finance Committee – William Isselin, Chairman – No Meeting held.

- No Report
- CFO Report

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 26-041** – Authorizing Payment of Vouchers in the Amount of **\$1,573,310.87** and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Andes

Resolution 26-041 adopted on 9 yeas.

Executive Director's Report- JoAnn Mondsin

- **No Report**
- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Directors Report is in the packet.

Engineers Report- Robert Bocchino

- **Report** – The elevator is still in service but will be out of service starting on Monday. The site work for the Generator Project will start on the 19th. The Backflow Preventer Project and the Chemical Building Railings and Stairs Project are starting up soon.
- 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 – Diane Alexander

- **Report** – The discussions with the DEP, 3M, the state and Dupont, regarding the judicial consent order, Brad and I met with all our attorneys and our mediator, Retired Judge Schneider, will continue. The court has ordered by April 2nd, the state and the DEP must file a supplement to approve the settlements. By May 4th, we must serve our responses to their supplement. On June 24th, the judge has scheduled an in-person court hearing, where we are to bring our experts, and additional hearings will be scheduled if necessary.

Old Business

- **Report** – Commissioner Hobbs advised the board that Joseph Maraziti, Esq., had an informal meeting today with herself and Commissioner Janone to catch them up to speed on the history of Jersey City litigation.

New Business

- **No Report**

Public Portion- Opened at 6:49 PM

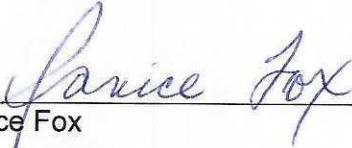
- No Public, no comments, closed at 6:49 PM

Closed Session –None

At 6:49 PM Commissioner Schorno made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved by all present.

The meeting ended at 6:50 PM.

The next meeting scheduled is April 9, 2026



Janice Fox
Assistant Board Secretary