

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
July 10, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, July 10, 2025. The meeting started at 6:32 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, July 10, 2025, 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 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, Cegelka of the Borough of Victory Gardens, Chegwiddden of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Laverty of Town of Boonton, and Schorno of Township of Rockaway.

The following Board Member were absent: Sheehy of Township of Randolph and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

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.

Correspondence - None

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 items unless a board member so 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 June 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and the Closed Session.

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

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwiddden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Lavery

Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.

Consent Agenda adopted on 7 yeas.

Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – Meeting held July 3, 2025.

- **Report** – Discussed proposed resolution opposing proposed cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) budget and State revolving funds (SRF's)

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-076** – Opposing Proposed Cuts To The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Budget and State Revolving Funds (SRF's). Diane Alexander suggested that this resolution be pulled as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act was signed into law and does not include the proposed cuts to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) included in the bill. Commissioner Howarth suggested that something should be sent to our representatives advising of the importance of low interest SRF loans to the RVRSA and its communities. Ms. Alexander will revise the resolution accordingly for introduction at next month's meeting. Commissioner Chegwiddden motioned to pull this resolution and Second by Commissioner Lavery with all in favor.

Resolution 25-076 was tabled on 8 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 – Meeting held July 9, 2025.

- **Report** – Reviewed and discussed proposed Contract Modification #1, to relocate a duct bank, in the amount of \$209,500.67, for Contract 44 – Emergency Generator Project.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 25-078** – To Authorized The Execution Of Change Order No. 1, To Contract Number 44, Emergency Generators Replacement Project and Second by Commissioner Chegwidden and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas:(8) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwidden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.

Resolution 25-078 adopted on 8 yeas.

Jersey City Committee –William Chegwidden, 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 25-077** – Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for **\$2,251,638.93** and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Cegelka, Chegwidden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.

Resolution 25-077 adopted on 7 yeas.

Executive Director's Report-JoAnn Mondsini

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

Engineers Report- Robert Bocchino

- **Report-** 1. Contract 44 has Change Order No. 1 just approved. The contractor is moving along with the duct bank work. 2. We are closing out Contract 43. 3. Contract 41 is near the end also, with mediation and the settlement agreement. We are waiting on the final CO inspection from the town.
- 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

- **No Report**

New Business

- **No Report**

Public Portion- Opened at 6:42PM

- No Public, no comments, closed at 6:42PM

Closed Session – None

Commissioner Howarth made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved by all present.

The meeting ended at 6:42 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is August 14, 2025.


 Janice Fox
 Assistant Board Secretary