

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**July 6, 2023**

The special board meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, July 6, 2023. The meeting started at 5:03PM.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act and guidance issued by the Department of Community Affairs. The special meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority will convene in person on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 5 P.M. 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.**

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: Andes of Town of Denville, Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Lavery of Town of Boonton, Potter of Township of Randolph, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following Board Member was absent: Cegelka of the Borough of Victory Gardens

There is a quorum.

Also present were Diane Alexander, Esq. Maraziti Falcon LLP, Jim Cosgrove of One Water NJ.

Authority staff present were: JoAnn Mondisini, Robert Bocchino, and Janice Fox.

**Correspondence** – None

**Public Portion** – Agenda Items Only

Public Present –

- David Kahan, Derek Orth, John Inglesino, Esqs. For KRE Acquisition Corp.
- Noah Kristna, KRE Group
- Murray Kushner, KRE Group
- James Cosgrove, One Water
- John Cole, member of the public, Mine Hill

**Public Session** – Comments

**John Inglesino, appearing on behalf of KRE:** Described the efforts undertaken to date to advance KRE's 390-unit inclusionary development with 78 affordable housing units in Mine Hill and concerns regarding the conveyance capacity issue identified in connection with the project. While KRE appreciates the conditional approval of the TWA from the treatment perspective, KRE is concerned that RVRSA could not sign off on the capacity, which KRE claimed is typically not looked at. The conveyance capacity issue has come up recently and, at the moment, is delaying our project from moving forward.

KRE asked that the study move forward as quickly as possible, and that, to the extent possible, the study be bifurcated, so that some sort of determination could be made relative to this project more quickly.

**Jim Cosgrove:** Explained the genesis of the conveyance capacity issue and findings to date, including that an analysis of the Jackson Brook Interceptor, which is downstream of Mine Hill and Randolph's connection to the RVRSA system, establishes that, under gravity flow conditions, when peak hourly flows were occurring, there was not sufficient capacity to carry the flow that is already in the pipe plus the flow projected in the future, going into that pipe. Since that time, we learned that there are other municipalities, in the upper section of the interceptor, that are proposing higher flows to be discharged from relatively new affordable housing projects that we were not previously accounting for. Therefore, this evaluation is critical to identify, via a hydraulic model, what happens to the water in the pipe when it pressurizes to ensure that the wastewater level doesn't rise above where the manholes and cause an unpermitted sanitary sewer overflow, where wastewater escapes from the sewer system.

It is recommended that RVRSA do a study on the whole system in the future, but for this study to be done quickly and inexpensively, we will model down to the 36" section, from meter chamber R2, at the upper end of the system, to meter chamber RT2, which is after Wharton, Randolph, Mine Hill and Rockaway Township connect.

**Commissioner Potter** asked what time is expected for this to take and is there a possibility for it to be accelerated? Mr. Cosgrove said it would be done as quickly as possible because we understand the importance to KRE. It is hard to bifurcate this, as we need to include all the flows from all the municipalities that are coming into the pipes at various locations. Mr. Cosgrove explained that we will get this done quickly, within a month.

**Commissioner Isselin** asked it is possible to ask the developer to pay for this study as opposed to RVRSA? Mr. Cosgrove stated that there are several different reasons why they are looking at this. One being Mine Hill's application for their new trunkline, but there are also some increases from other municipalities as well, so it would have to be apportioned in some way to be fair.

**Mr. Orth** advised that he is satisfied with the answers to the questions. Certainly, if there were a way to bifurcate the process and portion a group of developers the cost, my client would be willing to assist with the cost in that.

**Mr. Kushner** asked the cost of the study. Mr. Cosgrove answered \$41,900.

The public portion was open at 5:07PM. Public was present with comments.  
The public portion ended at 5:27 PM.

**Sewer User Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – Meeting held June 7, 2023.

- Report - Discussed Conveyance Capacity Analysis.

Commissioner Howarth offered **Resolution 23-074** – Authorizing Amendment to Professional Services Contract with One Water Consulting LLC For Jackson Brook Interceptor Hydraulic Modeling and Second by Commissioner Potter and approved on a roll call vote as follows:  
Yeas: (9) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Potter, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

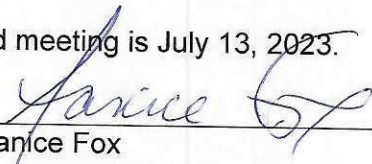
Absent: (1) Cegelka

Resolution 23-074 passed on 9 yeas.

**Closed Session** - None

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

Meeting ended at 5:27 PM. The next scheduled meeting is July 13, 2023.

  
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Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary