

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED
BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, June 10, 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, June 10, 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. The agenda is available on the website of the RVRSA at <https://rvrsa.org/agenda/>

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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: Messrs. Andes of Town of Denville, Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Guadagno of Township of Randolph, Howarth of the Borough of Rockaway, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following members were absent: Messrs. Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens, Isselin of

Town of Dover, and Recchia of Town of Boonton.

There was a quorum.

Also, present was Andrew Brewer and Brad Carney, Esqs. Maraziti Falcon Authority staff present was JoAnn Mondsini, Robert Bocchino, and Janice Fox.

Correspondence

- COVID-19 Update Memo

Public Portion- For Agenda Items Only

- Ms. Dorothy Alerine spoke of her concerns over the wetlands waiver application for the property of block 31601, Luger Road, Denville. They want to put up a 63,000 square foot metal stamping plant to enter into the sewer system. Mr Bocchino stated that we received the application, but we need more information, so this should be on next months meeting agenda.
- William Kolbe, of 9 Bowers Place, Denville, stated that he spoke to township engineer, Jeff Biggs, at the time he moved in 1978. Mr Biggs told him they will never build on that site because of environmental concerns. They are devastated that Denville allowed this to happen. He will speak of his concerns at the meeting next month.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes** of May 13, 2021 Board Meeting
- **Resolution 21-068** Authorizing Execution of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Renewal to Dimensional Merchandising Inc.
- **Resolution 21-069** Authorizing 5-year Agreement to provide fiber optic cable internet and telephone service with Cablevision Lightpath LLC
- **Resolution 21-070** Authorizing Variance Application for Refresco

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

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Isselin and Recchia

Commissioner Corbett abstained from the Minutes.

Consent Agenda passed on 7 yeas.

Executive Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report

Planning Committee - No meeting held.

- No Report

Operations Committee – No meeting held.

- Report: Held IBT Negotiation session on May 25th. Next negotiation session scheduled for June 28th. Made some progress.
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

Infrastructure Committee – Meeting held June 8, 2021.

- Report: Commissioner Andes gave a report: Discussed settlement agreements.

Jersey City Committee – No meeting held.

- Report - JC trial held on May 28th. Closing Arguments made. Judge gave instructions to attorney's regarding Motion to Dismiss.

Sewer Use Committee – No Meeting held.

- No Report

Finance Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report

Executive Director's Report

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

Engineers Report

- Report: Robert Bocchino stated the two projects will be discussed in closed session. Contract 41- Phosphorus Removal and Filtration progressing. The trailer is onsite. There was a site visit today. Contract 43-Trunkline project with siphon chambers. We received a proposal from Mott MacDonald that we are still evaluating and we will meet with them shortly to review.
- Engineer's 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

- Report- JoAnn gave update on Firemen's Home. Diane Alexander, Tim Bradley and JoAnn Mondsini are meeting by ZOOM on Tuesday June 15th, to formalize responses to the Firemen's letter of March 15th.

New Business

- No Report

Public Portion

The public portion was open at 7:17 PM. There was public present. No comments.
The public portion ended at 7:17 PM.

Closed Session

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 21-074** Closed Session regarding mediation negotiations relevant to Contract 35 Rebid II Rockaway River Regional Interceptor Boonton Section Replacement Project and Contract 40 – Final Clarifier Repair Project and The Jersey City Litigation and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:
Yeas: (7) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Isselin and Recchia

Resolution 21-074 passed on 7 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno made a motion to return to public session and approved by all present.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-073** Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for \$1,230,727.61 and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Isselin, Recchia

Resolution 21-073 passed on 6 yeas.

Commissioner Guadagno made a motion to table **Resolution 21-072**– Resolution Authorizing Settlement Agreement by And Between Tomar Construction Services Inc. And The Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority; Authorizing Execution of Change Order No. 4 and Payment Application No. 25; Authorizing Disbursement of Payment Application No. 25 in the Settlement Amount of \$646,985.89 Subject to The Terms of The Settlement Agreement and NJDEP Approval and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Isselin and Recchia

Resolution 21-072 was tabled on 7 yeas.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 21-071** – Resolution (1) Authorizing Execution of Settlement Agreement by And Between Kulpeksa Land Improvement Corp. And The Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority Regarding Contract 35 Re-Bid II – RVRSA Rockaway River Regional Interceptor Boonton Section Replacement Project; (2) Rescinding Resolution No. 21-036, Vacating Termination Of Kulpeksa For Cause, Subject To Satisfaction Of Kulpeksa's Obligations

Pursuant To Said Settlement Agreement; (3) Authorizing Execution Of Change Order Nos. 2A and 2B; (4) Authorizing Execution of Payment Application No. 5 In The Revised Amount of \$246,990.09; And (5) Authorizing Disbursement Of Payment Application Nos. 3, 4 And 5 The Sum Of Which Equal The Settlement Amount Of \$365,000.00 Subject To The Terms Of The Settlement Agreement And NJDEP Approval and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0)

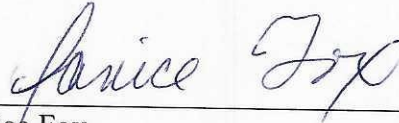
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Isselin and Recchia

Resolution 21-071 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 7:43 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is July 8, 2021



Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary