

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING  
April 13, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023. The meeting started at 7:01 PM

**This meeting was held through ZOOM Meetings, telephonically and in person as to follow the Governors COVID-19 guidelines.**

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 on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 7 P.M. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic concerns for public health and safety however; the public can also participate in the meeting telephonically or through Zoom Video Meeting. The agenda is available on the website of the RVRSA.

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- **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: Cegelka of the Borough of Victory Gardens, Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Potter of Township of Randolph and Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following Board Members were absent: Andes of Town of Denville and Lavery of Town of Boonton.

There is a quorum.

Also present was Diane Alexander, Esq. Maraziti Falcon LLP  
Authority staff present were: JoAnn Mondsini, Robert Bocchino and Janice Fox.

**Correspondence** – None

**Public Portion** – Agenda Items Only

- No Public Present – No Comments.

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Minutes** of March Board Meetings
- **Resolution 23-050** – Award of Fire Alarm Monitoring
- **Resolution 23-051**– Award of Fire Alarm, Hydrant, and Extinguisher Inspection Contract
- **Resolution 23-052** – Award of Polymer Supply Contract
- **Resolution 23-053** – Rejecting Carbon Bid and Authorizing Negotiation

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

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Potter, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andes and Lavery.

Consent Agenda passed on 8 yeas.

**Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- No Report.

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

- No Report

**Operations Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman** - Meeting held April 11, 2023.

- Report – Pre IBT-Negotiations.
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

**Infrastructure Committee – Thomas Andes, Chairman** – Meeting held April 12, 2023.

- Report – Commissioner Corbett reported that they discussed Contract 41 status and we are making good progress but we do expect that when it's all over there will be a significant delay claim filed by the contractor. Commissioner Schorno stated that they discussed that there will be a ribbon cutting prior to the May meeting.

Commissioner Schorno stated that going forward, starting with the May Board Meeting, board meetings will be in person and the committee meeting will remain by ZOOM.

**Jersey City Committee – Glenn Corbett, Chairman** - No meeting held.

- No Report

**Sewer User Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** - Meeting held April 13, 2023.

- Report – We discussed the Randolph TWA's and advised that a Mine Hill TWA could be forthcoming, but we are currently gathering information before forwarding this to the board.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-054** – Authorizing Endorsement of Application for TWA Liberty Village- Randolph and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Potter, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andes and Lavery.

Resolution 23-054 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-055** – Authorizing Endorsement of Application for TWA Village Square- Randolph and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Potter, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andes and Lavery.

Resolution 23-055 passed on 8 yeas.

**Finance Committee – Glenn Corbett, Chairman** – No meeting held.

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

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 23-056**– Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for \$1,309,548.11 and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Potter, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andes and Lavery.

Resolution 23-056 passed on 8 yeas.

**Executive Director's Report**



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

- Report –

With regard to the status of litigation between RVRSA and Jersey City/Jersey City MUA, Ms. Alexander stated that the matter of Jersey City and Jersey City MUA v. RVRSA and the Member Municipalities, regarding the obligation of Jersey City and the JCMUA to contribute to the cost of financed projects prior to July 2018, the rulings of the lower court have been appealed to the Appellate Division, and all briefing was completed in October 2022. We are awaiting a date for oral argument.

With regard to RVRSA v. Jersey City, the matter that RVRSA brought against Jersey City and the Jersey City MUA for failure to pay their portion of the financed projects from July 2018 to the present, Jersey City filed a counterclaim which contained several counts seeking to hold that the stipulations are no longer valid or enforceable. We have filed a motion to dismiss certain of the counterclaims. The motion is scheduled to be heard on May 12, 2023.

### **Old Business**

- No Report

### **New Business**

- No Report

### **Public Portion**

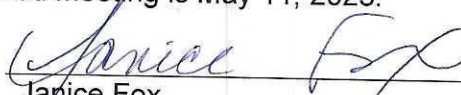
The public portion was open at 7:13 PM. Public was present with no comments.  
The public portion ended at 7:13 PM.

### **Closed Session**

- None

Commissioner Corbett offered a motion to adjourn and second by Commissioner Cegelka and all in favor.

Meeting ended at 7:13 PM. The next scheduled meeting is May 11, 2023.



Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary