

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING  
October 12, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, October 12, 2023. The meeting started at 7:00 PM.

The agenda is available on the website of the RVRSA.

- **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.**

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, Cegelka of the Borough of Victory Gardens, Corbett 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, Potter of Township of Randolph, and Schorno of Township of Rockaway.

The following Board Member was absent: Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There is a quorum.

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

Authority staff present were: JoAnn Mondsini, Sandy Thai, Robert Bocchino, and Janice Fox.

**Correspondence**

- None

**Public Portion** – Agenda Items Only.

- No public present.

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Minutes** of September 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- **Resolution 23-096** – Authorizing the Issuance of a Public Notice Prior to Renewal of An Industrial Sewer Connection Permit for McWilliams Forge – Borough of Rockaway.

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

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter, and Schorno.  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Zuppa.  
Consent Agenda passed on 9 yeas.

**Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman** – Meeting held October 10, 2023.

- Report - Discussed proposed updates to RVRSA Personnel Manual and performing 2023 Salary Survey for non-union personnel.

Commissioner Lavery offered **Resolution 23-097** – Authorizing Adoption of Updated Personnel Manual and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter, and Schorno.  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Zuppa.  
Resolution 23-097 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Lavery offered **Resolution 23-098** – Authorizing Contract for Performance of 2023 Salary Survey for RVRSA Non-Union Personnel and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, and Potter.  
Nays: (2) Corbett and Schorno.  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Zuppa.  
Resolution 23-098 passed on 7 yeas.

**Planning Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- No Report

**Operations Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman** – Meeting held October 12, 2023.

- Report - Discussed IBT Negotiations. Discussed status of IBT negotiations and RVRSA economic proposal to IBT.
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

**Infrastructure Committee – Thomas Andes, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- No Report

**Jersey City Committee – Glenn Corbett, Chairman** - No meeting held.

- No Report

**Sewer User Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – Meeting held October 10, 2023.

- Report - Proposed update to User Charge System and McWilliams Forge Permit Renewal and Mine Hill's Iron Mountain WMP Amendment.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-099** – Authorizing Notice of And Public Hearing Prior To The Amendment of The Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority User Charge System and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (2) Andes and Corbett.

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 23-099 passed on 7 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell motioned to table **Resolution 23-100** – Consenting to The Proposed Amendment to The Upper Delaware, Upper Raritan, And Northeast Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) and Morris County Wastewater Management Plan for Block 202, Lot 1, Iron Mountain Road in Mine Hill and Second by Commissioner Cegelka.

**Closed Session 7:07 PM**

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-105**- Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant to the open Public Meetings Law and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (2) Andes and Corbett.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 23-105 passed on 7 yeas.

7:17 PM Commissioner Corbett motioned to go back to public session and seconded by Commissioner Isselin with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Commissioner Corbett motioned **to Table Resolution 23-100** – Consenting to The Proposed Amendment to The Upper Delaware, Upper Raritan, And Northeast Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) and Morris County Wastewater Management Plan for Block 202, Lot 1, Iron Mountain Road in Mine Hill and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 23-100 was TABLED on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-101** – Authorizing Contract Amendment for One Water Consulting for additional services to prepare Hydraulic Model and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 23-101 passed on 9 yeas.

**Finance Committee – Glenn Corbett, Chairman** – Meeting held on September 25, 2023.

- Report - Discussed proposed 2024 Introduction of Budget.
- CFO's Report is in the packet.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 23-102** Introduction of 2024 Budget and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 23-102 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 23-103**- Authorizing Appropriation Transfer for the Fiscal Year 2023 and Second by Commissioner Lavery and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 23-103 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 23-104** – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Vouchers in the amount of \$786,957.33 and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (1) Andes.

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 23-104 passed on 8 yeas.

### **Executive Director's Report**

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

### **Engineers Report**

- Report-Robert Bocchino – November 9<sup>th</sup> is our bidding for the Emergency Generator Replacement Project. We are finishing up the final change orders for Contract 41, the new filter building, and closing out the project with the contractors. Contract 43 is authorized to award contract. This project should start this year.
- 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 – We have been discussing, with the Firemen's' Home, the road we want installed, and the form of agreement for access and continued use of that portion of the property where the syphon chamber is. Suburban went out to stake the property. The Firemen's Home should be going out there this weekend and then they will meet with the Commissioners.

### **Old Business**

- No Report

### **New Business**

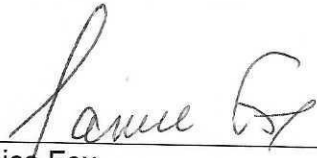
- No Report.
- Commissioner Laverty asked if there was ever a discussion on moving these board meetings to 6:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM? We will discuss for next meeting.

### **Public Portion**

The public portion was open at 7:26 PM. Nol public was present.  
The public portion ended at 7:26 PM.

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

Meeting ended at 7:27 PM. The next scheduled meeting is November 9, 2023.



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Janice Fox  
Assistant Board Secretary