

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING  
September 8, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022. 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, entitled Local Operational Guidance- Covid-19: Guidance for Remote Public Meetings in New Jersey, issued on April 24, 2020. The regular meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority will convene telephonically or in a ZOOM Meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7 P.M. The offices of the RVRSA will not be opened to the public for this meeting 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 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.**

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.

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 Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Lavery of Town of Boonton, and Schorno of Township of Rockaway.

The following Board members were absent: Zuppa of City of Jersey City and Cegelka of the Borough of Victory Gardens.



There was a quorum.

Also present were Diane Alexander, Esq. and Heather Pierce, Esq. of Maraziti Falcon and Nancy Wohlheb, P.E. of Mott MacDonald

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

Commissioner Cegelka joined the meeting during the Infrastructure Committee Report.

**Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.

**Public Portion** – Agenda Items Only

- No Public Present

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Minutes** of August 11, 2022 Board Meeting

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

Yeas: (7) Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (2) Zuppa, Cegelka

Consent Agenda passed on 7 yeas.

**Executive Committee** – Meeting held September 8, 2022.

- Report – Commissioner Schorno discussed 35-hour workweek for non-union personnel.

**Planning Committee** - Meeting held September 1, 2022.

- Report – Commissioner Guadagno discussed decision to proceed with the preparation of plans for the renovation of the Old Administration Building and that the Authority will apply for an Energy Audit. The energy audit will be without cost to the Authority.

**Operations Committee** – No meeting held.

- No Report.
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

**Infrastructure Committee** – Meeting held September 6, 2022.

- Report – Commissioner Andes stated that he was not in attendance at the September 6, 2022 committee meeting but did speak with the Executive Director to review the agenda and items covered at the meeting. Commissioner Andes also stated that after the committee meeting of September 6, 2022, new information concerning Contract 43 and



Resolutions 22-085 and 22-086 became available and the Executive Director distributed the information to the Infrastructure Committee. Committee discussed the Elevator Rehabilitation Project, Coppola PCO's and CM-006 for Contract 41 – Filtration Building and Phosphorus Removal Facilities.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 22-083**– Authorizing the execution of Change Order #6 for Contract 41 – Phosphorus Removal and Filtration Facilities Project and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 22-083 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 22-084**– Authorizing Amendment to Contract with LSEA for Professional Design Phase Services and Resident Project Representative Services for Elevator Upgrade Project Contract Amendment and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 22-084 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 22-085** – Authorizing Second Amendment of Contract with Mott MacDonald to Provide Professional Engineering Services for NJEIPF (IBANK) Loan Assistance, Design, Bid Phase and Construction Phase Engineering Services for Contract 43-Boonton Interceptor Siphon Chambers and Washington Street Pipe Replacement Project Contract and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 22-085 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 22-086** – Authorizing Contract to Richard Grubb & Associates for Cultural Resource IA Survey for Contract 43 – Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement Project – Boonton and Second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 22-086 passed on 9 yeas.





Commissioner Corbett commented that Richard Grubb & Associates needs to finish this survey as soon as possible because there is a concern about the condition of the pipe across Washington Avenue.

**Jersey City Committee** – No meeting held.

- Report – Commissioner Corbett commented that all briefs are completed and submitted. Diane Alexander, Esq. confirmed.

**Sewer User Committee** – No meeting held.

- No Report.

Commissioner Farrell offered Resolution 22-087 – Authorization for Execution of Seventh Amendment to Customer Service Contract with Mine Hill relevant to Sewer Service for Ferromonte Plaza and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (2) Guadagno, Lavery

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 22-087 passed on 7 yeas.

**Finance Committee** – Meeting held September 1, 2022

- Report – Commissioner Corbett stated that three (3) scenarios were presented to the finance committee of the proposed 2023 budget. The committee requested that a fourth scenario be prepared. The 4<sup>th</sup> scenario is halfway between scenario 1 and 2. The 4<sup>th</sup> scenario is to be prepared and presented to the committee then introduced at the October Board meeting.
- CFO's Report is in the packet.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 22-088** – Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for \$1,028,856.99 and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 22-088 passed on 8 yeas.

**Executive Director's Report**

Commissioner Schorno stated that the Executive Director's report is in packets. The Executive Director stated that the report covers both August and September.





- 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**

- No Report - Diane Alexander, Esq. stated no report.

### **Old Business**

- Report- Commissioner Guadagno asked for an update on the Firemen's Home and Diane Alexander advised that the matter was under review by the Firemen's Home.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Howarth raised issue in Rockaway Borough with Odors on Jackson Avenue. Executive Director stated that a report is being prepared for the Mayor of Rockaway Borough. She also stated that 98% of the odors are coming from the manhole out on the river, which has some concrete cracking under the rim. A contractor is coming to repair that. RVRSA is putting carbon units in and are also cleaning the sewer line that is on Motts Place by RT4. We are working on a scope to get proposals to get a system wide odor control plan.

### **Public Portion**

The public portion was open at 7:23 PM. No public was present.  
The public portion ended at 7:23 PM.

### **Closed Session**

- None

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

Meeting ended at 7:25 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is October 13, 2022.

Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary



