ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, July 9, 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, July 9, 2026, at 6:30 P.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.

Diane Alexander gave the Oath of Office to Philip Lepore of The Town of Boonton.

Roll Call Attendance was taken:

The following Board Members were present: Andes of Town of Denville, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Hobbs of the Borough of Wharton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Lepore of Town of Boonton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, Sheehy of Township of Randolph, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following Board member was absent: Janone of the Borough of Victory Gardens.

There was a quorum.

Also, present was Diane Alexander, Esq. Maraziti Falcon.

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

Correspondence – Town of Boonton Resolution Appointing Phillip Lepore

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 June 11, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- **Resolution 26-067** – Authorizing Execution Of A Contract For Annual Fire Alarm, Fire Extinguisher, Fire Sprinkler, Fire Hydrant Inspection Services, Fire Equipment Repair Services And Fire Alarm Monitoring Services.
- **Resolution 26-074** – Authorizing Fourth Amendment Of Contract For Annual Fire Alarm, Fire Extinguisher, Fire Sprinkler, Fire Hydrant Inspection Services, Fire Equipment Repair Services And Fire Alarm Monitoring Services.

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

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Lepore, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (1) Janone.
The Consent Agenda adopted on 9 yeas.
Commissioner Zuppa abstained from the Minutes.

Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – Meeting held July 1st and 9th, 2026.

- **Report – (1)** Reviewed quotations received for annual fire alarm inspection, repair and monitoring services, **(2)** Discussed proposed 3rd amendment to Kleinfelder Professional Services Contract and **(3)** Discussed Settlement Agreement with DEP regarding NOV (Notice of Violation) for filing annual underground storage tank renewal late.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-068** – Authorizing 3rd Amendment To Professional Services Contract with Kleinfelder, Inc. and second by Commissioner Hobbs and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Lepore, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (1) Janone.
Resolution 26-068 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-075** – Authorizing execution of Settlement Agreement with NJDEP and second by Commissioner Hobbs and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Lepore, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (1) Janone.
Resolution 26-075 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 – Meeting held July 8, 2026.

- **Report** – Discussed (1) Request for 1st amendment to CSRI service for Contract 51 – Effluent Flow Meter Project, (2) Request for Change Order #1 for Contract 49 – Backflow Preventer Project, (3) Potential Change Order for Chemical Building Roof Rail and Stair Project, and (4) Elecsys Report on Electrical Substations.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 26-069** – Authorizing 1st Amendment to Design Phase Services and Resident Project Representative Professional Services Contract With One Water Consulting, LLC, For Furnishing And Installation Of New Effluent Meter Project – Contract 51 and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Lepore, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (1) Janone.
Resolution 26-069 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 26-070** – Authorizing The Execution Of Change Order #1 To Backflow Preventor Replacement Project, Contract 49 and second by Commissioner Hobbs and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Lepore, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (1) Janone.
Resolution 26-070 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 26-071** – Authorizing The Execution of Change Order

#1 for Chemical Building Stair and Railings and second by Commissioner Hobbs and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Lepore, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (1) Janone.
Resolution 26-071 adopted on 9 yeas.

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

- **No Report**

Sewer Use Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman – Meeting held June 30, 2026.

- **Report – (1)** Reviewed and discussed Mine Hill request for additional gallonage (10th Amendment to Contract) and **(2)** Wetlands Waiver request for Mine Hill Urban Renewal LLC.

Commissioner Farrell offered **the Resolution 26-072** - Authorizing Submission Of Grant Condition Waiver Application For 168-178 New Jersey State Highway Route US 46 – 1 Corporate Way Route US 46 – 5 Randolph Avenue Mine Hill Township Block 1303, Lots 2-12 and Block 1304, Lot 1 and second by Commissioner Hobbs and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Lepore, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (1) Janone.
Resolution 26-072 adopted on 9 yeas.

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

- **No Report**
- CFO Report

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 26-073** – Authorizing Payment of Vouchers in the Amount of $2,561,494.69 and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Lepore, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (1) Janone.
Resolution 26-073 adopted on 9 yeas.

Executive Director's Report- JoAnn Mondsini

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

Engineers Report- Robert Bocchino

- **Report** – The Effluent Flow Meter has electric panels being installed next week. The Backflow Preventer Project has change orders and contract changes, and the work will start again. The Chemical Building Roof Project has stairs & railings going in next week. The substations are reported to be in operation but are failing. We are working on combining the design of the main substation and the two unit substations together into Phase 1, instead of having Phase 2 and Phase 3.
- 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 – Diane Alexander gave an update on the judicial consent orders. For the benefit of the new Commissioner Lepore of the Town of Boonton, Ms. Alexander explained that RVRSA, along with our trade organization - The Association of Environmental Authorities, had challenged, or opposed, the Judicial Consent Order that NJDEP and the State wanted to enter into with 3M and Dupont with regard to their discharge of PFAS in the State. The costs for POTWs to treat PFAS are considerable, and the Judicial Consent Orders include a provision wherein our rights to go after 3M and Dupont for any costs incurred are waived. We negotiated a Settlement Agreement with the state and NJDEP whereas before, we were not designated as the recipients of any funding for what could be a colossal amount of expense. Now, POTWs will receive $150 million dollars as a state, not RVRSA individually. $100 million of that will be at zero interest, and the other $50 million will be low interest loan. Also, the DEP has agreed to waive one percent of the two percent origination fee that they typically charge on loans through the I-Bank. This is applicable to all POTW's in the state. Also, if we sign onto an ACO (Administrative Consent Order) with the NJDEP, we will be protected from liability under CERCLA and the New Jersey Spill Act, and we will receive contribution protection for spills and PFAS that emanates from our facilities in the State.

The hearing was held last month, and the judge indicated that she is going to sign the JCO's, and we withdrew our opposition in advance of the hearing. We are waiting for her to sign the JCO's. The parties still had some additional filings that they had to submit, but she did sign our Settlement Agreement. We will start finalizing the ACO's after the Judge signs them and the appeals period expires. Once the ACOs are drafted in final form, we will have 90 days to execute an ACO with the State to obtain the liability shield.

Old Business

- **No Report**

New Business

- **No Report**

Public Portion- Opened at 6:52 PM

- No Public, no comments, closed at 6:52 PM

Closed Session

- None

At 6:53 PM Commissioner Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Second by Commissioner Hobbs and approved by all present.

The meeting ended at 6:53 PM.

The next meeting scheduled is August 13, 2026.

Janice Fox

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Assistant Board Secretary