

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND THE REORGANIZATION
SCHEDULED
BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, September 9, 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, September 9, 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, Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens, Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Guadagno of Township of Randolph, Howarth of the Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Recchia of the Town of Boonton and Schorno of Township of Rockaway.

The following Board Members were absent: Messr. Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There was a quorum.

Also, present was Diane Alexander, Heather Pierce & Phoebe Youhanna, Esqs. Maraziti Falcon Authority staff present were JoAnn Mondsini, Robert Bocchino, Janice Fox, Corinne Mosher & Pamela Fernandez-Smith.

Correspondence

- Executive Summary Generator & Substation Report
- RVRSA Evaluation of General & Substations with Appendix A-D 102819

Public Portion-Agenda Items Only

- None

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes** of August 12, 2021 Board Meeting
- **Resolution 21-098** - Agreement to Renew Membership in the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund
- **Resolution 21-099** - Authorizing the Award of a 2-Year Contract for Equipment Repair of RVRSA Generator Controls and Transfer Switches to ASCO
- **Resolution 21-100** Authorizing the Termination of the Industrial Sewer Connection Permit of Lakeland Bus Lines
- **Resolution 21-101** Authorizing Execution of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Renewal to Picatinny Arsenal
- **Resolution 21-102** Authorizing Execution of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Renewal to Refresco US, Inc
- **Resolution 21-103** Authorizing Execution of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Renewal to North Jersey Media Group

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

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Recchia

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Consent Agenda passed on 8 yeas.

Executive Committee – Meeting held September 3, 2021.

- Report - COVID-19 Update, Maraziti Falcon PS Contract Amendment, Emergency Contract for pipe break at Pretreatment Building and Tropical Storm IDA.
- JoAnn Mondsini gave an update on the COVID-19 outbreak in the building which led to Resolution 21-105 being brought to the Board.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 21-104** - Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with

the Law Firm Maraziti Falcon LLP for the Performance of General Legal Counsel Services and seconded by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 21-104 passed on 9 yeas

Commissioner Howarth offered **Resolution 21-105** – Authorizing Resolution Adopting A Vaccination/Weekly COVID Testing Mandate For RVRSA Employees, Adopting a Financial Incentive Program For Non-Union RVRSA Employees And Authorizing Negotiation Of The Same Financial Incentive For Unionized RVRSA Employees and seconded by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, and Schorno

Nays: (3) Guadagno, Isselin, and Recchia

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 21-105 passed on 6 yeas

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 21-106** - Authorizing Amendment to Annual Professional Services Contract with Mott MacDonald and seconded by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 21-106 passed on 9 yeas

Commissioner Howarth offered **Resolution 21-107** – Resolution Authorizing Emergency Procurement of Services in Connection with Repairs to the Preliminary Treatment Building Bypass Pipe and seconded by Commissioner Andes and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 21-107 passed on 9 yeas

Planning Committee - Meeting held August 17, 2021.

- Commissioner Guadagno gave a report - Discussed Electrical Generator, Main and Substation Evaluation Report and proposed Phase 1 – Emergency Generators and Main Switchgear Replacement – Contract 44. Forwarded to Finance Committee for funding consideration.

Operations Committee –No meeting held.

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

Infrastructure Committee – Meeting held September 9, 2021.

- Report- Discussed Kleinfelder Proposal for design services for Contract 44 – Emergency Generators and Main Switchgear Replacement Services

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 21-108** – Resolution Authorizing Contract with Kleinfelder for Design Services for Contract 44 – Phase 1 - Emergency Generators and Main Switchgear Replacement Project and second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 21-108 passed on 9 yeas

Jersey City Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report

Sewer Use Committee – Meeting held September 8, 2021.

- Report - Discussed County preparation of WMP Chapters for member towns, Montville informal request.

Finance Committee – Meeting held September 9, 2021.

- Report- Discussed I-Bank loan for Contract 44 – Phase 1 Emergency Generators and Main Switchgear Replacement Project funding and Appropriation transfer.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-109-** Contract 44 Emergency Generator Loan Application and second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 21-109 passed on 9 yeas

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-110-** Resolution Authorizing Appropriation Transfer for the Fiscal Year 2021 and second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 21-110 passed on 9 yeas

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-111** - Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for

\$950,070.75 and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:
Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia and Schorno
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (1) Andes
Absent: (1) Zuppa
Resolution 21-111 passed on 9 yeas

Executive Director's Report

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

Engineers Report

- 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.
- Commissioner Howarth asked for status of Mine Hill sub-division on low-income housing. Commissioner Corbett said it's still on hold. Herd Street apartment project was denied by the DEP.

Lawyers Report

- No Report

Old Business

- No Report

New Business

- No Report

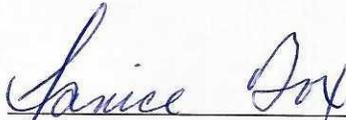
Public Portion

The public portion was open at 7:40 PM. There was public present. No comments.
The public portion ended at 7:41 PM.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved by all present.

Meeting ended at 7:41 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is October 14, 2021



Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary